**Council Policy Committee**

**Vice-Chair Report to Council**

**San Francisco, California**

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Madam President and fellow Councilors:

The work of the Joint Board-Council Policy Committee (CPC) Task Force on Governance Design was introduced at almost three dozen governance meetings here in San Francisco. There will be another presentation and opportunity to provide input during the Council special discussion later this morning.

The Future Council Representation Working Group met during the CPC Long-Range Planning Subcommittee meeting on Monday. The group includes representatives from the committees on Local Section Activities, International Activities and Divisional Activities as well as CPC members of the Subcommittee. The working group anticipates continuing in tandem with the Task Force on Governance Design.

The Subcommittee on Petitions, Constitution and Bylaws met on Monday to discuss the three petitions on the Council agenda (two for action, one for consideration), and an associated procedures document. CPC subsequently considered and took appropriate action on Tuesday. CPC voted to endorse the petition for Removal of Officers and Councilors, noting that the accompanying procedures document was endorsed by CPC at the fall meeting in Philadelphia. CPC voted to take no position on the Petition on the Rights of Affiliates. Finally, CPC discussed the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters (for consideration), but took no action.

CPC formally approved the Joint Board-CPC Task Force on Governance Design’s proposal for a special discussion item to gather input at this meeting. The discussion will last for 30 minutes, with each Councilor allowed to speak for up to one minute.

On the recommendation of a working group appointed last fall, CPC approved amendments to its policy on the distribution of supplemental material at Council meetings. These changes take effect at this meeting. To promote good practices for sustainable meetings, paper handouts at Council are not allowed. Committee chairs are urged instead to include URLs and links to the materials in oral reports and graphics. A listing of such references will be published in the Councilor Talking Points. Promotional items (brochures, buttons, and pins) will no longer be placed on chairs, but made available on a designated resource table where Councilors can obtain materials if they wish.

CPC also approved an amendment to the Committee Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy for Non-Councilors. The new policy permits a non-Councilor chair of a Council related committee to be reimbursed at a rate of up to twice the amount set for a non-Councilor, so that the chair can attend the Council meeting to deliver the committee’s oral report.

Madam President, the attention of Council is invited to the blue sheets, pages **62** and **63**, the **Procedure for Removal of a Councilor or Alternate Councilor.** This document has been prepared by those Councilors who are bringing forward the Petition for Removal of Officers and Councilors. The intent of the procedure is to detail the actions and steps to remove a Councilor or Alternate Councilor, as was done for member expulsion and its respective Procedure for Expulsion of a Member. The procedures have received the support of CPC and the committees on Chemists with Disabilities, on Local Section Activities, and on Younger Chemists. The Committee on Divisional Activities opposes the procedures.

Given the interdependence of the PETITION and the related procedures, approval of the **Procedure for Removal of a Councilor or Alternate Councilor** is contingent on the subsequent adoption of the PETITION for Removal of Officers and Councilors.

Madam President, the **Procedure for Removal of a Councilor or Alternate Councilor** is now ready for Council action, and I move its adoption contingent on the subsequent approval of the related PETITION.

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