

SOCED REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Sunday, August 10, 2014

The Society Committee on Education (SOCED) met in Subcommittee and full Committee on Friday, August 8, 2014.

Immediate Past President Marinda Wu updated the Committee on the new Partners for Progress and Prosperity (P3) Award. Wu asked the Committee's help in promoting the new P3 award and soliciting nominations.

SOCED Chair Andy Jorgensen updated the Committee on a number of issues, including the announcement that W.H. Freeman, the publisher of the ACS text *Chemistry in the Community* (*ChemCom*), is moving out of the introductory high school textbook market. This announcement provides ACS with an opportunity to explore different options for the next edition of *Chemistry in the Community*. Jorgensen asked for volunteers to serve on a working group that will look at new directions for the text.

Committee on Professional Training (CPT) Chair Anne McCoy updated SOCED on CPT activities since the Dallas meeting. CPT is focused on finalizing the revised ACS Guidelines and Evaluation Procedures for Bachelor's Degree Programs. The results of an information resources survey sent to chemistry departments will appear in the CPT Fall newsletter.

SOCED received an update from the government affairs staff in the Office of Public Affairs on federal and state science education policy, as well as the activities of state government affairs committees. SOCED discussed and voted to approve revisions to the current policy statements on hands-on laboratory science, science and technology funding, and visa restrictions. The statements will go to the Board for approval at its December meeting.

The Committee was asked to support and participate in a new initiative that President-Elect Diane Grob Schmidt is launching as part of her Presidential agenda. SOCED members were encouraged to sign up and engage with federal elected officials. The Office of Public Affairs will help to match SOCED members with officials that serve on committees that have jurisdiction over issues covered by SOCED-advised policy statements.

SOCED received updates from Education Division staff on the new American Association of Chemistry Teachers, the 2013 ACS Graduate Student Survey, the launch of the K-8 website Adventures in Chemistry, the ACS Hach program, and new directions for the 9th Edition of *Chemistry in Context*. The results of the Graduate Student Survey generated significant discussion, and SOCED voted to establish a Task Force to continue analysis and research.

The Chair of the Chemistry Olympiad Subcommittee reported that the U.S. team earned one gold medal and three silver medals at the International Chemistry Olympiad held in Vietnam in July. SOCED unanimously passed a resolution thanking the U.S. Air Force Academy for its 30 years of continued generous support of the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad.

The Committee received updates from the Division of Chemical Education, Project SEED, the Committee on Environmental Improvement, and the Membership Affairs Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Jorgensen, Chair