

## Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA)

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### [SLIDE 1]

Madam President, Members of Council and Guests:

The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, known as CEPA, continues its mission to support ACS members in their professional lives. CEPA has updated the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct which can be found on page 141 of your agenda book. Council will be asked to vote on this document at the Fall meeting in San Diego.

CEPA received an update on the employment survey results at this meeting. The unemployment rate and wages were approximately unchanged year-over-year. However, we are concerned with the low response rate which limited confidence in the reported data. To correct for this and to return to a sustainable number of responses, ACS will be returning to a full survey process in 2019.

CEPA's goal is to ensure that all ACS members have access to the most robust and valid salary and employment data. The new survey request will have clear markings that it is from the ACS and will be sent annually in April to ensure members can expect it at a regular time. CEPA asks all councilors to take the time to complete the survey and encourage your Division and Local Section members to complete them as well. Increasing the percentage of completed surveys should improve the quality of data we can report. To ensure that you receive your survey please verify that your ACS profile has your current e-mail address.

### [SLIDE 2]

The ACS onsite career fair continues to improve. See the results shown on the screen for this meeting's data. This year, networking round tables were implemented to encourage members to connect with one another while at the fair. Members now have the option to view the biography of career consultants before selecting. This helps align the members' professional needs and goals with the consultant's specialty. To reach and recruit more ACS members, career services is hosting career days free of charge. This year there are plans to host in: Washington, DC; Lisle, IL; Detroit, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Denver, CO and Princeton, NJ. Please visit the website on the slide to get involved and learn more.

**[SLIDE 3]**

CEPA continues to recruit career consultants both domestically and abroad to support new career advancement initiatives. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering as a career consultant, please visit the ACS Career Consultant website or email the staff liaison.

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Madam President this concludes my report.