**Committee on Nominations and Elections**

# Oral Report to Council

**San Francisco – August 13, 2014**

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of Council:

The results of this morning’s election are as follows and the numerical results will be placed in the spring Denver Council agenda book.

The five candidates elected to the Committee on Committees for 2015-2017 are Mitchell R.M. Bruce, Judith N. Currano, Helen A. (Bonnie) Lawlor, Zaida Morales-Martinez, and Robert A. Pribush.

The four candidates elected to the Council Policy Committee for 2015-2017 are Lawrence Barton, Lynne P. Greenblatt, Peter C. Jurs, and Linette M. Watkins; and the fifth candidateelected for a two year term for 2015-2016 isAndrea Twiss-Brooks.

The five candidates elected to the Nominations & Elections Committee for 2015-2017 are Lydia E.M. Hines, Robert L. Lichter, Mamie W. Moy, Anne T. O’Brien, and Eleanor D. Siebert

If possible, the newly elected members of N&E should meet briefly at the conclusion of this meeting at the N&E table at the back of the room.

N&E accepted the recommendations of the Joint N&E/CPC Task Force on Election Timelines, and will be implementing them in 2015. These recommendations include: the start of official campaign for national election will change from one month to one week after the conclusion of the Spring national meeting; potential petition candidates will be asked to notify N&E of their intent to circulate petitions to be a candidate for national office so they can receive petition and campaign information from N&E in a timely manner; the committee will recommend to C&EN that it publish candidate information two weeks after the Fall national meeting; and in an effort to respond to candidate concerns about the length of the election cycle, the interval for balloting in national elections will be reduced from 6 to 4 weeks. N&E and CPC believe that this will be sufficient time for balloting, as nearly eighty percent of the ballots for president-elect are cast via the Internet.

At the suggestion of members of Council, N&E will publish the balloting results at Council meetings for candidates for President-Elect (Spring) and for the Elected Committees of Council (Fall) in the Governance Talking Points released shortly after each Council Meeting.

Councilors voting to select their two district director candidates from among four nominees will now have the option of voting by mail ballot or internet, starting in 2015. No Bylaw change is required, and the election will be conducted by the same third-party vendor used in our national elections.

N&E is working on a Bylaw amendment that will introduce preferential balloting for all stages in national elections, including Director-at-Large.

The N&E Committee Website has been updated to make it more user-friendly.

We received positive feedback on the adjusted format of the Town Hall Meeting for Directors-at-Large conducted Sunday. We’ve seen an increase in the number of questions submitted and the number of evaluations returned, and are appreciative of those who participated. As a reminder, for all Town Hall Meetings, questions can be submitted in advance at nomelect.org.

Ballots for the 2014 fall national election will be mailed on October 3rd with a voting deadline six weeks later on November 14. Members will have the option to vote electronically or by the traditional paper ballot. To encourage voter participation, our election vendor, VR Election Services, will send out an email in September to ACS members offering them the option of receiving their ballot electronically. Those members who opt in to receive their ballot electronically will not receive a paper ballot. The election vendor will send two email reminders during the voting period to all eligible voters who have not voted as of those scheduled e-mail dates.

The candidates who will appear on the ballot for the 2014 national election for President-Elect 2015 are Peter K. Dorhout, Donna J. Nelson, and William A. Lester, Jr.

For Directors-at-Large (2015-17) the candidates are Dawn A. Brooks, William F. Carroll, Jr., Barbara A. Sawrey and Ellen B. Stechel.

For District III Director (2015-17) the candidates are Pat N. Confalone and Anne S. DeMasi.

For District VI Director (2015-17) the candidates are Paul W. Jagodzinski and Lee H. Latimer.

N&E requests that all Councilors encourage fellow members to participate in the upcoming national election. All ACS members will vote for President-Elect, and Councilors will vote for Directors-at-Large, and members of the appropriate districts will vote for District Directors.

In its executive session, N&E developed slates of potential nominees for President-Elect-2016 and Directors of Districts I and V for 2016-2018, as well as a slate of potential candidates for Director-at-Large, for 2016-2018. The pertinent biographical information will appear in the Council agenda book for the 249thACS national meeting in Denver.

N&E solicits names of Councilors for consideration for service on elected committees. We ask that each Councilor please submit your suggested names on the forms located on pages 41 and 42 of your Council agenda to any N&E member, or you can send your suggestions by email to the committee at nomelect@acs.org. These forms are also available at the N&E tables as you exit the Council meeting.

Please remember to return your clicker to the check in desk when requested to do so. However, if you should leave prior to the close of business this morning, please remember to leave your clicker at the check in desk with an ACS staff member.

Thank you for your support.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.

## D. Richard Cobb,

Chair