

Council Oral Report

ACS President-Elect (San Francisco, CA)

Good morning fellow Councilors and members of governance, today I would like to focus on three areas, including two Presidential Symposia I am planning for the ACS National Meeting in Denver next year.

“Nanotechnology: Delivering on the Promise” will highlight the fascinating research, development and commercialization of nanochemistry and nanotechnology it will include sixteen senior level speakers from industry, academe, and government. Due to the multidisciplinary scope of this symposium, I am actively seeking ACS technical divisions and other technical societies to be co-sponsors. Please take the Save the Date card that was on your chair and mark this event for this meeting.

The second symposium on “Chemistry without Borders,” cosponsored with the ACS International Activities Committee, will provide perspectives on characteristics of the ‘global-readiness’ of the chemistry graduate in the U.S. and worldwide. Speakers include senior-level chemical professionals from industry, academe, and government.

Secondly, I’m delighted to support the new American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT) as a **charter member**. Benefits of AACT membership are described in my written report to Council. I encourage you to 1) spread the word about AACT, 2) become a charter member yourself at teachchemistry.org and/or sponsor a local teacher’s membership in AACT. You will hear much more about this organization from SOCED Chair Andy Jorgensen during his report.

Finally, I have begun discussions on how to increase the value of ACS to industrial scientists. Just one activity includes promoting industry roundtables for various sectors such as energy, biotech, and small business. These bring together leaders from key companies, and provide them with a forum to discuss issues of mutual concern. ACS has been applying this roundtable model to the pharmaceutical industry with great success for over a decade.

It is my hope that these activities will increase the value of ACS to our current and prospective members, here in the U.S. and around the world.

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Mr. President, this concludes my report.