

Council Oral Report
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Madam President, fellow Councilors, colleagues in chemistry. Good morning.

You should all have received a very detailed article on Leadscope in your August Councilor Bulletin. Copies of the article were made available at the caucuses, and a statement on the matter has also been on the ACS website. In sum, after an unsuccessful appeal of the Leadscope case to the Ohio Court of Appeals, we announced on July 30 that we have appealed this matter to the Ohio Supreme Court. Although we do not seek to prolong the litigation or its costs needlessly, the Board of Directors believes that a review by the Ohio Supreme Court of the substantial judgment that has been entered against us is warranted.

In sharing information with you, we have tried to balance our strong desire for transparency with the need to protect ACS interests in the litigation. At this time, we do not know when or if the Supreme Court will review the case, but we will continue to keep you posted on this important matter.

With regard to the financial health of the Society, the chair of the Budget and Finance Committee (B&F) will provide more details of the Probable #1 2010 budget results. Today I want to salute the conscientious work on the part of staff and governance to manage our finances, which allows us to expect to end 2010 with a result favorable to the approved budget.

At this meeting, the Board took several actions, including the following:

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve nominations for the 2011 Perkin Medal and the National Science Board Public Service Award. The Board also approved a new ACS award.
- On the recommendation of the ACS Governing Board for Publishing, the Board VOTED to approve the re-appointment of two journal editors and the appointment of a new editor.
- On the recommendation of B&F, the Board VOTED to approve an advance member registration fee of \$355 for national meetings held in 2011.
- The Board also considered three program funding requests, and on B&F recommendation, VOTED to approve funding in the Society's 2011 approved budget for the following: the *ACS Global Research Experiences, Exchanges and*

Training (GREET) program; the State Government Affairs Program; and Department of Professional Education program

As you all know, 2011 will be the International Year of Chemistry. As a Society, we have been collaborating with and will cooperate with other chemistry societies for this worldwide celebration. As Councilors, you can play an important role in calling attention to the value and contributions of chemistry. Please work with your local sections and divisions to expand your efforts in honor of IYC 2011. Ideas and opportunities for participation can be found at www.acs.org/iyc2011.

Thank you for all you do as ACS leaders. The ideas, energy and engagement of our members, represented by the volunteer leaders in this room, make ACS a very special and powerful organization. Please don't hesitate to send me your comments, concerns and ideas.