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Chair, ACS Board of Directors
Oral Report to Council
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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. On the recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to approve the Society's nominees for the 2018 *Perkin* Medal, and the 2018 National Science Board Public Service Award.

On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications and an Editor Selection Committee, the Board voted to approve the appointments and reappointments of several editors-in-chief for ACS journals.

After a report from the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2018; and I am pleased to announce that the Board voted to authorize two new program funding requests: an *ACS Online Course in Laboratory Safety* and a *New Faculty Workshop Series*.

The Board also held a discussion with officers and members of the board of directors of the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE) on what governance participation might look like at the organizations' annual meetings, possible meetings between ACS and NOBCChE at the ACS Leadership Institute, dual membership between both organizations, strategic alliance of student chapters at the local section and regional levels, and ACS Board participation at NOBCChE Annual Conferences.

Lastly, the ACS strategic plan is what helps guides our direction as a society, and informs our discussions. As a resource to Councilors, cards describing the ACS Strategic Plan are available on the resource table at the back of the room.

Madam President, this completes my report.