

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Oral Report to Council
V. Dean Adams, Chair

March 21, 2018, New Orleans, LA

[slide 1] Mr. President, members of Council, and guests. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) certified **6** unit bylaws so far in 2018. We certified 21 bylaws in 2017, including 7 bylaws that we certified after the ACS meeting in Washington, DC. Congratulations and thank you to these units.

[slide 2] Most units (Divisions and Local Sections) amended their bylaws using C&B's model bylaws, while a few units used the questions option. You may use whichever method you prefer. We will be contacting the 50 Local Sections and 2 Divisions that have **not** updated their bylaws since **before** 2000. We are happy to work with any unit that submits proposed bylaw changes.

[slide 2: keep on screen] All current bylaws and options to update the bylaws are available on ACS's website or you may contact us. Please check if your bylaws are up to date and check if your elections are held in compliance with your bylaws.

[slide 2: keep on screen] Bulletin 5 was updated as of January 1, 2018. Bulletin 5 is another name for the ACS Governing Documents. The online version is the authoritative version.

[slide 3 – keep on screen until END of presentation] At this meeting, there are two petitions for consideration. We invite your attention to the yellow sheets, beginning on pages 82 and 84 for the petitions for consideration. The petitions on yellow sheets will be up for action in Boston.

Within 30 days from this Council meeting, which is April 20, opponents of the petitions for consideration may submit written arguments to bylaws@acs.org.

Final reports from B&F and C&B will be included in these petitions when they are up for action at the fall meeting.

New petitions to amend the Constitution and/or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than **May 2nd**, for consideration by the Council at the fall meeting in Boston. The petition guidelines are in Bulletin 5 and on the web. We would be happy to walk you through the process. If you would like initial feedback on your petition before you formally submit it, please send it to us by April 11.

Contact C&B at bylaws@acs.org if you have any questions or need any information about bylaws or petitions.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.