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Mr. President and Fellow Councilors, it's hard to believe this is my last national meeting as part of the presidential succession. While the three years have gone by extremely fast, I feel that I was able to accomplish much of what I had planned during my term.

My initiative on Science *Advocacy* continues to grow with workshops offered at all National Meetings between 2016 and 2018. This year we debuted the workshop at the regional meetings - initially at the Northwest Regional Meeting, with another to follow at the Southeast Regional Meeting this fall. To date, more than 100 ACS members have participated in the workshops. Also, this Fall I will be conducting a local section pilot with members of the Indiana Local Section.

As part of my *Communicating Science with the General Public* initiative and in collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry and the German Chemical Society, we hosted two symposia that highlighted: 1) how the value of communicating science transcends across borders and 2) the role trust plays in communicating science to the public. I also worked to create a module for speaking simply about science offered at the ACS Leadership Institute[®].

My third initiative focused on bringing together international chemical societies and communities around universal concepts, regardless of geographic location or cultural differences. We focused on chemical safety and security, environmental stewardship, and ethics in research. Working with the International Activities Committee, we developed a Global Chemists Code of Ethics and associated training materials endorsed by the ACS Board of Directors. It is currently being used as a framework for adoption by international institutions for a baseline of conduct. I am also working on building the online tools to help ACS members and their communities affected by disasters, obtain the resources needed to recover. To that end, I plan to have both a policy and process in place by the end of the year that will enable our ACS local sections and their communities to recover after a disaster.

Finally, I have enjoyed getting out and engaging with our members. Wherever I go, I have been warmly welcomed. I've had the opportunity to learn about all the impact that our members are having locally, to see our ACS communities come together after natural disasters, and rally for diversity and inclusion. Your enthusiasm for chemistry and our profession gives me great hope for our future.

It has been a great honor to serve such a wonderful Society. The experience has enriched me in ways I never could have imagined. I want to thank everyone for their support and guidance over these past three years and I look forward to serving the Society and its members in the future.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.