The ACS Committee on Chemical Safety

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Oral Report Presentation by Ralph Stuart

**Mister President, Councilors, and Guests:**

2018 is my first year as chair of the Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) and it has been quite an active year. I would like to highlight three key activities for your attention:

1. At the request of President Dorhout, the Committee, along with other ACS stakeholders and related professional organizations, organized the 2018 ACS Safety Summit in order to explore how our Core Value of “Professionalism, Safety and Ethics” can be integrated in the strategic plan of the Society. Important connections between this value and the Society’s Strategic Goals were identified and ideas based on these connections are being developed.
2. The CCS, in partnership with the Division of Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS) and ACS staff, has developed a workshop for graduate students to help them define and develop leadership skills around safety in their laboratories. These workshops were offered at both national meetings this year; based on the success of these workshops, we expect to further enhance this offering in 2019.
3. In June, the Safety Advisory Panel of the CCS met with members of the Division of Chemical Information, experts from the National Library of Medicine and safety professionals from leading research universities to identify opportunities to continue working to make chemical safety information as useful as possible in the academic environment.

These three accomplishments are the tip of the iceberg of CCS activities this year. Because the ACS believes that safety should be integrated throughout the entire chemistry enterprise, the committee has worked diligently to forge a number of important partnerships. Specifically, we have collaborated with CHAS and the ACS Office of Safety Programs to improve existing offerings and create new ACS resources. We have also partnered with the ACS web team and the Green Chemistry Institute to support ACS members in living out our Core Value of “Professionalism, Safety and Ethics”.

I thank you for your attention and would like to remind you that CCS seeks your ideas, suggestions, and feedback to make chemistry safer and to help the ACS continue to be the global leader in laboratory chemical safety. Please send your comments to safety@acs.org

Mister President, this concludes my report.

Ralph Stuart, Committee on Chemical Safety Chair