**CPC Vice Chair Report to Council**

**Boston, Massachusetts**

**August 19, 2015**

Madame President and Colleagues of Council:

The Council Policy Committee (CPC) remains quite active between meetings through its subcommittees and task forces.

Petitions to amend Bylaws are handled within CPC by its Subcommittee on Petitions, Constitution & Bylaws. Of the two Petitions today for Action, CPC concurs with the Petition on Bylaw Amendments and Procedures for Preferential Voting (pages 78-85 of the Council Agenda). With respect to the second Petition on Procedures and Petition on Member Expulsion (pages 93-100 of the Council Agenda), CPC has worked with the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) to address CEPA’s concerns about specificity. With an amendment to the Procedures that CPC proposed to CEPA and was accepted by CEPA, CPC concurs with the Procedures and Petition Package. A Petition and methods for removal of Councilors and Alternate Councilors from office for failure to carry out their responsibilities as a Councilor or Alternate Councilor as well as authorization for Local Sections and Divisions to remove elected officers from office for neglect of duties is expected to be submitted for consideration in San Diego.

CPC also concurs with the Petitions from the International Activities (IAC) to charter five new International Chemical Sciences Chapters in the United Arab Emirates, Peru, Nigeria, Brazil and Australia. CPC also concurs in the procedural suggestion to vote on all five petitions at one time .

The Subcommittee on Long Range Planning (LRP) continues developing and implementing visionary procedures for use of CPC. As a principal current effort, in April 2015, the CPC Long-Range Planning Subcommittee was asked to review the way Local Sections and Divisions are currently represented on Council. We looked at historical data to determine if the size of Council had increased significantly relative to the size of ACS membership. It has not. The upward creep of Council membership has been due primarily, if not only, to the increase in number of Ex-Officio Councilors – i.e., of the larger number of surviving and active former Presidents. The Task Force is now proceeding to look at other issues that affect the Divisor formulae set out in the Bylaws - questions such as:

* How sacrosanct is the 80/20 rule?
* What would Council look like if the ratio were changed, for example to 70/30?
* Should there be more Division representation on Council and what would be the impact? Would this result in more resources for Divisions?
* Should a cap be placed on the number of Councilors per Local Section and Divisions to ensure more balance? This would impact larger Local Sections and Divisions.

There were also questions regarding the representation of international members within the Divisions and Local Sections.

A proposed charter for the LRP’s Task Force was revised and further comment has been solicited by President Schmidt. Comments can be submitted to [president@acs.org](mailto:president@acs.org). Chairs from DAC and LSAC were asked to discuss this effort with their respective committees during this national meeting. CPC looks forward to their reports in 2016. IAC will also be included in the discussion moving forward.

Strategy Cafes continue to be scheduled and have grown in popularity as an assist to our bottom-up strategic planning efforts. All this has been achieved as a result of the leadership provided from members of the CPC Long-Range Planning Subcommittee and the Board’s Committee on Planning. During its meeting in June, the Planning Committee established a working group comprised of members from the Planning Committee and from CPC/LRP to collaborate on the strategy café effort which will include revising the content and the delivery model. The working group has been charged with providing a description of the strategy café and recommendations for enhancement. The working group is expected to have its first conversation after the national meeting. Members of CPC have been asked to provide comments to the President at [president@acs.org](mailto:president@acs.org).

As you may remember, the Guidelines for Special Discussion Items at Council Meetings were approved by CPC in Denver. They can be found at [acs.org/councilors](http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/councilors.html).

This ends my report as CPC Vice-Chair.