**Committee on Chemists with Disabilities**

[SLIDE 1: STANDARD TITLE SLIDE]

Madam President and members of Council

[SLIDE 2: CWD LOGO]

CWD works to ensure that all individuals have opportunities to advance the chemical sciences by drawing on their full range of talents.

* To be successful, we need to work with other ACS entities

[SLIDE 3: ACS EXAMINATIONS INSTITUTE]

ACS Examinations Institute and CWD are working together to make ACS Standard Exams, Practice Tests and Study Guides available to blind students.

* ACS is creating a lending library for braille versions of ACS Standard Exams (overcoming the hurdle of the increased costs that university chemistry departments might incur to create braille tests).

[SLIDE 4: DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION]

ACS Department of Higher Education reached out to CWD to develop guidance for about creating classroom environments in which all students are encouraged to contribute. They asked, “What is something that a faculty member or school did that had a positive impact on your performance in the classroom?”

While everyone appreciated the infrastructure accommodations, the biggest impacts were due to professors and departments that were nurturing, caring, and supporting. It was the human-human interactions and attitudes that really helped chemists with disabilities to achieve success.

[SLIDE 5:FAMOUS SCIENTISTS WITH DISABILITIES]

To increase awareness and receptiveness of scientists with disabilities, CWD is continuing to develop posters of famous scientists with disabilities. At the request of teachers, these posters have been made into bookmarks and posters suitable for classrooms.

[SLIDE 6: HANDS]

In closing, I remind you that the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities is here to work with you to ensure that all individuals have opportunities to advance the chemical sciences by drawing on their full range of talents.

[SLIDE 7: CWD LOGO]

Please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Madame President and Councilors, this concludes my report.