**Council Committee on Meetings and Expositions**

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Madam President, Members of the Council, the Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E) wishes to report 14,639 scientific contributions have been made to the 253rd National Meeting in San Francisco, CA. As of April 3, the total attendance for this meeting was 18,709. This is record attendance for San Francisco. The Exposition had 430 booths with 285 exhibiting companies.

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As part of M&E’s comprehensive sustainability plan, print copies of the program book for San Francisco were reduced and a limited number were available for sale. As of April 2, stats show that 2,403 program books were sold as most members are choosing to use the online program, the digital program or the mobile app. The mobile app has received 8,610 transfers and the online program has received 15,930 transfers for the San Francisco national meeting.

ACS continues to be recognized as a leader in sustainability through focus on attendee engagement through the Greener Meetings Pledge, and commitment to sustainable best practices while onsite. Such practices include taking advantage of hotel linen reuse programs, walking or taking the carbon-neutral shuttle, and downloading the mobile app in lieu of using a printed program. The partnership with the American Forests also allowed us to indirectly offset a portion of the greenhouse gas emissions associated with our meetings. To date, ACS has planted over 16,000 trees through this partnership.

Beginning in 2018, the Exposition’s booth fee will increase by $100; however, the schedule will remain the same (Sunday 6 – 8:30PM; Monday/Tuesday 9AM – 5PM). The Regional Meetings Subcommittee will investigate the feasibility of having the 2017 RMPC during the 2018 Leadership Conference.

M&E reviewed the National Meeting Study Group on Programming’s Future of National Meetings Report and identified the following goals and will work with DAC to further evaluate the following: monitor the impact of the immigration policy on technical programming participation; eliminate Thursday technical programming, meeting space – cost concerns; conduct a competitive analysis of the Exposition; improve the meeting mobile app, and evaluate MPPG’s mission of driving cross division collaboration.

Immediately after the ACS San Francisco National meeting, M&E requests the Board of Directors and the President of the American Chemical Society send a letter to officials in the State Government of Texas (such as but not limited to, the Governor, Speaker of the House and Senate, etc.) indicating our Society’s opposition to SB 6 (“bathroom bill”) stating our intent to drop the 2021 Spring National Meeting in San Antonio if this legislation is adopted, because SB 6 is in opposition to our Society’s commitment to diversity and inclusion.