

Pat N. Confalone - Chair, ACS Board of Directors
Oral Report to Council
Wednesday, March 16, 2016

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.

The Board is committed to continuously improve its effectiveness in the service of ACS, both as individual board members, and as a collective body. Therefore, our discussions included a careful consideration of Board development activities, including topics for a facilitated retreat in June. In addition, we focused on strengthening the process we use for the discussion of key strategic issues as well as streamlining and simplifying various activities of the Board.

The Board received input and discussed reports from several of its committees, and was briefed on the current and planned activities of the Presidential Succession. We also received a report from our Executive Director and CEO Tom Connelly, who will brief Council next on the state of the ACS, membership activities, and new programs.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve an endowment to support the E. Bright Wilson Award in Spectroscopy.

Also, on the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards the Board voted to approve language to be included in the guiding documents for the National Awards and Fellows Program to allow for the rescission of national awards and the ACS Fellows designations where reasonable grounds exist.

The Board received an extensive briefing and approved several recommendations from its Committee on Executive Compensation. As you know, the compensation of the Society's executive staff receives regular review from the Board.

On the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve reappointments of two Editors-in-Chief for ACS journals.

Lastly, I want to bring your attention to the small wallet cards that were placed on your chairs this morning. Please take with you the *2016 ACS Strategic Plan and Beyond*. This guiding document outlines the vision and mission of our Society, and details our core values and our goals. I highly encourage you to spend a moment – not now please – reading the plan and learning how ACS is working for you. Thank you.

Madam President, this completes my report.