

Report to Council

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Mr. President and Members of Council:

It is a personal honor and pleasure to once again address Council from this podium.

My remarks open with an update on the Leadscope case. My predecessor, Bonnie Charpentier reported to this assembly previously that ACS had appealed to the Ohio State Supreme Court, and that the Court had agreed to hear the case. Briefs have been filed in support of our position by several prestigious organizations, including the Ohio Attorney General, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, and the Ohio State Bar Association.

On September 7, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case, and a link to the arguments can be found on [acs.org](http://acs.org). A ruling has not been issued but could come at any time. A more detailed report appears in the most recent edition of the Councilor Bulletin. As in previous reports, we are sharing as much information as possible, while protecting ACS interests in the on-going litigation. Please contact the Secretary's office if you would like a copy.

At its meeting here in San Diego, the Board of Directors had substantive discussion regarding the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and American Association of Medical Colleges report called "Scientific Foundations for Future Physicians." This discussion was informed by the work of the joint task force of the Committee on Professional Training (CPT) and the Society Committee on Education (SOCED). The "Scientific Foundations" report and implementation of its recommendations has the potential to significantly impact the teaching of chemistry to pre-medical students, and bears watching.

We also saw a demonstration of new virtual and hybrid meeting approaches including the virtual career fair and virtual exposition. We look forward to feedback on these two new approaches.

During this meeting the Board approved the 2015 Pacifichem budget, and authorized reimbursement, on a pro rata basis, to the participating ACS Divisions for expenditures in support of the Pacifichem program and activities. We also approved changes to Board Regulations regarding the composition of the Planning Committee and the appointment of canvassing and award committees.

In addition, the Board voted to accept a proposal to administer and present the AkzoNobel North American Science Award as recommended by the committee on Grants and Awards, and also proclamations recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the South African Chemical Institute and the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chinese Chemical Society.

The ***ACS Strategic Plan for 2012 and Beyond*** continues to provide a blueprint for how ACS can more effectively serve its members and achieve our goals and vision of “Improving people’s lives through the transforming power of chemistry.” It is our value proposition to our members and the chemistry enterprise. To highlight the goals related to information, careers, education and advocacy, we developed a short video called “This is the ACS,” and I’d like to show it for you now.

Mr. President, this completes my report.