

Report of the Chair, ACS Board of Directors

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Mr. President, fellow Councilors. At this meeting, the ACS Board of Directors considered a number of key strategic issues and responded with several actions. On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance (B&F), the Board voted to approve an advanced member registration fee of \$370 for national meetings held in 2013. Additionally, the Board voted that an in-depth review of the expectations for the financial goals for national meetings be performed, and that a financial plan for the long-term viability of the ACS presentations on Demand program be developed and shared with B&F at its 2013 spring meeting.

The General Counsel report included an update on the ACS vs. Leadscope litigation. As of this morning, there was still no verdict in the case despite the fact that oral arguments were presented nearly a year ago. We have no specific intelligence with respect to when a verdict might be delivered.

As a follow-up to the Publications report, the Board voted to approve several journal editor reappointments.

As a result of the 2011 Financial Planning Conference, the ACS Board of Directors requested that the ACS Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer carry out a strategic assessment of the ACS Information Services Divisions. As a Practical matter, we have conducted such studies about every three years in order to ensure that our information services divisions, CAS and ACS Publications, are fulfilling ACS' strategic goals. The study was conducted over a period of nine months with the ACS Board of Directors and Governing Board for Publishing, discussing the study at key milestones along the way. I am pleased to report that the study affirmed the robust operating performance of CAS and ACS Publications, both from mission and financial viewpoints. It commended the increasing collaboration between the publishing divisions, and their global presence, and identified areas of synergy where additional opportunities for innovation and growth should be explored.

The Board also approved the appointment of Jerauld Skotnicki as the Coordinating Editor for Electronic Dissemination of Meeting Content, and welcomed and received reports from international guests representing the Canadian Society for Chemistry, the German Chemical Society, the Chemical Society of Japan, and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

On a personal note, the Chair of the Board was deeply honored and gratified to have the privilege to emcee the opening ceremony of the Chemistry Olympiad this summer. It was a real kick to see so many smart and enthusiastic kids who couldn't wait to do some chemistry.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.