Good morning Councilors and members of governance. I am pleased to provide you with an update on my Presidential symposia, initiatives and activities.

I would like to thank the organizers and speakers of the three Presidential symposia at this national meeting – first, the LGBT Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Scholar Chemistry Research Symposium, second the Science for a Sustainable Energy Future and finally the Holy Grails in Chemistry symposium that celebrated the 50th anniversary of Accounts for Chemical Research.

Looking forward, I am pleased to share my Presidential symposia for the fall National Meeting in Washington, DC.

(Slide 1) Aligned with my passion for safety, I have been working with the Division of Chemical Health & Safety to develop a symposium entitled Building a Safety Culture Across the Chemistry Enterprise. It brings together researchers, teachers and administrators to highlight and share their best practices for enhancing safety in their institutions.

(Slide 2) In another symposium, entitled Understanding the Chemistry of Our Planet, I aim to highlight the transforming chemistry that is ubiquitous to our planet. Scientists across disciplines will discuss chemistry’s role in our Earth System and the environment around us.

(Slide 3) The Royal Society of Chemistry President and I will be co-organizing a symposium entitled Science Communications: The Art of Developing a Clear Message. This aligns with my Presidential initiative on Science Literacy to provide members with the tools and techniques to talk about the positive impacts of their work to the general-public.

As part of my Science Advocacy initiative, I am working with members and ACS Committees and staff to build a suite of tools and training platforms to help ACS local sections more effectively advocate.

(Slide 4) Specifically, at the Fall National Meeting, I will pilot a “Speaking with Congress” workshop to teach ACS members to effectively engage with their elected officials. Along with the workshop, we are developing an online Toolkit designed as a one stop shop for informational and educational materials for members and local section leadership to engage with their policymakers.

Lastly, as part of my initiative, Chemistry as a Global Enterprise, I plan to convene a group of representatives from international chemical societies to identify common principles and practices that we can all share with our members. ACS as taken a lead role in this by facilitating a Global Chemists Code of Ethics that focuses on practices that transcend borders but are universal to chemistry.

(Slide 5) In closing, I thank my colleagues across the Society who have been instrumental in shaping my agenda. Please continue to share your ideas and suggestions with me, and contact me at a.campbell@acs.org

Thank you, this concludes my report.
Building a Safety Culture Across the Chemistry Enterprise

Confirmed
Chairperson Vanessa Allen Sutherland, Chemical Safety Board

Confirmed
Thomas George, Chancellor, U Missouri, St Louis

Confirmed
Joe McBrearty, Deputy Director for Field Operations, Office Of Science, DOE

Confirmed
Kim Jeskie, Director of Integrated Operations Support, ORNL

Confirmed
Michael Blayney, Executive Director of Research Safety, Northwestern University

Confirmed
Nora Fieldstrom, Safety - Engineering Development Program, John Deere

Confirmed
Brian Kennedy, Thomas Jefferson S&T High School

Confirmed
Angela Wilson Director of Chemistry, NSF

Confirmed
Day Al-Mohamed, Voluntary Protection Program Supervisor, OSHA

Confirmed
Mark Jones, Executive External Strategy and Communications Fellow, Dow
Presidential Symposium
Tuesday, August 22nd, Washington, DC

Understanding the Chemistry of our Planet

Tentative
Alex Steffen, Sustainability
Richard Ferrieri, University of Missouri, Plant Metabolism

Confirmed
Katherine Freeman, PSU, Earth Chemical History
Rattan Lal, OSU, Soil and Society
Collette Heald, MIT, Atmospheric Chemistry
Richard Thompson, Plymouth University, Ocean Plastics

Confirmed
Ruby Leung, PNNL, Atmosphere/Land Interactions
Alex Guenther, UC Irvine, Anthropocene/Aerosol Interactions

Confirmed
Mary Ann Moran, Georgia, Ocean Chemistry
Dave Valentine, UCSB, Deep Water Horizon Aftermath

Confirmed
Bruce Hungate, North Arizona University, Soil Biogeochemistry
Eric Pierce, ORNL Subsurface Contaminants
Presidential Symposium
Sunday, August 20th Washington, DC

Science Communications: The Art of Developing a Clear Message
(Joint ACS/RSC)

Allison Campbell, ACS President
Sir John Holman, RSC President
Thomas A. Hagar, James T Grady-James H. Stack Award for Interpreting Chemistry for the Public, University of Oregon
Matt Harting, American University
Suze Kundu, Teaching Fellow, University of Surrey
Raychelle Burks, St Edwards University
Nick Milanovich, The Speaking Scientist
Mike Lawrence, Cone Communications
Presidential Workshop
Sunday, August 20th, Washington, DC

Speaking with Congress

- Speaker and practicum format
  - Interaction scenarios
  - Role playing

- Drawing facilitators from External Affairs & Communications and PNNL External Affairs

Rep. Bart Gordon, former Member of Congress, Chair of the House Committee on Science & Technology

Laura Pence, ACS Board of Directors
ACS & AAAS Congressional Fellow
Congressional Primer

Paul Runci, Sr. Policy Advisor, PNNL

Anthony Pitagno, Policy Advisor, ACS

Dos and Don’ts when Speaking with Congress
Ideas and Suggestions

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