**CPC Vice-Chair Report to Council**

**ACS National Meeting, Indianapolis, September 11**

**President Wu, Fellow Councilors:**

This has been a very active period for the Council Policy Committee (CPC) and we would like to share a few highlights.

On Sunday morning, CPC hosted a breakfast for new councilors. The goal was to provide information about ACS governance, roles and responsibilities of councilors, and how to get involved with committees. Fourteen new councilors participated, and the feedback was very positive. Taking in consideration the feedback received from all of the training activities this year, we will continue the pre-orientation webinar, the formal orientation program in the spring, and the breakfast hour during the fall to connect with new Councilors.

On Sunday, CPC and the Younger Chemists Committee cosponsored a strategy café and ice cream social. It allowed for members to have the opportunity to share their thoughts about the ACS Strategic Plan how they can be involved in achieving its goals. A total of 48 members attended the event. The CPC is planning strategy café events for the 2013 Western Regional Meeting in Santa Clara, CA and also at SERMACS in Atlanta, GA. Plans are underway to bring this interactive event to other regional meetings and governance groups in 2014.

N&E-CPC Joint Task Force on Election Timelines and Procedures has convened and began the process to provide recommendations for changes in the election timeline and process for President-Elect and Board of Directors. We expect proposals to CPC and N&E at the spring 2014 meeting.

Task Force to Review Councilor Travel Reimbursement Policy has met to review available data relating to reimbursement. However, they realize more complete data will be necessary to address the issue. Councilors, you will be receiving a survey about the support you receive from your employers, attendance issues, etc. We ask you to please respond to the survey. When you submit your fall meeting reimbursement forms, you supply information on the total cost so that we have baseline data on what it costs to attend this meeting. A separate survey will be sent to your unit treasurer to inquire about reimbursement policies.

Task Force on Councilor/Member Duties and Conduct has met several times since the spring meeting. CPC concludes that the Councilor Handbook [slide 1] sets out reasonable lists of duties and expectations of Councilors, our role in Governance, and information on governance organization and operations. Councilors are encouraged to review this handbook.

With respect to enforcement of Councilor duties, there is no specific enforcement authorization in SOCIETY documents. The model recall procedure available from the Constitution and Bylaws specifically exempts Councilors and Alternate Councilors. Therefore, CPC recommends that the SOCIETY’s Constitution be amended to authorize the Council to draft Bylaws for due process procedures for removal of Councilors for neglect of duties, misbehavior while in office and/or conduct injurious to the SOCIETY. The Task Force will prepare a petition for these amendments for a 2014 national meeting.

CPC notes that the current procedures for removing a member from membership in the SOCIETY are outdated, complex and as a practical matter, unworkable. CPC recommends that the Committee on Membership Affairs (MAC) and Board Committee on Professional and Member Relations (P&MR) work with C&B to address this issue.

Regarding items for action at this meeting, CPC VOTED to support the proposal for the realignment of ACS electoral districts; the proposals related to the Syracuse and Monmouth Local Sections; and the amended charters for the committees on International Activities and Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols. CPC also VOTED to take no position on the proposed name change for the Division of Colloids and Surface Chemistry.

At yesterday’s meeting, CPC VOTED to authorize the Special Discussion topic for this Council meeting: “What can we – as the Society and as individual citizens – do to help create jobs or demand for chemists?”

CPC received requests for committees to use clickers during their reports for items not up for Council action. The purpose would be to collect information or conduct straw polls during the Council meeting itself. CPC will work with N&E to develop guidelines for the efficient and effective collection of this type of data, and how to formulate clear and concise survey questions that can be answered with the use of clickers.

Madam Chair, Fellow Councilors, this concludes my report.