Senior Chemists Committee

Madam President and Members of Council,

Good morning. This is the first oral report to Council by the newly constituted Senior Chemists Committee (SCC). In keeping with our Mission Statement, a majority of SCC members participated in the Undergraduate Speed Networking events in New Orleans and Indianapolis. The committee found it highly enjoyable and invigorating and the student response was overwhelmingly positive. We urge more ACS members to participate at future meetings.

The SCC publishes its newsletter to approximately 50,000 ACS members with many favorable comments. If any member wishes for any reason to unsubscribe, a mechanism is available.

The SCC sponsored another sold-out breakfast on Tuesday morning with the featured speaker, John Lechleiter, an organic chemist who is Chairman, President, and CEO of Eli Lilly and Company.

At its Indianapolis meeting, the SCC agreed to concentrate its efforts in three areas: (1) greater organization and participation of senior groups at the local section level; (2) programming with other ACS committees and divisions such as International Activities, Chemistry and Public Affairs, and Small Chemical Businesses with common interests; and, (3) community outreach with particular emphasis on middle and high school student involvement in science.

Plans were made for programming in both Dallas and San Francisco. Planning is ongoing for involvement in regional meetings as well as providing a social center for seniors at national meetings.

Madam President, this concludes my report.