

## 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 23 bylaws** in 2014. This was the second largest number of bylaws certified in any year. This number includes 10 bylaws that have been certified since the meeting in San Francisco. Four of these bylaws were certified under C&B's expedited bylaw process. Since the beginning of this year, C&B certified 6 bylaws.

**[show slide 2]** C&B has reviewed bylaws for **10 Local Sections** and **5 Divisions** since the fall meeting in San Francisco. We thank these units for taking the initiative to update their bylaws. With the use of C&B's new bylaw Templates and expedited bylaw process, we are doing bylaw reviews much faster than in previous years.

**[show slide 3]** Certified bylaws and a status report are posted on ACS's website at [www.acs.org/bulletin5](http://www.acs.org/bulletin5), so that you and everyone else can see how long it's been since your Local Section or Division has updated its bylaws.

The **two petitions** that are in your Council agenda for consideration at this meeting will be up for action in Boston. Petitioners also have the option to request that Council consider an urgent-action petition.

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws **must** be received by the Executive Director no later than **April 29**, to be included in the Council agenda **for consideration** at the fall meeting in Boston. If you wish, you may send your draft petition to C&B at least one month before that deadline, so that C&B can give you initial feedback. The petition guidelines are in Bulletin 5, which is available on the web.

Contact C&B at [bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org) if you have any questions or need any information on petitions or bylaws.

Madam President, this concludes my report.