The ACS Committee on Chemical Safety

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Oral Report Presentation by Ralph Stuart, Chair

**Madam President, Councilors, and Guests:**

Since my report to you in Boston, the Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) has been actively working to address the strategic opportunities we identified at the 2018 ACS Safety Summit. I would like to highlight three key activities for your attention:

1. In March, the committee, along with other ACS stakeholders and subject matter experts, organized the second ACS “Safety Summit” to identify and develop key strategic opportunities for the ACS to support chemical safety education. Summit participants identified six opportunities, including the development of a safety education toolkit and a system for disseminating case studies and lessons learned reports. We have identified ACS champions to address these opportunities.
2. The CCS, in partnership with the Division of Chemical Health and Safety (CHAS) and the ACS Office of Safety Programs, have been developing short two-minute videos which can be used by instructors to address key chemical safety concepts in the laboratory. The first of these has received over 4000 views as of this date. The ACS safety videos are available at the Chemical Safety Playlist at the ACS YouTube Channel.
3. With the support of the Committee on Divisional Activities Innovative Project Grant, the Safety Advisory Panel of the CCS is collaborating with CHAS and the Division of Chemical Information to develop a teaching exercise for risk assessment in undergraduate organic teaching laboratories.

These three accomplishments represent just a few of the activities undertaken this year as the Committee continues to support ACS members in living out our Core Value of Professionalism, Safety, and Ethics. To further advance this value, the CCS plans to hold a strategic planning retreat in 2019 to review and update its strategic plan from 2014 and update it to reflect the many changes in the ACS safety environment since that time.

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

Madam President, this concludes my report.

Ralph Stuart, Committee on Chemical Safety Chair