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Oral Report to Council (modified)

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Harmon B. Abrahamson, Chair
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The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B), continues to review and certify bylaws. In addition to the items in the written report in the Council agenda, C&B recently issued certified bylaws to the Syracuse and Baton Rouge Sections.

Since the fall meeting, C&B has reviewed proposed bylaw changes and submitted preliminary reports to four Local Sections and one Division. C&B continues to be current and on schedule with its bylaw reviews.

As you know, the January 1 edition of Bulletin 5 is the authoritative version of the Governing Documents, and is available on the web. You can also link to petitions, certified bylaws for all units, and useful guideline documents on how to update bylaws.

At this meeting, there is one petition for consideration and none for action.

The attention of Council is invited to the yellow sheets, pages 74 through 78 of the Council agenda, for the Petition on Position Statements, which is for consideration only. C&B's preliminary report is included in the petition. The Society Committee on Budget and Finance has examined this petition and concludes that it will have no impact on the finances of the Society. C&B will issue its final report when the petition is presented for action at the ACS meeting in Denver.

Within 30 days from this Council meeting, which is April 29, opponents of the petition may submit written arguments to the Chair of the Committee on Local Section Activities, which has primary responsibility for this petition. Or, you may submit your comments to bylaws@acs.org and C&B will forward your comments.

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director of the Society **by May 11** to be included in the Council agenda, for consideration at the fall 2011 meeting in Denver. C&B is available to provide assistance with the preparation of new petitions, if requested, prior to the formal submission.

We thank all of you who have worked with us this past year to bring your bylaws up to date and we look forward to working with others during this coming year. For Divisions and Local Sections, keep in mind that the certification process is not complete until you submit the required information and vote outcome to C&B, which certifies all unit bylaws. Be sure to review your bylaws to ensure that you are in compliance with the Society's Governing Documents and that you have the right to conduct electronic voting, if that is your intent.