

COUNCILOR REPORT
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The following is the summary of councilor report to the section on key actions of the ACS Council and Board of Directors at the 2014 spring national meeting.

1. **Election Results for President-Elect, 2015:** By electronic ballot, the Council selected Peter K. Dorhout and William A. Lester, Jr. as candidates for 2015 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
2. **Candidates for Directors-at-Large:** The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2015-2017 term: Dawn A. Brooks, William F. Carroll, Jr., Barbara A. Sawrey, and Ellen B. Stechel. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among those candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10, 2014.
3. The Council voted to set the member dues for 2015 at the fully escalated rate of \$158. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.
4. **Changes in Local Section Territory:** On recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities, the Council voted to approve the petition from the North Jersey Section to include the area of the former Monmouth County Section in its territory, effective immediately.
5. **New International Chemical Sciences Chapter:** On recommendation of the Committee on International Activities and subject to the concurrence of the Board of Directors, the Council voted to approve petitions to charter the South Korea International Chemical Sciences Chapter and the Malaysia International Chemical Sciences Chapter.

6. **Budget and Finance Committee:** In 2013, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$15.1 million, which was \$2.0 million favorable to the budget. This represents the Society's tenth consecutive year of positive operating results. Total revenue was \$490.5 million, which was \$8.8 million (or 1.8%) lower than budget, and essentially flat when compared with 2012. The result was largely attributable to cost containment measures throughout the ACS. Unrestricted Net Assets rebounded in 2013, rising to \$207 million, and more than doubling from the 2012 level.
7. **Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA):** Findings from the ACS 2013 New Graduate Survey have been compiled and reveal troubling news: overall unemployment among new graduates rose from 12.6% in 2012 to 14.9% in 2013. This is primarily due to the high unemployment among recent Bachelor's degree chemists.
8. **Meetings and Expositions (M&E):** The ACS spring national meeting had attracted 13,680 registrants, including 6,853 regular attendees and 5,140 students. The meeting had 10,050 papers presented.
9. **Constitution and Bylaws (C&B):** In Fall 2013, C&B announced a new optional process for expedited bylaw reviews, offering limited customization but faster than the current three month turnaround. C&B has now created a new, easier way for local sections and divisions to prepare bylaw revisions for C&B review. They are not as restrictive as those permitted through the expedited process. After a unit indicates its willingness to update its bylaws, C&B would then offer to create a first draft of proposed bylaws changes for consideration by the unit. Alternatively, the unit may still propose its own draft changes for C&B review.
10. **Chemical Safety (CCS):** CCS has published its first-ever Safety Alert concerning the Rainbow Demonstration, in *Chemical and Engineering News*, March 17, 2014. Please avoid doing this demonstration.
11. The Board held a discussion on operational issues relating to virtual versus face-to-face committee meetings, the appropriate detail and format of information presented to the Board and committee members, and the proper length of committee meetings.

12. ACS will launch the recently approved American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT) in September 2014, which will support K-12 teachers of chemistry by providing them with a professional home that addresses and is responsive to their needs; and the activities.

13. Madeleine Jacobs, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, on March 6 announced her plan to retire at the end of the year.