Mister President and Members of Council,

At the August 2014 meeting, the Committee on Professional Training (CPT) evaluated 42 periodic reports from currently approved programs, two reports from programs that were on probationary status, and one site visit report from a school applying for ACS approval.  CPT held conferences with three departments starting the process of applying for ACS approval.  Four new programs were approved, and one institution was removed from the approved list.  There are currently 679 colleges and universities offering ACS-approved bachelor’s degree programs in chemistry.

The committee concluded discussion of the guidelines revision and voted provisional approval of the draft document. The draft guidelines will be distributed to the department chairs of chemistry programs this fall. Comments will be discussed at the CPT meeting in January 2015, and the new guidelines will be released following that meeting. The major changes from the 2008 edition include increasing the minimum number of faculty from four to five, an expanded requirement for instrument holdings, required coverage of polymer chemistry in the curriculum, and changes to the contact hour requirement for laboratory instructors.

On Sunday, the committee held a lunch meeting with chairs from 38 PhD-granting chemistry departments. Among the topics discussed were capstone experiences for undergraduates, individual development plans for graduate students, and the *ACS Directory of Graduate Research*.

CPT approved the final report of a survey on chemical information resources that will be published in the CPT Newsletter and on the ACS website. Plans were developed to conduct a survey of PhD recipients to complement the regular surveys of graduate programs. The survey will be released in 2015, and a final report on the results will be published later in the year.

In August, the committee held a symposium at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education on “Enriching Professional Preparation of Students”, and a symposium on “An International View of Chemical Education” at this meeting. The insights shared at these symposia will be reported in the fall issue of the CPT Newsletter.

Mister President, this concludes my report.

Anne B. McCoy, Chair