**Committee on Committees (ConC) Council Oral Report**

**San Diego, CA**

Madam President and Members of Council:

The Committee on Committees (ConC) held its annual New Chairs Training Conference in January, for 11 new Chairs and their staff liaisons, as part of the ACS Leadership Development Institute. The session was once again rated highly by the conference attendees. At this meeting, ConC began developing its recommendations for 2017 Committee Chair appointments for consideration by the President-Elect and the Chair of the Board of Directors.

ConC also participated in an orientation session that was held this past Saturday for new Councilors to better acquaint them with the Council and its structure, and to also encourage them to consider service through one of the Society’s 29 Council-related Committees. On behalf of the Council, ConC would like to take this opportunity to recognize all new Councilors. **Please stand now and be recognized.**

Since our last meeting, the ConC Subcommittee on Diversity has continued to engage with various ACS groups about diversity within ACS Committees. At this meeting the subcommittee gave a presentation entitled “Diversifying ACS Committees” during the Councilor and Division Caucuses. It is ConC’s intention that this dialog about diversity within committees continue through the leadership of ACS local sections and divisions. **[SLIDE 1**] Therefore, those interested in giving this presentation during your local section or division meeting can download a copy at [www.acs.org/conc](http://www.acs.org/conc) and click on “Committee Information.” **[SLIDE 2]** A card with this information has also been placed in your chair. If you have any questions regarding this presentation contact secretary@acs.org.

This year, ConC will also be conducting a diversity survey of ACS Committee Chairs, associates, members, and consultants from Council-related Committees. The purpose of the survey is twofold: first, it is an educational tool to broaden ACS member awareness of the variety of race/ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and employment sector representation by our membership; second, it is a method for ConC to get a snapshot of where the committee diversity picture stands now as we look toward future recruitment and retention of committee members. The **s**urvey will be confidential and voluntary**.** ConC will use the data to learn about the makeup of our committee volunteers and to guide our future diversity efforts. These committees will receive more information about the survey in the coming weeks.

On March 21, ConC will publish a Comment in Chemical & Engineering News encouraging members to become involved in ACS through committee service.  **[SLIDE 3]** If you are interested in serving on an ACS Committee, the online committee preference form for 2017 committee assignments will be open from March 28-June 10, 2016 at [www.yellowbook.acs.org/](http://www.yellowbook.acs.org/). This will also be sent to local section and division officers encouraging them to circulate the online preference information throughout their local section and division membership.

Please remember, committee associates, and especially those finishing a term or who have reached the statutory limit on a committee need to complete the online form to reaffirm their interest and commitment to service in the Society. A form for recommending ACS members for committee service is also found on page 59 of the Council agenda.

Although not everyone can be appointed to a committee, we can assure you that you will receive thorough consideration for an assignment. You can also use this system to update your Yellow Book contact and biographical information throughout the year.

Madam President and members of Council, this concludes my report.