

**SUMMARY OF GOVERNANCE ACTIONS**  
**American Chemical Society**  
**246th ACS National Meeting**  
**Indianapolis, Indiana**  
**September 8-12, 2013**

[Note that there were no petitions to amend the ACS Constitution or Bylaws up for action at this meeting, nor were there any presented for consideration (first reading).]

**ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Election Results**

- The Council elected five councilors to a three-year term on the **Committee on Committees** beginning in 2014.
- The Council elected four councilors to a three-year term on the **Council Policy Committee** (the Executive Committee of the Council) beginning in 2014. One of these was Harmon B. Abrahamson, the councilor representing the Red River Valley Section.
- The Council elected five councilors to a three-year term on the **Committee on Nominations and Elections** beginning in 2014.

**Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors**

- The candidates for the fall 2013 ACS national election were announced. All ACS members can vote for President-Elect.

**Candidates for President-Elect, 2014**

Dr. G. Bryan Balazs, Associate Program Leader, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Livermore, CA

Dr. Charles E. Kolb, Jr., President and CEO, Aerodyne Research Inc., Billerica, MA

Dr. Diane Grob Schmidt, Section Head R&D, The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH

- Candidates were also announced for Directors-at-Large (elected by councilors) and Directors for Districts II and IV, all for 2014-2016. The Red River Valley Section is in District V, and we elected a director last year.

**Committee Reviews**

- As part of a regular committee performance review, the Council voted to continue the Committee on International Activities and the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols.

**Committee Charters Approved**

- The Council voted to approve amendments to the charters of the committees on International Activities and on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols.

**Realignment of Electoral Districts**

- ACS Bylaws require that the six electoral districts – from which six directors are elected to the ACS Board of Directors – be balanced in their total member populations. The Council voted to approve a proposal by the Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E) to realign these districts. The realignment meets the specified criteria for redistricting as required by Bylaw V, Section 4a and brings all six districts within permissible population range. This change takes place in 2014 and does not affect the 2013 national ACS elections. You may visit the N&E website to look at the actual proposal and its impact. (The Red River Valley Section remains in District V.) This district realignment has no impact on which regional meeting(s) sections choose to support.

**Meeting Registration Report**

- As of the morning of September 11, 2013, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 10,840 registrants, including 6,630 regular attendees and 2,584 students.

**Local Sections**

- The Council voted, on the recommendation of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC), to approve a request from the Syracuse Local Section to change its name to the Central New York Local Section. Council also approved a recommendation from LSAC that the Monmouth County Local Section (in New Jersey) be dissolved, effective January 1, 2014, due to a decline in activity over the last several years. The North Jersey Local Section has contacted LSAC and will submit a petition in 2014 to annex the Monmouth County territory.

**Divisions**

- After much debate, a proposed name change for the Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry to the Division of Colloids, Surfaces, and Nanomaterials was defeated by the Council in a close vote.

On a personal note, I was inducted as part of the 2013 class of ACS Fellows during a ceremony on Monday, September 9, along with 95 other ACS members. This represents the fifth year that Fellows of the American Chemical Society have been selected. I was nominated for the honor by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B).

In addition, in Indianapolis I closed out eight years of service on C&B, during the last three of which I served as chair of the committee. (Standing and elected committees of the council have term limits for continuous service, both for membership and chairing.) As noted above, I was elected to the Council Policy Committee for a three-year term, so I will continue my involvement in the governance of the Society at the national level, while continuing to represent the Red River Valley in the Council. If anyone has questions about how the ACS functions at the national level, please feel free to contact me at [harmon.abrahamson@und.edu](mailto:harmon.abrahamson@und.edu).

Sincerely,



Harmon B. Abrahamson