

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ORAL REPORT to Council
V. Dean Adams, Chair, C&B

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[slide 1] Madam President, members of Council, and guests. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) certified 8 unit bylaws so far this year, including five after the spring meeting. [Pause for 2 seconds...] Congratulations to these units.

[slide 2] ACS's website, acs.org/govdocs, includes, **certified** bylaws, **options** to update your bylaws, bylaw reports, an FAQ, and the ACS Governing Documents. Contact us at bylaws@acs.org if you have any questions or need a Word document of your bylaws.

[slide 3 – keep on screen] There are **no** petitions for action at this meeting. The Petition on Membership and Dues is up for consideration by Council. As noted in the Council agenda, this petition will be withdrawn if ACS members approve the Constitution changes that were part of the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents. If ACS members do not approve the Constitution changes, C&B will propose a revised version of the petition for action, which will address any inconsistencies, if necessary.

You may remember that at the spring meeting in Orlando, the Council approved this petition, for which 96% of the voting Councilors voted in favor. On April 19, the Board of Directors also approved this petition.

The fall election ballot will include the Constitution changes for vote by ACS members. If members approve the Constitution changes, by two-thirds vote, as required, the new ACS Governing Documents will become effective in late October or early November. If approved, this would be the most significant changes to the ACS Governing Documents since 1948.

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than **December 4th**, for consideration by the Council at the spring 2020 Council meeting in Philadelphia. The petition guidelines are in the ACS Governing Documents. Let us know if you need help or if you would like C&B's initial feedback before you formally submit a petition.

Contact us if you have any questions or need information about bylaws or petitions.

Madam President, this concludes my report.