**Committee on Committees (ConC) Council Oral Report**

**New Orleans, LA**

Mr. President and Members of Council:

The Committee on Committees (ConC) has begun developing its recommendations for 2019 Committee Chair appointments and reappointments for consideration by the President-Elect and the Chair of the Board of Directors. **[SLIDE 1]** The committee also revised its vision statement, which now reads “ACS is served by an effective and dynamic committee system.”

ConC also participated in an orientation session that was held this past Saturday for new Councilors and Alternate Councilors to better acquaint them with the Council and its structure, and to also encourage them to consider service through one of the Society’s 29 Council-related Committees.

**[SLIDE 2]** The online preference form will open on March 26 and will close on June 8, 2018. If you are interested in serving on an ACS Committee in 2019, please go to the yellowbook website ([www.yellowbook.acs.org](http://www.yellowbook.acs.org)) to complete your preferences. It is especially important for committee associates, consultants, those finishing a term, those who will reach the statutory limit (final year) on their present committee, and those who are up for reelection as Councilor for a division or local section.

A form for recommending ACS members for committee service is also found on page **61** of the Council agenda.

Although not everyone can be appointed to a committee, we can assure you that you will receive thorough consideration for an assignment. You can also use this system to update your Yellow Book contact and biographical information throughout the year.

The ACS Bylaws require that ConC review each Joint Board-Council and Other Committees of the Council no less often than every five years and advise the Board of Directors and Council whether they should be continued. In fulfilling this Bylaw mandate, performance reviews for three committees have been completed.

**[SLIDE 3]** On behalf of ConC, I move and CPC concurs that the Committee on Ethics be continued, and that the Committees on Publications and Younger Chemists, subject to concurrence by the Board of Directors, as required, be continued.

All petitions brought before the Council are assigned to a committee with closely related substantive responsibilities by the ACS Executive Director & CEO in consultation with others. ConC has considered the Petition for Election of Committee Chairs, which is up for action at this meeting. The Committee opposes the petitioner's intent to allow the voting members of all ACS committees to select their own Chairs. Committees are accountable to the ACS Council and Board of Directors. In the opinion of ConC, the ACS President and the Chair of the Board of Directors have a better view of the overarching strategies of the Society and the role of the committees. ConC thinks these two elected leaders are best positioned to appoint the Committee Chairs on behalf of the Board and Council.

I now yield the floor to **Dean Adams**, Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, for action on the petition beginning on page **62** of the Council agenda.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.