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

**Denver, CO**

Madame 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 very highly by the conference attendees. ConC 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 the Society’s committee structure.

ConC has begun developing its recommendations for 2016 Committee Chair appointments for consideration by the President-Elect and the Chair of the Board of Directors. During its meeting, ConC also reviewed its policy regarding committee associate appointments. Committee Associates serve for one year appointments and provide the committee and appointee’s the opportunity to evaluate further participation on the committee. ConC is looking into ensuring that associates continue to make progress toward full membership or rotate to other committees in order to find the best match. ConC liaisons will be reaching out to associate members in 2015 to assist in these efforts. On behalf of the Council, ConC would like to take this opportunity to recognize all new Councilors. **Please stand now and be recognized.**

The ACS Bylaws require that ConC review each Joint Board-Council and Other Committees of the Council no less often than every five years and advise the Board of Directors and Council whether they should be continued. In fulfilling the Bylaw mandate, performance reviews for the committees on Ethics and Science have been completed and are on the Council agenda for action. These reviews do not appear in the agenda book.

**[SLIDE 1]** On behalf of ConC, I move and CPC concurs that the Committee on Ethics be continued, and that the Committee on Science, subject to concurrence by the Board of Directors, be continued.

ConC is currently reviewing the process for preparing performance reviews. A task force was established to improve and streamline the process. They will report their recommendations at the fall national meeting in Boston, MA.

All councilors, including new Councilors, are reminded to complete their online committee preference form for 2015, during the period of March 30-June 5, 2015 at <https://www.yellowbook.acs.org/>**[SLIDE 2]**. Please remember that those finishing a term or who have reached the statutory limit on a committee especially need to complete the online form to reaffirm their interest and commitment to service in the Society. 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. A form for recommending ACS members for committee service is also found on page 54 of the Council agenda.

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