**Council Committee on Meetings and Expositions**

**Report to Council**

Mister President, Members of the Council, the Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E) is happy to report that we accepted 10,050 papers for the 247th National Meeting in Dallas, TX. As of a few minutes ago, the total attendance for this meeting was 13,680. The Exposition had 376 booths with 246 exhibiting companies.

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We are happy to report the launch of the new ACS Mobile Application that members can use to find meeting information throughout the meeting. Our initial reports indicate a very favorable reaction to this new attendee benefit, presently at the Dallas meeting we have had over 6,000 downloads of the Mobile App by meeting attendees.

M&E recommends to the ACS Board of Directors that San Francisco be designated as the site for meetings dates of August 2023, August 2026, and March 2029. This block of meetings was approved to strengthen our position when negotiating the convention center lease. If this pilot program with San Francisco proves a benefit to the Society, we anticipate expanding this block scheduling to additional Tier 1 cities. We further recommend the spring national meetings be sited in Indianapolis in late March of 2023 and New Orleans, LA in late March or early April 2024.

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M&E reviewed a presentation from “Visit Chicago” that highlighted the significant changes that have been made with the union labor agreements, hotels, and transportation improvements since we were last there in 2007. M&E is considering reinstating Chicago as a future national meeting site pending more investigation.

M&E received an update on the replacement of the PACS system. We are on target to launch the new system in August 2014 for the spring 2015 Denver national meeting. Several demo sessions were held during this meeting to introduce divisions and regional meeting program planners to the new system.

In our ongoing commitment to “greening” the national meeting and to additional cost containment, M&E voted to eliminate the author index in the hard copy program book beginning with the spring 2015 meeting in Denver. The searchable author index is now available via the Mobile app and other electronic means. M&E is investigating an expansion of the index to include co-authors of the presentation in addition to the primary author.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.