Madam President, Members of the Board of Directors, and fellow Councilors;

The ACS Committee on Ethics met in open session on Sunday, August 20th.

As a committee we continue to struggle with member attendance at our in-person meetings, as our scheduled meeting time is also the opening day for technical talks. The Committee discussed possible alternative meeting times to help alleviate the burden on our members that are concurrently scheduled for technical presentations. Several ideas were presented, and will be considered as we move forward.

A request for an ACS Symposium Series book based on our San Francisco programming regarding authorship and intellectual property ethics has been submitted. Also, a monograph entitled “The Importance of Ethical Conduct in Scientific Research” was approved by the Committee. Several methods to disseminate this document were discussed.

After reviewing and discussing our current Strategic Plan, the Committee members discussed the timing and the mechanics of our next strategic planning session. The consensus was that if possible it should be held sometime next year and independent from our national meeting time. It was the belief of majority of committee members that this would allow a more efficient process for the modification of our living document.

Members of the committee heard a presentation from Mary Anderson, representing the Membership Affairs Committee, with a VERY preliminary discussion of bylaw changes that MAC is considering. The committee provided feedback on this proposal, which we are certain that MAC will consider as they go forward.

During my 2016 report to Council I highlighted our commitment to developing a ChemLuminary award to recognize outstanding ethics related programming by a local section. The newly titled “Outstanding Local Section Programming Related to the Promotion of Ethics in Chemistry Award” will be presented in 2018 for programming that occurs this year. The Committee discussed methods for the evaluation of the one hundred eighty-five nominations that we anticipate, as we expect every local section to self-nominate for this award. If your local section has not already sponsored programming related to Ethics, please remember it’s not too late…

During my first report to Council I mentioned that my house had been flooded. Now, as part of my final presentation I am happy to report that my 4th contractor has promised that the house will be done soon. The progress isn’t as fast as I anticipated, but there is progress. I mention this because I believe that the Ethics Committee is making progress on our goals, although the progress may not be as fast as some would have preferred. I also mention this because it gives me the opportunity to state that THIS is my final report to Council as the Chair of Ethics, and that EVERY report has ended with…

**Madam** President, Members of the Board of Directors, and fellow Councilors, this concludes my report.