

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Donna G. Friedman, Chair
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[show slide 1] Mr. President and members of Council: since the beginning of this year, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) certified bylaws for the **10** Local Sections, **one** Division, and **two** International Chemical Sciences Chapters shown on the slide.

[show slide 2] Since the spring meeting in Dallas, C&B has submitted detailed bylaw reviews and marked-up bylaws to **eight** Local Sections and **two** Divisions, plus expedited bylaws to **two** Local Sections. We thank these units for taking the initiative to update their bylaws.

As we reported in the past, units that have received C&B's Preliminary Report of required and recommended bylaw changes have 18 months to make the changes, have their members vote, and report the results back to C&B to complete the certification process. After several reminders, C&B recently notified a Local Section that they had to start the process over.

Councilors, please inform your Local Section or Division officers that they should contact us at bylaws@acs.org for information on how to update bylaws. It is extremely important to follow through until C&B certifies the bylaws on behalf of Council.

In addition to unit bylaw reviews, C&B has been busy throughout this year reviewing and modifying the model bylaws for Local Sections, Divisions, and International Chemical Sciences Chapters. C&B voted at this meeting to approve these changes. The committees on Local Section Activities, Divisional Activities, and International Activities, respectively, will be asked to review C&B's changes and to approve them as soon as possible, but no later than their meetings in Denver.

[show slide 3] There will be no petitions for action in Denver, unless we receive an urgent action petition.

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws **must** be received by the Executive Director **by December 3** to be included in the Council agenda **for consideration** at the spring 2015 meeting in Denver. We encourage you to send your draft petition to C&B at least a month before the deadline, so that C&B can give initial input. Note that petition guidelines are in Bulletin 5, which is available on the web (www.acs.org/bulletin5).

Mr. President, this concludes my report.