Madam President, Members of the Board, and fellow Councilors:

About three months ago my house was flooded. After the six inches of muddy creek water drained from the house my wife and I were left with the task of moving most of our belongings. I now have stuff in two storage units, my garage, a covered trailer, and some still in my house. As I was preparing to travel to Boston for this meeting the challenge became finding the subset of my stuff that I wanted to bring with me. With a little help from my wife I was able to find most of it; however, I still have not located my ties…

I mention this because in some ways it reflects one of the challenges of the Ethics Committee. Our charge begins “To coordinate the ethics-related activities of the Society.” One way to address this charge is to provide ACS membership with a comprehensive list of ALL ethics-based programming at national and regional meetings. Although we attempt to identify as many of these activities as we can, there is much programing that slips through the cracks. That is where we need YOUR help. If you would inform us of any Ethics-related activity you are sponsoring, we will provide this information, WITH THE PROPER CREDIT, to those attendees that would look to our Committee for this information. Should you so choose to help in this manner, please email information regarding your Ethics programming to our staff liaison at the address on the slide.

Prior to the national meeting, the Committee on Ethics met twice by conference call, and then in open session on August 16th here in Boston. As recommended by a recent ConC review, we addressed the committee structure as it relates to the committee’s strategic plan. Our review included such topics as subcommittee structure, committee size, and meeting times and formats.

At our recent meeting, the Committee received a report from the Committee on Chemical Safety Taskforce for Chemical Education. Our discussion included mechanisms that could be used by the Committee to inform both secondary and undergraduate students of ethical topics in a manner similar to those used by the Committee on Chemical Safety to distribute safety information.

Ethics co-sponsored a workshop at the Great Lakes Regional Meeting, and also provided technical support to gather quantitative data to determine the workshop effectiveness. The presenters provided a review of the workshop and mechanisms used for data collection.

The Committee also heard a presentation from staff regarding use of the ACS Network to more efficiently accomplish some Committee business. The Committee agreed to expand its use of this tool for both internal and external communication.

We also began a discussion regarding appropriate mechanisms for the recognition of ethical behavior, as this topic is also part of the Committee’s charge. We determined that we would continue this discussion using the ACS Network committee site.

Madam President, this concludes my report.