**Report to Council**

**Divisional Activities Committee**

**2011 Anaheim National Meeting**

Madam President and Fellow Councilors:

At least once every three years, the Divisional Activities Committee (DAC) is required to bring to Council a formula for allocating dues funds to the divisions. We last addressed the Council on this matter in 2008, so it is once again time to propose a formula for your consideration. Since 2008, we have received little if any feedback from divisions on the current formula. Some regional meeting organizers have asked DAC modify the formula to encourage divisions to program at regional meetings. DAC agrees this is a worthy aim, but believes it is better to use the DAC Innovative Program Grant funds to encourage divisions to work with regional meeting organizers. Consequently, DAC is proposing the same formula Council approved in 2008; it appears on pages 69-70 of your agenda book.

(SLIDE 1) This slide provides some key information about the formula’s outcomes.

 (SLIDE 2, MOTION SLIDE): DAC recommends the approval of this formula, CPC concurs and I so move.

DAC was briefed by staff on the introduction of a new software program, known as FORMS, that divisions are required to use to submit their annual administration and financial reports. DAC understands that a number of divisions reported dissatisfaction with FORMS. Staff acknowledged the shortcomings, and reported that many of them have already been remedied. Staff shared a plan with DAC that should produce a more uniformly satisfactory experience for all FORMS users. DAC will closely monitor this situation.

Some division officers have complained about the Denver abstract deadlines hitting just as this meeting is starting. DAC has asked staff to provide a detailed report in Denver on why this occurs, and possible remedies.

The probationary Division of Catalysis Science and Technology continues to make progress in meeting the criteria to become a regular division of the Society. As things stand now, DAC intends to recommend to Council in Denver that it approve regular division status for Catalysis.

The Division of Fuel Chemistry and the Division of Petroleum Chemistry wish to combine. DAC and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws continue to work together to provide an expedited, by-law compliant process to permit this to occur. Progress is being made, and as early as the Denver national meeting, DAC may recommend to Council that it approve this combination of divisions.

DAC is working with the Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E) to implement the Board approved recommendations guiding the initiative known as Electronic Dissemination of Meeting Content (EDMC). DAC retains primary responsibility for selecting EDMC content through the Denver national meeting, while M&E now holds primary governance oversight responsibility for the EDMC initiative.

Operating as a DAC subcommittee, the Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group has recommended to the divisions the following themes for the upcoming national meetings:

* For the Spring 2014 meeting in Dallas: “Chemistry of Power and Advanced Materials”
* For the Fall 2014 meeting in San Francisco: “Chemistry on a Crowded Planet.”

DAC approved 10 Innovative Grant Proposals (IPG) totaling $59,000. DAC will alert all divisions that submitted a proposal as to their outcomes shortly after this national meeting concludes. The committee will consider another set of IPG proposals in Denver. To have your division’s proposal considered by DAC in Denver, please be sure to submit it no later than July 1.

Madam President and fellow councilors, this concludes my report.

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