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**Chair, ACS Board of Directors**  
**Oral Report to Council**  
**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

Madam President and Members of Council:

Thank you for this opportunity to brief you on the issues discussed and actions taken at the ACS Board of Directors Meeting, conducted on Friday and Saturday.

At this meeting, the Board received and discussed reports from multiple committees. The Board approved several recommendations from its Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff receives regular review from the Board.

Building off the Executive Leadership Team Retreat, the Board will hold a discussion in conjunction with the June 2017 Board Meeting on the topic of *ACS in 2030*. The Board regularly holds these discussions to consider strategic issues in depth or for ongoing development.

On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointments of Editors-in-Chief for several ACS journals.

The Board held a discussion and provided input to its Strategic Planning Committee on context setting and change drivers to be addressed during the strategic planning process. Cards describing the ACS Strategic Plan are available on the resource table at the back of the room.

The Board is developing a public statement based on the Society's Core Value of diversity and inclusion in response to the repeal of the North Carolina law known as House Bill 2 ('bathroom bill') and the pending Texas legislation, and is assembling a representative group of stakeholders to advise it on actions relating to the location of Society meetings. The Board appreciates the input of members who have communicated with Governance on this issue.

Madam President, this completes my report.