

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

**Oral Report to Council
James C. Carver, Chair**

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[show slide 1] **Madam President, members of Council, and guests: the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) certified a record 29 unit bylaws in 2015. This number includes 20 bylaws that were certified since the Boston meeting. Two of these bylaws were certified under the expedited process; two others closely followed C&B's template, so these could be reviewed quickly, too. WE also certified 5 bylaws since the beginning of 2016. Congratulations and thanks to all units that updated their bylaws.**

[show slide 2] **Since the fall meeting in Boston, C&B reviewed bylaws for 13 Local Sections and one Division. Bylaw reviews are taking far less time with units using the bylaws templates and expedited bylaws. The expedited bylaws require that all you have to do is answer 14 questions.**

[show slide 3] **Options to update your bylaws, certified bylaws, and a bylaws status report are posted on the ACS website as shown on the slide. It's worth noting that fifty-six Local Sections and 4 Divisions have not updated their bylaws since 2000. Those Local Sections and Divisions that have not updated their bylaws recently should be concerned about the validity of their elections because their bylaws might not permit electronic balloting.**

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than May 4, to be included in the Council agenda for consideration at the fall 2016 meeting in Philadelphia. We encourage you to send your draft petition to C&B at least six weeks before that deadline so that we can give you initial feedback. While the petition guidelines are in Bulletin 5 and available on the web, we are happy to walk you through the process if you would like.

Contact C&B if you have any questions or need any information on bylaws or petitions. Madam President, this concludes my report.