

Oral Report to Council
Pat N. Confalone - Chair, ACS Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 19th, 2015

Madam President and Members of Council:

At this meeting, the ACS Board of Directors considered a number of key strategic issues and responded with several actions. The Board received and discussed reports from its Executive Committee, the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, and the Governing Board for Publishing.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards and of the Committee on Public Relations and Communications, the Board voted to approve a Society nominee for the National Science Board Public Service Award. On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards and of the Committee on Younger Chemists, the Board voted to approve a Society nominee for the 2016 Alan T. Waterman Award. The Board voted to approve the reappointment of an Editor-in-Chief for an ACS journal, on the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications.

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee to \$415 for national meetings held in 2016; to authorize a new program funding request for the ACS Festival Series program; and to reauthorize funding for the ACS Science Coaches program.

Dr. Tom Connelly, the Executive Director and CEO and his direct reports updated the Board on the activities of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), the ACS Publications Division, and the Society's Secretary and General Counsel. The Board heard reports from members of the Presidential Succession on their current and planned activities for 2016. As part of its ongoing commitment to consider the most important strategic issues facing the Society, the Board held a discussion evaluating the health and strength of local sections and divisions.

Lastly, I want to bring your attention to the flyers that were placed on your chairs this morning. The ACS Member Insurance Program and Lloyds of London are providing an Educators Legal Liability insurance plan for chemists in the academic field. This new plan will help educators protect against risks within the classrooms and labs and for some community outreach activities. I encourage you to review the flyer and inquire as to whether this plan might be appropriate for you. Thank you.

Madam President, this completes my report.