

Committee on Chemical Safety

Mister President-Elect and members of Council,

There are three components to this year's report covering 2020 activities of the Committee on Chemical Safety, CCS: the 2020 ACS Safety Summit; strategic planning work the committee has undertaken; and a general progress report on ACS's role as a leader in the laboratory community relative to chemical safety.

The 2020 ACS Safety Summit (show slide 1)

The 2020 ACS Safety Summit took place in February. 30 ACS members and experts from external organizations worked to develop a communications strategy that establishes ACS as an authoritative resource for chemical safety information. For more information about the ACS Safety Summits please refer to the website at www.acs.org/safetysummit, which includes final reports and related publications. Based on the success of the three ACS Safety Summits held to date, the CCS recommends that ACS staff continue to support this approach of gathering input from the ACS community about our core value of "Professionalism, safety and ethics."

Committee on Chemical Safety (CCS) Strategic Planning (show slide 2)

In a follow up to the CCS's 2019 strategic planning retreat, CCS members have been reviewing draft vision and mission statements. This solidified strategy will support the committee transition to the new committee chair in 2021. However, the CCS has been considerably disrupted by Covid, as much of our leadership is directly involved in organizing their home institution's responses to the pandemic. Fortunately, the CCS's strategic goals have been well defined by the ACS safety summits and progress on specific projects has been maintained despite the limited time available from key individuals of the committee.

Ongoing Success of the ACS Safety Effort

The ACS has become an increasingly prominent voice for chemical safety since 2010. There are three key reasons for this:

1. Ongoing support from ACS leadership, governance and staff;
2. Long term commitments to developing sound technical documents by a group of passionate ACS volunteers;
3. The ACS's ability to leverage new technologies in imaginative ways.

Taken together, these have proven to be a formula for success and continues ACS's proud history of leading safety efforts throughout the chemical enterprise. Chemical safety is a community effort and I am proud of the achievements of the ACS in moving this work forward. I feel fortunate to have been able to contribute to this work.

Mister President-Elect, this concludes my report

Ralph Stuart, Chair of the Committee on Chemical Safety

Report from the Committee on Chemical Safety

Ralph Stuart



The 2020 ACS Safety Summit

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Strategic Planning



- **Goal 1:** Foster collaborative partnerships to advance safe chemistry.
- **Goal 2:** Create and compile chemical safety resources that are current, well managed and authoritative.
- **Goal 3:** Ensure effective dissemination of high quality chemical safety resources.
- **Goal 4:** Optimize CCS structure and operations to achieve strategic goals and ongoing responsibilities.

