**Oral Report to the ACS Council**

**Senior Chemists Committee**

**August 24, 2016**

**Philadelphia, PA**

The Senior Chemists Committee (SCC) is charged with fostering participation of chemists through community outreach; acting as science advisers and ambassadors; and providing senior ACS members with challenging and enjoyable professional experiences. The committee met via conference call on June 28 and held a face-to-face meeting during the ACS Fall National Meeting here in Philadelphia on Monday, August 22.

SCC draws Council’s attention to the **C&EN Comment on June 6 titled, *Senior Chemists Committee: Examining and Implementing Our Role***. The article highlighted accomplishments of the committee, senior chemists’ activities, and the committee’s new mission, vision, and strategic goals.

A demo was given on the **Senior Chemists Group on the ACS Network** which has been updated to encourage networking among senior chemists. Information about upcoming events led by senior chemists, including *The Newsletter for Senior Chemists*, will be posted to the group in the fall.

Plans are underway for a **symposium to be held at the 2017 National Meeting in San Francisco**. It will be organized in partnership with the Younger Chemists Committee (YCC), and the Division of History and Chemistry. The symposium will be focused on experiences in early industrial chemistry.

The **SCC mini-grant program** was extended in 2016 to increase the number of local section senior chemist committees over the next three years. Eleven applications were received. Ten were approved for funding.

Other committee business included planning for Regional Meetings, articles on introducing our international chapters, and discussion on more collaborative efforts to encourage more engagement by senior chemists.

Also on August 22, members of the committee participated once again in the **Undergraduate Speed Networking Event** which is co-sponsored with Corporation Associates.

On Tuesday, August 23, SCC hosted a **Senior Chemists Breakfast** that featured keynote speaker Professor Magid Abou-Gharbia, Head of the Moulder Center for Drug Discovery, School of Pharmacy at Temple University. He spoke on “Drug Development in a Changing Environment: Enhancing Innovation and Benefitting Patients.

**Thomas Beattie, SCC Chair**