

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

April 3, 2019, Orlando, FL

[slide 1] Madam President, members of Council, and guests. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) certified **3** unit bylaws so far this year. We certified 18 bylaws in 2018, including 8 bylaws that we certified after the ACS meeting in Boston, MA. Congratulations and thank you to these units.

[slide 2: keep on screen] All current bylaws and options to update your bylaws are available on ACS's website ([acs.org/bulletin5](https://www.acs.org/bulletin5)) or contact us at bylaws@acs.org. Thirty-one Local Sections and 2 Divisions have not updated their bylaws since the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. Many of these bylaws require that elections be conducted by U.S. mail. If electronic balloting is used, the elections might be invalid. We contacted these and other Divisions and Local Sections last year and are working with DAC and LSAC to follow up with these units.

The ACS Governing Documents (also known as Bulletin 5) were updated as of January 1, 2019.

We now know that Council approved the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents. Wow. Thank you. We really appreciate your approving this petition because C&B, a lot of other committees, Councilors and other ACS members, legal counsel, and others worked diligently on this petition for several years. The process does not stop here. The Board of Directors must now approve the petition and ACS members must approve the Constitution changes. We will keep you posted.

[slide 3 – keep on screen until end of presentation] There are no petitions for consideration at this meeting.

New petitions to amend the Constitution and/or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than **May 8**, for consideration by the Council at the fall meeting in San Diego, or **December 4**, which is 16 weeks before the spring 2020 Council meeting in Philadelphia. The petition guidelines are in Bulletin 5. Let us know if you need any 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.