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.

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.

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.