

Boston, MA
August 19, 2007

Meeting started at 5:25pm.

Attending: Vera Mainz, Paul Jones, Joe Jeffers, Roger Egolf, Ben Chastain, Carmen Giunta, Mary Virginia Orna, Jeff Seeman

Visitor: Dale Gaddy (ACS)

1. Minutes of Spring 2007 meeting: Vera Mainz

- a) Approved via email on October 22, 2007, and posted to the HIST website.

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Vera Mainz

- a) Budget and finances. See Attachment 1 for summary of finances (as of October 15, 2007). As of last report, Division finances are stable and we are increasing our non-obligated funds. The obligated funds indicate continued success in winning grants through the Innovative Program Grant system.
- b) Jeff Seeman reported on the Edelstein Award funding. With the increased allocation from ACS and \$2000/year from CHF (Akua Asiamah-Andrade at CHF is our contact), we should be able to provide the award if funding from Mrs. Barish does not come through. Jeff also recommended that someone else in HIST take over the negotiation with Mrs. Barish.
- c) Jeff Seeman asked how much the allocation would change based upon number of attendees. Ben said they were working on a new percentage formula, as well as fixing the issue of co-sponsoring symposia, not just co-listing. The allocation percentage will be readjusted next year, giving the last year of increases in the allocation. After that, increasing membership in the Division would probably increase the allocation more than increased attendance at the national meetings.
- d) Website update – Vera Mainz acknowledged she has fallen behind in updates in several areas. Committees will need updating soon, and she has plans for a picture page, where photos of interest can be posted. Suitable captions should be provided with any pictures. All of the articles in v31 of the *Bulletin* have copyright releases, as do all Dexter, Edelstein, and OPA papers. Links to these articles will be posted. After discussion, it was the consensus of the committee that Vera post all past *Bulletin* articles, and post the *Bulletin* covers as thumbnails. That is, *Bulletin* articles should be posted to the website approximately one year after print publication.

3. Reports from Councilors – see Attachment 2.

- a) Ben Chastain – Ben has been attending DAC meetings for the last few days. Both HIST Innovative Grant proposals were funded – Mary Virginia Orna's proposal on *Women Chemists in the Inventor's Hall of Fame: Telling Their Stories* (\$7500) and Jeff Seeman's proposal on *Outreach and Professional Education and Diversity: Involvement of ACS Local Sections in Divisional Activities* (\$5000). 26 proposals were received and 17 funded. DAC spent time discussing strategic planning and the question of providing one day strategic planning sessions at the beginning or end of national meetings. There

was some discussion of websites and the type of support DAC could provide to Divisions. It seemed clear that the intent is to make as much staff time available to divisions as is necessary to get things done. Sept. 30th is the rollout of the new acs.org website. This will be a major change in the website and how services are offered via the website.

- b) Given that Ben will be rotating off as councilor at the end of this year, there was a discussion of whether Carmen Giunta should try to get on DAC. Carmen has also been invited to be an observer on the Nomenclature committee. Recommendations for committee service will be made at this meeting by Committee on Committees. Carmen won't hear about opportunities until early next year. Carmen made a recommendation that the Executive Committee thank Ben for all his service. This was unanimously approved.
- c) Mary Virginia Orna – Mary Virginia is rotating off CONC. She is running for the Council Policy Committee (CPC). Jan Hayes is currently chair of CPC. If Mary Virginia doesn't win election to CPC, she will request an assignment on DAC.

4. HIST Programming: Joe Jeffers – See Attachment 3.

- a) Joe noted that we should change the date of the New Orleans meeting to Apr. 6-10 on Attachment 3.
- b) The Edelstein Dinner will be at a new location – physically next door to the original restaurant (which has gone out of business). There was a discussion about a small subsidy for new restaurant and this was approved.
- c) Joe noted there will be a Business meeting Monday at 8:30am.
- d) The *Citations* symposium scheduled for New Orleans has been cancelled. Other symposia at New Orleans are *Women Chemists in the National Inventors Hall of Fame* (1/2 day) and the Stocker symposium (1 day). This would allow us to hold Sunday for strategic planning. The Baekeland symposium for Philadelphia is off unless we can find an organizer.
- e) In a previous Executive Committee meeting we have discussed focusing on a few regional meetings. Money involved would be a HIST subsidy (\$500) plus See and Be Seen money (\$1500) and set up for two years. This would give the program chair \$2000 to distribute over two years. Then we can evaluate the program and see if we want to continue it. LSAC has \$500 grants for Chemistry Café and we could coordinate with the regional meeting program chair and try to get one of our speakers do that at the regional meeting.
- f) Next year is Joe's fourth year of service as program chair. He will then rotate off as Program Chair. The suggestion was that whoever is targeted to take Joe's place should shadow Joe for a year and then rotate into the program chair position. Both Tom Strom and Seth Rasmussen were mentioned as possibilities. Keith Kostecka was mentioned as a possible program chair for regional meetings. Gary Patterson might also be available for one of these jobs.
- g) During his tenure, Joe has chaired every general session. He recommends that we should look for volunteers to help with this duty. Either the new program chair should plan to provide their own laptop for use at all HIST sessions at national meetings (the HIST laptop died a few years ago) or HIST needs to buy a new one. Even if the new program

chair doesn't continue to chair every general session, they will need to be available to help with computer problems.

- h) Mary Virginia reported that she has a commitment from three of the four living women in the National Inventors Hall of Fame -- Patsy Sherman, Helen Free, and Edith Flanigen. Stephanie Kwolek won't travel and so is unavailable. Mary Virginia has speakers for three other papers. Mary Virginia has received an invitation to give a paper at a history of chemistry conference in Florence on women. She sent in a proposal similar to the one sent to ACS and it was accepted. Her talk will become a 16 page paper translated into Italian and going into conference proceedings. There was a discussion on whether she could publish an English version in the *Bulletin*. The committee consensus was yes. Mary Virginia also plans to develop the presentation into an ACS tour speaker's talk.
- i) There was some discussion about encouraging those chemists who are members of HIST but not members of the ACS to join the ACS.
- j) It was noted that four divisions were started in 1908: I&EC, Organic, Ag and Food, Fertilizer, and Physical and Inorganic. Both Physical and Inorganic date themselves to 1908 since they are the successors to the joint division. The only original division that no longer exists is Fertilizer, so five divisions (I&EC, Physical, Inorganic, Organic, and Ag and Food) are having 100th anniversaries in 2008. They should coordinate their historical programming with Joe.

5. Report from the *Bulletin* Editor: Paul Jones

- a) Volume 32(2) is currently with the graphic artist. This issue is unusual in that Jeff Seeman and Jim Bohning (HIST 85th Anniversary Symposium organizers) served as guest editors. There are four papers from the symposium (Jim Bohning, Jeff Seeman, Carmen Giunta, Paul Jones) in this issue. Jeff Seeman wrote a short introduction to the symposium papers, which is dedicated to E. F. Smith and C. E. Browne. The cover features the HIST logo. Other papers include Ute Deichman (from the San Francisco Edelstein symposium), plus two other papers, 6-7 book reviews, and one-half page for Ambix. The issue also includes the HIST mission statement.
- b) Budget – The University of Michigan charges about \$1000/yr for mailing and postage. We have picked up about five new library subscriptions. After discussion with Vera, we decided to double the charge for back issues to \$20 each plus postage (at the previous \$10/issue you could buy back issues for less than a library subscription). Vera will contact the UMich Scholarly group about putting the *Bulletin* online.
- c) Edelstein award papers will be in v33(1).

6. Report from Archivist and Historian: Jim Bohning – no report.

7. Awards and related programs

See 2(b), above, for discussion on Edelstein Award funding.

8. Report from Chair: Roger Egolf

Roger plans to attend the Division Summit Nov. 2-4, 2007. This was viewed as a good opportunity in view of our intent to undergo a strategic planning exercise at the New Orleans meeting, see 11a), below.

9. Report from Chair Elect: Jan Hayes

Jan noted that she believes the strategic planning exercise would be a good use of division resources. She noted that members drawn from the Executive Committee should form the core of the strategic planning group, but that we should bring in a couple of representatives from those who will be the future of the Division. We serve two populations – historians and the users of history. We need to try to put together a strategic planning group that encompasses both populations.

Jan sees her function as chair elect to clearly define where HIST wants to go in service to those two populations. She is convinced that if they knew what the Division was doing they would want to be part of it.

10. Report from Past Chair: Jeff Seeman.

- a) As Arnold Thackray is retiring from CHF, it would be appropriate for HIST to sponsor a symposium for Arnold at a future meeting.
- b) Jeff received 50 nominations for Citations last year. The final list of awardees will be ready in a couple weeks. Some issues that have come up include writing the nomination without the citation, a problem with size of last three plaques (they were replaced for free), and whether we should continue awarding ten/year or drop down to 6 or 8/yr. The consensus was that Jeff should make this choice. Jeff needs to send Vera a new nomination form for the HIST website.
- c) Jeff is now on CHF Heritage Council.
- d) Jeff is receiving a distinguished service award from his local section and he believes this is because of his HIST work. The Executive Committee offered their congratulations.

11. New Business

a) Strategic Planning: Dale Gaddy (ACS).

The ACS Board of Directors has just finished their strategic plan and believe all the components of the ACS (divisions and sections, etc.) should also develop a strategic plan. Whether to participate in the process designed by the ACS is up to the Divisions. ACS needs a four month lead time if they plan to use ACS resources. Dale stated that the process being used is a good one and includes the identification of goals and necessary actions to achieve those goals. Dale believes that division goals are spelled out in their bylaws. Jeff noted that HIST has already developed a mission statement. A Vision statement would concentrate on what happens during a three year plan. The Vision statement should be more than the current chair's to do list.

If HIST decides to use the ACS Strategic Planning services, we would pick a site (ACS has one in the Washington DC area they recommend). ACS brings in the audiovisual equipment. ACS recommends 13 contact hours with the strategic planning team over two days. An abbreviated 8 hr. version over one day is also available. As to location, if using the abbreviated version there is an option of adding it on to the front end or back end of ACS national meetings. Dale recommended that there be 12-15 participants in the meeting, and these shouldn't be necessarily from the executive committee. ACS recommends having a range of Division members attend, such as a recent member as well as some who have been in the division for a

while. ACS would do a survey of participants and can do a needs assessment (free from ACS) of members via email – this is free only to those going through the strategic planning session using ACS. The plan that emerges would be presented to the board (i.e., executive committee) for approval to send out to the full membership. Once goals are articulated task forces would be formed to work on implementing each of the goals. ACS recommends three or four goals aside from programming for national meetings, such as those things necessary to improve division and member aims. Wording comes from the participants. ACS is also available for follow-up work.

There was one small division (Chemistry and the Law - CHAL) of the eleven Dale has worked with. They have worked with groups comprising as few as 8 participants or as many as 20 during the strategic planning sessions.

Jeff Seeman brought up the problem of paying for the travel if using the Washington DC site. HIST does not have the resources to subsidize travel for 5-6 people. This led to a discussion of using the option of the abbreviated version during a national meeting.

Jeff Seeman said several years ago John Katz told him ACS would run a survey for needs assessment if we designed the questionnaire. Roger and Jan went to a training session earlier this year and came away with a positive idea of the strategic planning process. The basic problem is the cost to the Division. One possibility would be to build it into the budget gradually in order not to take such a big hit. Dale left around this time to get to another meeting.

Mary Virginia noted that the agenda items brought forward in Executive Committee meetings by Jeff Seeman form the core of strategic planning. What are the chances of HIST being able to tackle these questions on our own? Jeff Seeman also believes we've been doing strategic planning for the last three years. HIST has been making very specific changes in our policies. Vera Mainz asked if ACS would share the needs assessment survey in order to send out the survey to our members. Mary Virginia would like to have the chance to have the richness of other inputs and is therefore in favor of using the ACS to guide the process. Joe Jeffers noted that New Orleans programming is light so we might be able to work for that date.

After discussion, a consensus was reached that we would find the strategic planning process valuable, that it should be done sooner rather than later, and that we would like to be one of the groups doing an abbreviated strategic planning session during the New Orleans meeting. Based on Joe Jeffers' recommendation, we initially planned to request Sunday. Given that there are a limited number of slots for New Orleans, Mary Virginia was asked to find Mr. Gaddy's cellphone number in order to reserve one of those slots, hopefully for Sunday.

b) National Chemistry Week

Mary Virginia Orna is on the committee for National Chemistry Week. The theme for 2009 is the periodic table. She asked for suggestions for activities for NCW centered on this theme.

Attachments

Attachment 1: 2007 Budget Summary plus Income/Expense Details

Attachment 2: Reports from Councilors

Attachment 3: Programming Report

2007 Budget Summary

	Projected Income	Actual Income	Source	Specific Items	Projected Expense	Projected Net	Actual Expense	Actual Net
General								
	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,230.63	ACS Allocation	Abstracts	\$ (1,500.00)		\$ (1,716.56)	
	\$ 100.00	\$ 169.58	Royalties	Officer Travel	\$ (1,300.00)		\$ (738.80)	
	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,449.04	Councilor Travel Reimbursements	Councilor Travel Expense	\$ (4,600.00)		\$ (5,111.03)	
	\$ 500.00	\$ 935.67	Interest/Dividends	General Office	\$ (250.00)		\$ (42.64)	
		\$ 750.00	Donations	Election	\$ (150.00)		\$ (840.88)	
		\$ 845.00	Other Inc (HIST 85th Birthday)	Invest Exp	\$ (150.00)		\$ (150.00)	
				Certificate of Appreciation	\$ (150.00)			
				Division Leaders Conference				
				Audio Visual				
				Guest Registrations				
				Other Exp (HIST 85th Birthday)			\$ (1,125.00)	
SubTotal	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 16,379.92			\$ (8,100.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (9,724.91)	\$ 6,655.01
Bulletin for the History of Chemistry								
	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 14,081.96	ACS Dues	Production, mailing	\$ (13,000.00)		\$ (11,427.65)	
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 793.00	Subscriptions/Backissues					
SubTotal	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 14,874.96			\$ (13,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (11,427.65)	\$ 3,447.31
2007 Edelstein Award								
	\$ 3,500.00		Ruth Barish Donation -2007	Award 2006	\$ (3,500.00)		\$ (3,500.00)	
	\$ 2,000.00		CHF	Plaque	\$ (340.00)		\$ (390.00)	
		\$ 199.22	Edelstein Emergency Fund	Edelstein Emergency Fund	\$ (2,000.00)			
		\$ 604.92	Edelstein Dinner Tickets	Edelstein Lunch	\$ (80.00)		\$ (1,946.75)	
				Guest Registrations	\$ (500.00)			
				Committee supplies				
				Speaker Travel			\$ (270.00)	
SubTotal	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 804.14			\$ (6,420.00)	\$ (920.00)	\$ (6,106.75)	
Outstanding Paper Award								
	\$ 250.00		Donation	Award	\$ (100.00)			
				Plaque	\$ (110.00)			
				Mailing (2006 award)			\$ (16.05)	
SubTotal	\$ 250.00	\$ -			\$ (210.00)	\$ 40.00	\$ (16.05)	

HIST Citation for Chemical Breakthroughs*			Reserves from 2004, 2005 ACS Corporation Associates	2007 plaques	\$ (2,000.00)		\$ (1,246.00)	
SubTotal	\$ -	\$ -			\$ (2,000.00)		\$ (1,246.00)	
See & Be Seen Program**			Stop Gap Funding 2001	In reserve for future S&BS programming			\$ -	
SubTotal	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Presidential Symposium 2007***			\$ 6,000.00 Pres. Katie Hunt, CAS F07	Presidential Symp. Spr07	\$ (5,000.00)		\$ (5,816.57)	
		\$ 0.16	Refund overpayment	Presidential Symp. F07			\$ (840.01)	
SubTotal	\$ -	\$ 6,000.16			\$ (5,000.00)	\$ -	\$ (6,656.58)	
Stop Gap Funding****			Stop Gap Funding 2002	In reserve			\$ -	
SubTotal	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Archives IPGA			IPGA 2006	Bohning travel - CHF			\$ (768.26)	
SubTotal	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	\$ -	\$ (768.26)	
Landmark III			\$ 3,209.32 ECI Section Grant	Speaker Travel/Registration	\$ (2,500.00)		\$ (3,129.42)	
SubTotal	\$ -	\$ 3,209.32			\$ (2,500.00)		\$ (3,129.42)	
Total	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 41,268.50			\$ (34,730.00)	\$ (6,380.00)	\$ (39,075.62)	\$ 2,192.88

*Citations Program Awarded \$6000 IPGA in 2004, \$2000 Donation 2005, \$4000 from ACS Corporation Associates
Available funds as of 10/15/07 \$8985.00

**See & Be Seen Program - \$1500 still available from 2001 Stopgap Funding

***MVO Symposium series awarded \$5000 IPGA in 2005, \$7500 in 2006, \$6000 in 2007 (Pres K Hunt)
Available funds as of 10/15/07 \$6843.58, to be used for National Inventors Hall of Fame DVD

****StopGap Funding - \$3600 in reserve from 2002

*****IPGA Archives - \$5000 awarded in 2006; Available funds as of 10/15/07 \$4231.74

TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS as of 10/15/07

\$ 8,985.00
\$ 6,843.58
\$ 4,231.74
\$ 1,500.00
\$ 3,600.00
\$ 25,160.32

BANK BALANCE as of 10/15/07 **\$ 47,366.46**

TOTAL UNOBLIGATED FUNDS as of 10/15/07
\$ 22,206.14

INCOME -- 10/15/2007		Projected Income	Actual Income
	Source	2007	2007
General	ACS Allocation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,230.63
	Royalties	\$ 100.00	\$ 169.58
	Councilor Trav. Reimbursement	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,449.04
	Donations	\$ -	\$ 750.00
	ACS Invest Pool	\$ 400.00	\$ 499.88
	Other Inc.		
	Interest	\$ 100.00	\$ 435.79
	HIST 85th Birthday Dinner		\$ 845.00
	Total	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 16,379.92
Bulletin for the History of Chemistry			
	Dues	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 14,081.96
	Subscription and Back Issues	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 793.00
	Total	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 14,874.96
Sidney M. Edelstein Award			
	Ruth Barish Donation -2007 Award	\$ 3,500.00	
	Edelstein Emergency Fund	\$ -	\$ 199.22
	CHF Support 2007	\$ 2,000.00	
	Edelstein Dinner tickets	\$ -	\$ 604.92
	Total	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 804.14
2007 Outstanding Paper Award			
	Donation	\$ 250.00	
	Total	\$ 250.00	
Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs*			
	Award	\$ -	
	Total	\$ -	
See & Be Seen Program**			
		\$ -	
	Total	\$ -	

****Archives IPGA - \$5000 received in 2006			

EXPENSES -- 10/15/2007		Projected Expense	Actual Expense	Projected Net	Actual Net
	Disbursement	2007	2007	2007	2007
General	Abstracts/Separates	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,716.56)		
	Officer Travel	\$ (1,300.00)	\$ (738.80)		
	Councilor Travel Travel Expense	\$ (4,600.00)	\$ (5,111.03)		
	Office Supplies	\$ (250.00)	\$ (42.64)		
	Election (Total \$893.18)	\$ (150.00)	\$ (840.88)		
	Div Leaders Conf				
	Cert. Apprec.	\$ (150.00)			
	Invest Exp	\$ (150.00)	\$ (150.00)		
	Audio Visual				
	Guest Registrations				
	Other Exp				
	HIST 85th Birthday Dinner (Szechwan Spring 07)		\$ (1,125.00)		
	Total	\$ (8,100.00)	\$ (9,724.91)		
Bulletin for the History of Chemistry					
	Production, printing, mailing	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ (11,427.65)		
	Total	\$ (13,000.00)	\$ (11,427.65)		
Sidney M. Edelstein Award					
	Award	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (3,500.00)		
	Award plaque	\$ (340.00)	\$ (390.00)		
	Award Lunch Unreimbursed**	\$ (80.00)	\$ (1,946.75)		
	Guest Registrations	\$ (500.00)			
	Office Expense				
	Edelstein Emergency Fund	\$ (2,000.00)			
	Speaker Travel (2006 Edelstein)		\$ (270.00)		
	Total	\$ (6,420.00)	\$ (6,106.75)		
2006 Outstanding Paper Award					
	Award	\$ (100.00)			
	Award Plaque	\$ (110.00)			
	USPS Mail plaque 2006		\$ (16.05)		
	Total	\$ (210.00)	\$ (16.05)		
Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs					
	Award Plaques	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (1,246.00)		
	Total	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (1,246.00)		
See & Be Seen Program					

	grant				
	Total				
Presidential Symp 2007					
		\$ (5,000.00)			
	Sengupta Spring 07		\$ (1,144.08)		
	Dzozier Spring 07		\$ (874.86)		
	Goldwhite Spring 07		\$ (935.00)		
	Martin Spring 07		\$ (714.73)		
	MVO Dinner for speakers		\$ (629.25)		
	Albright Spring 07		\$ (1,235.66)		
	Hamlin Spring 07		\$ (282.99)		
	Total Spring 07		\$ (5,816.57)		
	Lawlor CAS Fall 07	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ (840.01)		
	Total Fall 07		\$ (840.01)		
	Total		\$ (6,656.58)		
StopGap Funding					
	MARM 2006	\$ -			
	Total	\$ -			
Archives - IPGA					
	Travel - Bohning	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (768.26)		
	Total	\$ -	\$ (768.26)		
Landmark III Symposium (Spring 2007)					
	Denmark registration	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (155.00)		
	Edwards reg and travel		\$ (1,112.26)		
	Leddy registration	\$ -	\$ (320.00)		
	Busch travel		\$ (174.80)		
	Archer travel		\$ (600.00)		
	Enke travel		\$ (767.36)		
	Total		\$ (3,129.42)	\$ 79.90	
	TOTALS	\$ (35,730.00)	\$ (39,075.62)	\$ 2,192.88	

**Report of Councilors, Division of the History of Chemistry
ACS National Meeting, Chicago, IL
August 22, 2007**

Election Results

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to Council the following slate of nominees for membership on the Committee on Committees beginning in 2008: Gary D. Anderson, Ken B. Anderson, Lawrence Barton, Lissa A. Dulany, Alan M. Ehrlich, Jürgen H. Exner, Roland F. Hirsch, Pamela D. Kistler, Larry K. Krannich, Will E. Lynch, Ean Warren, and Mark W. Wicholas. By written ballot the Council elected Ken B. Anderson, Lawrence Barton, Lissa A. Dulany, Larry K. Krannich, and Will E. Lynch for the 2008-2010 term; and Roland F. Hirsch for the remainder of a 2006-2008 term.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to Council the following slate of nominees for membership on the Council Policy Committee beginning in 2008: Rita R. Boggs, Dwight W. Chasar, Joseph A. Heppert, William R. Oliver, Mary V. Orna, Dorothy J. Phillips, Yorke E. Rhodes, Kathleen M. Schulz, Peter J. Stang, and H. David Wohlers. By written ballot the Council elected Mary V. Orna, Dorothy J. Phillips, Yorke E. Rhodes, Kathleen M. Schulz for the 2008-2010 term; and Peter J. Stang for the remainder of a 2006-2008 term.
- The Council Policy Committee presented to the Council the following slate of nominees for membership on the Committee on Nominations and Elections for the 2008-2010 term: V. Dean Adams, David E. Bergbreiter, Frank D. Blum, William H. Daly, Carol A. Duane, Ruth A. Hathaway, Cynthia K. McClure, Scott D. Rychnovsky, Arlyne M. Sarquis, and Pamela J. Shapiro. By written ballot the Council elected Frank D. Blum, Carol A. Duane, Ruth A. Hathaway, Arlene M. Sarquis and Pamela J. Shapiro.

Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors

- The candidates for the fall 2007 ACS national election were announced as follows:

President-Elect 2008

Thomas H. Lane, Dow Corning Corporation, Midland, MI
Howard M. Peters, Peters, Verny, LLP, Palo Alto, CA

Directors-at-Large – 2008-2010

Janan M. Hayes, (Retired) Merced College, Merced, CA
Bonnie A. Lawlor, NFAIS, Philadelphia, PA

Kent J. Voorhees, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO
 Frankie K. Wood-Black, Trihydro Corporation, Ponca City, OK

Director, District II 2008-2010

Joseph R. (Joe) Peterson, (Retired) University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
 Diane Grob Schmidt, The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH

Director, District IV 2008-2010

Eric C. Bigham, GlaxoSmithKline, Research Triangle Park, NC
 Gregory H. Robinson, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Ballots will be sent on or before October 10. HIST members are strongly encouraged to vote.

Petitions

(For Action)

- The Council VOTED to accept the Petition on Local Section Affiliations. The petition addresses a difference in current Society bylaws regarding the responsibilities of the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) and the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC) in oversight of the establishment of affiliations by local sections and divisions respectively. Responsibilities for LSAC in approving local section affiliations will now parallel those currently established for DAC. To be valid, the petition next must be confirmed by the Board of Directors in 90 days.

(For Consideration)

- The Council received three Petitions for consideration: Petition on Election Procedures for President-Elect and District Director, Petition on Local Section and Division Election Procedures, and the Petition on Membership Categories and Requirements. The Petition on Election Procedures for President-Elect and District Director seeks to move toward a preferential ballot, both to make the balloting procedure more uniform and to avoid the complications and expense of run-off elections. The Petition on Local Section and Division Election Procedures provides options other than run-off elections to local sections and division for resolving tie votes. The Petition on Membership Categories represents a comprehensive revision of the qualifications required for membership and for affiliate status in the Society. Action is expected on these three petitions at the 2008 spring national meeting.

Committee Review and Other Committee Changes

- As part of a regular review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols. The Council also VOTED to support the request of the Committee on Chemists with Disabilities that its status be changed from an "other committee" of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee.

- The Council VOTED to amend the acronym of the Committee on Project SEED and update the committee's charge. The acronym will be changed from "Summer Educational Experience for the Disadvantaged" to "Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged."

Governance Review – Committee Summit

- The Council Policy Committee (CPC) received a report on the activities of the Governance Review Task Force, specifically those related to the Summit on ACS Committee Structure held in July 2007. As a follow-up to this review, CPC was informed of several recommendations to be directed to the Committee on Committees, the Board of Directors, the Council Policy Committee, and to other specific committees. Recognizing its work as completed, the Council Policy Committee voted to discharge the Governance Review Task Force, with thanks, subject to the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Registration Report and 2008 National Meeting Registration Fee

- As of August 21, 2007, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 15,344 registrants. Totals in select categories are as follows: Regular attendees 8,792; Students 3,518; Guests 574; Exhibit Only 784; and Exhibitors 1,676. In keeping with the objective of the National Meeting Long Range Financial Plan, previously approved by the Board of Directors and Council, the Meetings and Expositions Committee approved an increase of ten dollars for the 2008 national meetings advanced registration fee.

The Society's Membership

- The Committee on Membership Affairs reported that as of July 2007, the ACS total membership is 1,100 ahead of that at the same date last year, and the number of unpaid members is 295 less than that at the same date last year.

Review of the Academic Professional Guidelines

- The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs submitted its latest version of the Academic Professional Guidelines for consideration. These guidelines apply to those members of the academic community whose job function impacts directly or indirectly on scientists practicing the profession of chemistry. The Council will vote on the Academic Professional Guidelines at the 2008 spring meeting in New Orleans.

Special Discussion Item

- A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda. The discussion focused on ACS policy development and advocacy efforts. ACS President Catherine (Katie) T. Hunt framed the discussion by posing three questions: 1) How can ACS encourage

more members to participate by bringing their expertise to the development of more targeted policy positions? 2) What can ACS do to increase member involvement in public policy advocacy? 3) How can ACS be a more effective leader in policy activities in the broader science and technology communities? Councilors entered into a robust exchange, offering several useful comments and suggestions. As a follow-up, President Hunt invited councilors to visit her website at www.acspresident.org for additional information.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Long Planning and Sustainability

- The Board of Directors voted to approve a revised draft of the ACS Strategic Plan with the addition of specific strategies to be executed in 2008. The Board also approved a proposal for next steps in its contingency plan. The ACS contingency plan provides a set of actions that could be undertaken if certain threats or opportunities became realities for the Society.

The Committees of the Board

- The Board received reports from its Committee on Grants and Awards, the Committee on Executive Compensation, and the Committee on Budget and Finance. On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards, the Board voted to approve Society nominees for the 2008 Perkin Medal and the 2008 Othmer Gold Medal. On the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the Pacificchem 2010 proposed budget; to include funding for a State Government Affairs Program in the budgets for 2008-2010; to defer funding for the Committee on Professional Training Workshops with Hispanic and Native American-serving Institutions from 2007 to 2008 to take full advantage of an NSF workshop to be held in September 2007; and to accept the recommendations of the Program Review Advisory Group (PRAG) subject, in some instances, to further refinements.

The Executive Director/CEO Report

- The Executive Director/CEO, along with several of her direct reports, updated the Board on the following issues: the proposed 2008 merit guideline and inflation assumption for building the 2008 budget; possible amendments to the ACS Retirement and Employee Savings Plans as recommended by the Committee on Pensions and Investments; and the activities of the Publications Division, Chemical Abstracts Service, and the Society's General Counsel. As a follow-up, the Board voted to approve the 2008 merit guideline and the inflation assumption, amendments to the ACS Retirement and Employee Savings Plans, a continuation of service for several Society journal editors, and an approval of a policy for mergers and acquisitions.

Other Society Business

- The Board received reports from its international guests and then discussed with them how their Society goals intersect with goals of the American Chemical Society. Our international guests represented the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Canadian Society for Chemistry, the German Chemical Society, the European Association for Chemical and Molecular Sciences, the Mexican Chemical Society, and FIZ Karlsruhe (Chemical Abstracts Service's STN partner).
- At its June meeting, the Board of Directors identified several strategic "mega" issues important to the future and success of the American Chemical Society and agreed to review these issues at its future meetings. At this meeting, the Board dedicated a portion of its agenda to the "mega" issue "Infrastructure" and combined its discussion with a review of the recommendations from the Summit on ACS Committee Structure, as presented by the Governance Review Task Force. After a presentation on ACS committees and their history, the Board engaged in a discussion of its role, and the role of those committees dedicated to Board initiatives needed to execute the Strategic Plan.
- The Board also received updates from two Society initiatives: the Web Presence Initiative and the ACS Leadership Development System (LDS). The newly re-invented ACS website, scheduled to launch September 30, will feature a unifying global navigation and dramatically improved user experience. The new url is www.acs.org; users who have bookmarked www.chemistry.org will be forwarded to the new site. The LDS envisions offering a full pipeline of skilled and effective ACS members ready, willing, and able to step into leadership roles in their volunteer and professional lives.

ACTIVITIES OF HIST COUNCILORS

Ben Chastain – Ben completes his twelfth year as HIST representative to Council and will retire from this position at the end of 2007. Ben has served HIST as a Liaison to the Committee on Public Relations and Communication, and as an Associate (one year) and a Member (six years) of the Divisional Activities Committee. He will be succeeded by Carmen Giunta who will begin his term (2008-2010) as HIST Councilor in January.

Mary Virginia Orna – Mary Virginia completed her six years (two successive three-year terms) on the Committee on Committee, having served for most of that time as liaison to the Committee on Publications and the Committee on Technician Affairs. As noted above, she was elected to a three-year term on the Council Policy Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Chastain
Mary Virginia Orna

August 19-23, 2007	Boston	(1) Edelstein Award Symposium Honoring Tony Travis , Tues pm (2) Landmark Chemistry Books of the Twentieth Century IV - Spectroscopy [co-sponsor: Bolton Society; CHED] (Ronald Smeltzer) Monday	(1) CAS 100th Anniversary Presidential Symposium (Mary Virginia Orna) [sponsor: PRES] Tues am (2) Wolfrom/Isbell/New Investigator Award Symposium (Waldemar Priebe)[sponsor:CARB] Sun
March 25-19, 2008	New Orleans	(1) Citation for Chemical Breakthroughs* (Jeff Seeman) ½ day (2) A Festival of Chemistry Entertainments (Jack Stocker) [co-sponsor: Bolton Society; CHED] Mon or Tues, full day (3) Women Chemists in the National Inventors' Hall of Fame: Telling Their Stories (Mary Virginia Orna)	(1) History of CINF (Bartow Culp, CINF)*
August 17-22, 2008	Philadelphia	(1)Edelstein Award, Tues am (2) 200 Years (More or Less) of Atoms in Chemistry (Carmen Giunta) (3) Landmark Chemistry Books of the Twentieth Century V – Chemical Engineering (Jim Bohning) [co-sponsor: Bolton Society; CHED] (4) Symposium to honor R. B. Woodward* (Jeff Seeman) full day (5) Leo Hendrik Baekeland and the Invention of Bakelite: 100 Years of Plastics. (Joe Jeffers)	(1) Legends of Environmental Chemistry (Victor Turoski, ENVR)
March 22-26, 2009	Salt Lake City		
August 16-20, 2009	Washington, DC	(1)Edelstein Award, Tues am	

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