

Minutes of the HIST Executive Committee meeting  
March 25, 2012  
San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina Hotel

Present: Vera Mainz, Ned Heindel, Joe Jeffers, Mary Virginia Orna, Roger Egolf, Tom Strom, Jan Hayes, Gary Patterson, Seth Rasmussen, Nick Tsarevsky

The meeting started at 5:45pm.

1. **Welcome and announcements**, Tom Strom
2. **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**, Vera Mainz
  - a. Minutes of the August 28, 2011, Executive Committee meeting were approved via email October 24, 2011. Attached are the minutes of the teleconference of October 6 and 14, 2011, approved via email October 15, 2011.
  - b. Annual Reports successfully sent in via Forms. Vera found it impossible to get into the old annual reports. Roger reported that survey shows 70% satisfaction with those using Forms.
  - c. Summary of the October teleconference (see attached), which was called to discuss a possible HIST dues increase included:
    - i. There was a consensus that the dues should not be raised unless it is proven to be necessary. There was a consensus that the postage for members/associates outside of North America should be raised from \$5 to \$10 to cover the increase in postage for the Bulletin.
    - ii. Mary Virginia requested that the additional ideas discussed at the October 6, 2011, teleconference should be added to the Spring 2012 Executive Committee meeting agenda as New Business and discussed. Tom agreed to make the additions.
    - iii. With regard to the HIST Award, the intent was to award \$1500 to the award winner, no additional travel support (unless CHF provides some funds, as it has in the past), and cover the registration for both awardee and symposium speakers. Given those parameters and the unobligated funds in the HIST account, we have no need to raise dues to support the award
  - d. Jan Hayes has set up a jury committee for the HIST Award and will report on this and the guidelines they will use to make the award. CHF has decided not to continue the donations they have made in the past in support of the Edelstein Award. Joe Lambert has offered to endow the award with up to \$30,000 (\$10,000/year for three years) invested in an income fund. During email discussions of this offer the Executive Committee agreed to allocate the \$28,705.50 currently invested in Vanguard Funds to support of the HIST Award as a match to Joe's contribution. We plan to discuss a fund drive to increase the endowment of the HIST Award using this generous offer as a springboard. See attached report.
  - e. Money for the Edelstein Travel Fund and the other money from the HIST Investment Pool were invested in two separate Vanguard Funds, Wellington and

Wellesley, in June 2011. We have received two dividend payments to date, with a return of about 3.3%.

- f. In a general way HIST is doing well. There is about \$72,000 of unobligated funds which does not include the 2012 Allocation (\$10,292.33). We have this sum mostly due to increased funds coming in via the ACS Allocation and the decreased costs of printing and sending out the Separates and Abstracts for the last five or so years. Generally, 50-60 extra Separates are printed and brought to each national meeting. The consensus was these extra Separates should continue to be printed as they are advertising for the Division.
- g. As all of you know, Jim Bohning died in 2011 and requested donations be made to HIST in his name. To date, \$750 has been collected. We should discuss how we want to use these funds. Ned offered to ask the Librarian at Lehigh whether they were would be willing to subscribe to the Bulletin – Jim has been paying for a subscription.
- h. The Bulletin, except the last three years, is now available to non-members and searchable via a google search engine. All of these issues have been OCR'ed and are now indexed by google.
- i. Treasurer's Report. Also see attached Quicken summary of income/expense for 2012.

### HIST Treasurer Report March 20, 2012

	\$
Balance, Money Market Account, 2/29/2012	112,651.38
	\$
Total Checks not cleared	(933.90)
	\$
Deposits not cleared	10.00
	\$
Total Available in Money Market Account 3/20/2012	111,727.48

### TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS as of 3/20/2012

Citations*	\$3,268.84
MVO Nat Inv IPGA	\$991.15
Archives IPGA	\$2,550.47
StopGap Funding	\$3,800.00
Citations Travel	\$4,928.16
Past Pres IPGA	\$3,698.86
Study Tour IPGA	\$1,182.66
SERMACS IPGA	\$2,222.30
HIST Award**	\$3,000.00
Morril Act IPGA	\$7,500.00

WRM Fall 2011 IPGA	\$5,000.00
James J. Bohning Memorial Fund	\$750.00
	<b>\$38,892.44</b>

Total Not Obligated as of 3/20/2012      \$ 72,835.04

\*Includes HIST \$600 for 2012 but not JIS \$1200 for 2012

\*\*Includes 2010 and 2011 contributions

Edelstein Travel Fund	\$8,180.44
HIST Investment Fund	\$20,525.06

### 3. Reports from Councilors

- a) Mary Virginia Orna – She continues on CPC and two subcommittees, the long range planning and constitution and bylaws subcommittees. The long range planning subcommittee has set up a new councilor mentorship program where a new councilor is matched up with an experienced councilor. The two are asked to communicate prior to the meeting, and meet at the new councilor orientation program. Mary Virginia believes this has been very successful so far.
- b) Roger Egolf – DAC. There was a fairly uneventful DAC meeting today. Nancy Bukowski, from Undergraduate Education part of ACS Staff, said that ads and articles could be posted in the "In Chemistry," which is published twice a year and goes to all student members. There are grants to get free ads. Seth said he would work with Roger to set something up. DAC wants HIST involved in thematic programming.
- c) Roger also reported that CHF is no longer sponsoring the HIST Award. Maybe we can encourage the Bolton Society members to support the HIST Award.

### 4. Report from Program Chair, Seth Rasmussen – see attached handout.

- a) Seth reported that second highest attendance so far was for Joe's tutorial talk. Seth is still looking for a tutorial speaker for Philadelphia – Materials for Health and Medicine. John Parascandola was suggested and Seth will check with him. Three more symposia are scheduled for this conference.
- b) Philadelphia well scheduled with four active symposia on schedule. Both Roger and Gary's symposia are full days. New Orleans only has one symposia on the schedule. The earliest HIST Award Seth has on the schedule is for Indianapolis in Fall 2013.
- c) PACS less buggy, but still has issues. When PACS sent the emails to all the speakers for this meeting, it had the wrong venue. Then the rooms were wrong. Not all of this was corrected, as PACS can change the room but not the venue. They continue to act like they don't understand it. There was a "Cover debacle" for CEN. There was a special cover ACS was going to send to those who hadn't renewed membership and it was sent

to everyone. This shut down response line at ACS for several days. Seth has received 2-3 requests to do surveys from ACS based on faulty information - such as why didn't he attend a meeting he did attend. For this meeting they mailed credentials out really late, causing long lines in San Diego.

- d) Seth reported on several other programming issues. Seth has changed the General Paper sessions title to General Papers and Tutorial Session. At this meeting we have someone presenting at Sci-Mix who is not giving a talk. We could try to get students to do this, since we don't have a poster session.
- e) Seth handed out an *Ambix* article on where people publish the history of modern chemistry. They point to the *Bulletin* as a major player.
- f) Gary noted that there is an upcoming joint meeting of the Bolton Society and SHAC in England in November 2013.
- g) Seth started a HIST facebook page about a year ago. There have been about 42 "likes" now. Most are international people so this page has allowed us to reach more of an audience. There was a suggestion to send an email to student members and see if they will link to us.
- h) The special one-day registration is now \$100. Seth needs all the information the person would have to provide if they were registering themselves. Four people for Jeannette's symposium at this meeting were registered via this program.
- i) Springer has proposed a number of topics for which they need to find authors. The topics are: X-ray diffraction - 100th anniversary, Debye-Huckel Theory - 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the discovery of vitamins - 100th anniversary of identification of first vitamin.

##### 5. **Report from *Bulletin* Editor, Carmen Giunta**

- a) Issue 37(1) has gone to our graphic artist for layout. I expect that it will be printed and distributed in April. This issue has five articles (one each by the first two editors of the *Bulletin*) and six book reviews. In addition, there are about 9 submissions that are in the pipeline. These range from recently received submissions beginning the review process to submissions that have received favorable initial review and are in some stage of revision.
- b) In 2011, the transfer of operations from Paul Jones leadership to mine went smoothly. Paul was always helpful when I had questions. He also fielded or forwarded several inquiries from book publishers and subscription jobbers, letting them know of the new contact information. By Spring 2011, a mostly new production procedure was established. I continue to work with Agnes Soderbeck at University of Michigan for layout. We decided to try long-distance layout for 36(1), and the results were satisfactory to both of us, so there is no good reason to change it. Printing and mailing is done in Syracuse using vendors coordinated by Cheryl Berardi in the Communications office at Le Moyne. That process worked smoothly for 36(1). There was a bit of a glitch with 36(2), which contributed to the delayed publication of that issue, but that was not the primary cause of that delay.
- c) The main development for the *Bulletin* in 2011 as far as I am concerned, and certainly the main one since the fall meeting, was the release of back issues of the *Bulletin* (through 2008) on the open internet. I owe Vera Mainz many thanks for undertaking this project.
- d) Indeed, Vera had worked extensively with Paul to establish electronic access to the *Bulletin* for members. The open access initiative was one more step in that long project.

In addition, Vera has set up electronic access for non-member subscribers (libraries, etc.) since the fall 2011 meeting.

- e) My family circumstances since the end of 2011 (about which I'll say more in the postscript) have permitted me to keep up with editing the *Bulletin*, but I have not yet been able to implement the advisory board I proposed in fall 2011.
- f) As you know, those family circumstances are also keeping me from attending the San Diego meeting. One thing that those of you who attend the sessions can do for the *Bulletin* is to encourage presenters of suitable papers to consider submitting them to the *Bulletin*. I will also contact some authors based on their abstracts. I know that Seth always includes plugs for the *Bulletin* in the program as well.

6. **Report from Chair-Elect**, Ned Heindel -none

7. **Report from Past Chair**, Jan Hayes – see attached handout.

- a) Past-Presidents Symposium Series - Mary Good in Fall 2012 New Orleans; Fall 2014 San Francisco Atilla Pavlath, Fall 2015 New York Henry Hill (symposia across many divisions).
- b) Past Presidents Website - the website went operational after Denver, last Spring. The URL is:  
[http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?nfpb=true&pageLabel=PP\\_SUPERARTICLE&node\\_id=51&use\\_sec=false&sec\\_url\\_var=region1&uuid=cb820c25-3d65-48ea-b04d-776bd7297ffa](http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?nfpb=true&pageLabel=PP_SUPERARTICLE&node_id=51&use_sec=false&sec_url_var=region1&uuid=cb820c25-3d65-48ea-b04d-776bd7297ffa)
  - a. Jan asks that we look at these pages and let her know if we have information on any of the past presidents.
- c) There has been a request to do a similar project for the chairs of the ACS Board. That will be put on hold until the Past Presidents project is up to date.
- d) Jan is the chair of the Awards Committee. With regard to the HIST Award, the selection committee has been set. Vera has updated the website and it is now clear that the Dexter, Edelstein and HIST Award are different incarnations of the same award. Jan made a motion that the amount of the award would be \$1500 plus up to \$1000 for travel expenses. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.
- e) Outstanding Paper Award was given out for 2010 and 2011. Next award is now under consideration. Gary Patterson (appointed for 2009, 2010, 2011 selections), Kathleen Thompson (appointed for 2010, 2011, 2012), New member to be appointed by HIST Chair (appointed for 2011, 2012, 2013).
- f) Citation for Chemical Breakthroughs Award seems to be doing ok - the selection committee members have confirmed their participation in the process.

8. **Report from Chair**, Tom Strom - none.

9. **Report from Historian**, Gary Patterson -- Next month he will be working with John Sharkey at CHF.

10. **Report from Archivist**, John Sharkey – Submitted February 24, 2012.

- a) Archives at CHF -- Most available HIST historical material has been archived through 2011. The one exception is Jeff Seeman's material, which will be archived on my next

trip to CHF. The archives consist of 43 boxes of material from the mid 1950s through 2011. Each box contains 15 -20 archival file folders, which are labeled to indicate the contents.

- b) I have already started work on the finder's guide, which will indicate the material in each of the archival boxes. Attached for your information is the general guide that has been developed for archiving this material. I will use this skeleton to build the finder's guide to indicate the contents of each box and file folder. I will attempt to highlight the material that is of significant historical importance.
- c) When the finder's guide has been completed, I will be in a good position to know what is in the archives, and, which material is missing. I would then like to contact past officers to see if missing material can be retrieved.
- d) Philadelphia Symposium in Honor of James J. Bohning -- Ned Heindel has put together a wonderful symposium on Edgar Fahs Smith for Philadelphia in August 2012. The symposium will be dedicated to the late James Bohning, who served as HIST Chair, Archivist and Historian. The Bolton Society of CHF, of which Jim was a charter member and Editor of their newsletter *Boltonia*, has been working on several commemorative items for this symposium. In cooperation with Elsa Aston, chief librarian at CHF, I have compiled the complete abstracts of Jim's 45 HIST presentations. Elsa is working on a complete bibliography of Jim's publications. It is our hope to put this material into a commemorative booklet in time for the Philadelphia meeting.

## **11. Other Business**

- a) Joe Lambert contribution was discussed. A motion was made to accept funds. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made to match this contribution with HIST funds as they come in. Vera recommended that the funds currently in Vanguard Funds could act as the matching funds as they are currently at about \$28,000. This motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion about leveraging these funds with a membership fund drive to increase the endowment. There was a motion to set up an on-line contribution site, using PayPal perhaps. Vera needs to figure out a way to expedite contributions. The motion passed. Joe indicated he did not want publicity for his contributions.
- b) ACS Fellows nominations – Ned Heindel has found and selected members to nominate this year. Nominators are working on them.
- c) Officer Nominations – Seth has not received any nominations for officers via newsletter request. Gary Patterson was asked if he was interested in running for chair-elect, and he agreed. The plan is to handle the election via anonymous email and mail drop. Vera needs to make a specific recommendation about how to handle the on-line election. The quotes she has gotten from the group that run on-line elections for CHED ended up being twice as much as USPS mail costs - about \$1000. The UIUC campus can't run it as it would require campus blue-tooth logins. The election needs to be completed prior to Dec. 1st in order to report them to the ACS. Vera asked Roger to bring to DAC the need for ACS to take the lead in running on-line Divisional elections. It was recommended to set up a gmail account such as hist-vote@gmail.com. There was a motion to do the next election on-line and as cheaply and fairly as is possible. The motion was seconded and passed.

- d) Procedures for identifying new HIST leadership. – Mary Virginia and Gary Patterson. Discussion was postponed.
- e) Joe Jeffers – MPPG -- Joe reported the themes for 2015 Denver Spring – chemical resources: extraction, refining and conservation and 2015 Boston Fall – history of innovation from discovery to application.
- f) Gary Patterson announced plans for a ceremonial event at the meeting in Philadelphia at CHF including a dinner/buffet, probably Tuesday evening. He will keep costs controlled and the announcement will be sent out when plans are firmed up. We recommended planning for approximately 50 people. Consensus was reached and Gary was asked to go forward with the planning.
- g) Tom Strom reported that the symposium volume on *100+ Years of Plastic Leo Baekeland and Beyond* is now in print.
- h) Mary Virginia reported that we are waiting for the next funding amount. The book is completely translated but needs editing and updating.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

**i) Appendices**

Appendix 1: Quicken Summary, 2012 Income/Expense

Appendix 2: Summary of October 2011 Teleconference

Appendix 3: Hayes Report - Award Committee

Appendix 4: Councilors' Report

Appendix 5: HIST Symposia Summary

## 2012 Itemized Categories Report - YTD

1/1/2012 through 3/19/2012

3/19/2012

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Date	Acco...	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Clr	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>							<b>859.98</b>
<b>Bulletin - Lib</b>							<b>604.00</b>
1/4/2012	CMA...	DEP	Beijing Book Co. - ...2012 Sub No 540B0132...			R	36.00
1/4/2012	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#13... 2012 Istituto e Museo			R	40.00
1/4/2012	CMA...	DEP	Swets - Ck#0163... 2012 NTNU Universitets...			R	40.00
1/26/2012	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#24... 2012 Univ Wisc-Mad			R	36.00
1/26/2012	CMA...	DEP	...EBSCO - Ck#140... Univ. Okla 2012			R	36.00
			Univ. New Hampshire 2...			R	36.00
1/26/2012	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#141... Univ. Illinois UC 2012			R	36.00
1/26/2012	CMA...	DEP	...Swets - Ck#0167... Wellcome Lib - 2012			R	40.00
			Instituto Historia - 2012			R	40.00
			Swets Refn 88564886			R	36.00
2/1/2012	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#143... 2012 RoySoc Chem			R	40.00
2/6/2012	CMA...	DEP	...EBCSO - Ck#136... 2012 Univ. Minn.			R	36.00
			2012 Princeton			R	36.00
			2012 Univ. Regina			R	40.00
2/7/2012	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#143... 2012 Tokyo Kogyo U Lib			R	36.00
2/7/2012	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#144... 2012 CSI			R	40.00
<b>Dividend</b>							<b>116.58</b>
<b>Div Income Edelstein</b>							<b>33.23</b>
1/4/2012	CMA...	DEP	...Vanguard Welling... 28.5% Edelstein Travel			R	33.23
<b>Div Income HIST</b>							<b>83.35</b>
1/4/2012	CMA...	DEP	...Vanguard Welling... 71.5% HIST			R	83.35
<b>Donations</b>							<b>110.00</b>
<b>Jim Bohning Memorial</b>							<b>110.00</b>
2/6/2012	CMA...	DEP	Sophia G. Coxe ...			R	100.00
3/12/2012	CMA...	DEP	Rebecca J. Derbe...				10.00
<b>Dues Income</b>							<b>20.00</b>
<b>Direct from Members</b>							<b>20.00</b>
1/26/2012	CMA...	DEP	Scott E. Denmark 2011			R	20.00
<b>Int Inc</b>							<b>9.40</b>
1/31/2012	CMA...	DEP	Cash Dividend			R	4.92
2/29/2012	CMA...	DEP	Cash Dividend			R	4.48
<b>EXPENSES</b>							<b>-1,443.90</b>
<b>Award-Non-Meeting</b>							<b>-558.90</b>
<b>Archive IPGA</b>							<b>-174.90</b>
3/19/2012	CMA...	1942	John B. Sharkey travel expenses				-174.90
<b>Citation ChemBreakthroughs</b>							<b>-384.00</b>
3/12/2012	CMA...	1940	Stellar Kent - Invo... CCB 2012 Lewis & Ran...				-384.00
<b>Division Admin</b>							<b>-375.00</b>
<b>Other Division Admin</b>							<b>-375.00</b>
3/12/2012	CMA...	1941	Daniel E. Holder ... 2011 Tax Prep Form 990				-375.00
<b>Invest Exp</b>							<b>-150.00</b>
1/5/2012	CMA...	EFT	WCMA Annual Fee Annual fee			R	-150.00
<b>Meeting Registration</b>							<b>-360.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>							<b>-583.92</b>

Minutes of the Teleconference October 6, 2011

Attending: Vera Mainz, Carmen Giunta, Joe Jeffers, Art Greenberg, Seth Rasmussen, John Sharkey

The meeting started at 9am CDT.

The subject under discussion was whether the HIST dues should be increased. Vera gave an overview of the current situation.

Summary of Dues (reconstructed from Annual Reports):

Year	Member Dues	Associate Member Dues	Additional Postage Outside NA
1995	\$12	\$14	\$2
1996	\$15	\$20	\$4
2006	\$20	\$25	\$5

Vera was given to understand that the dues were set to fund the publication of the Bulletin and that is how she has obligated them while serving as Treasurer. For those who were not involved, the Bulletin suspended publication for three years until a lawsuit was settled. Publication started again in 1996. Dues were collected while publication was suspended. The spreadsheet, attached, is a summary of income collected for the Bulletin (Dues, Library Subscriptions, Back Issue Purchase) vs. money spent. Two additional columns show Income – Expense and Dues – Expense. From 1995-2010, the totals are given in the table, below.

Dues	Lib Subscr	Bk Issues	Total Income	Total Expenses	Total Inc – Total Exp	Dues – Total Exp
<b>\$190,565</b>	\$26,955	\$4970	\$222,491	\$183,148	\$29,342	\$7416

Over this 16 year period, HIST has come out ahead by \$7416 based only on the dues collected. If you take into account the Library Subscriptions and Back Issue charges, we've collected \$29,342 over expenses for Bulletin publication. In practice, extra monies collected have gone back into the general pool, so no extra money is obligated for Bulletin publication. If we continue to consider the dues only for Bulletin publication, no dues increase is necessary.

In response to the general question "Does HIST want to raise their dues?" Carmen made the point that if we are bringing in enough money with dues to do our business, we should avoid raising them. Art agreed with this viewpoint. John also agreed. John recalled something from ACS National – likely the Division Review – that made the point that we don't spend as much money as we should. Vera thought we shouldn't change dues unless we inaugurate a new mission to spend the extra money since we don't spend all the money we have. Vera mentioned the low level of support (\$500 usually) for symposia, and virtually no travel support. We could increase that support level or plan on supporting the new HIST Award to a higher degree. Joe thought before we raise dues we should try new initiatives and then see how much it is costing us and then evaluate whether we want to increase dues. Joe also asked whether HIST has any contingency money put away. Vera noted that HIST has ~\$20,000 in the Vanguard fund that

would constitute the contingency funds. Carmen agreed with Joe's thought about trying an initiative before increasing dues. Joe also believed a good initiative to aggressively fund is HIST at regional meetings. Vera noted that at the August Exec. Comm. meeting we voted to increase the See and Be Seen Fund, earmarked for regional meetings, to \$3800. Vera also made the point that \$500 seed money/support is not enough for the purpose we are trying to accomplish. Maybe it should be \$750 or \$1000. Vera also said we currently don't have a regional coordinator, unless Tom Strom is continuing in that role as well as chair. Joe noted increasing the money would allow bringing in a keynote speaker or cover the registration fee for all speakers in a 1/2 day session. Art supported this idea. Seth thought we shouldn't make it an automatic funding to any request and Vera agreed. The consensus is that \$500 is probably not enough. After discussion, we agreed that we need to develop guidelines for granting these monies. The group thought regional meeting registration is around \$150/person, non-members ~\$200/person. Maybe \$750 per 1/2 day session would be more appropriate. Art thought we should increase the See and Be Seen Funds to perhaps \$6000, then iteratively see how it goes. Seth suggested a set amount per 1/2 session might be a better way to approach the issue. Again, this goes to setting up guidelines.

Consensus is that there is no real support to raise the dues but to more aggressively support HIST programming at regional meetings.

Vera brought up one of Jeff Seeman's idea of publishing another issue of the Bulletin each year. Carmen thought we currently don't have enough issues in the pipeline to plan for 3 issues/year. When programming leads to enough issues available, we could always consider another issue/special issue of the Bulletin. Given the finances as they stand we have money to deal with that when it comes up. Carmen did ask that the additional fees for members and associate members outside of North America be raised from \$5 to \$10 for 2013. This will cover the real mailing fees for these mailings.

We also discussed helping Carmen cover talks that he felt might lead to Bulletin articles if he couldn't do so.

The meeting ended at 9:30am.

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Minutes of the Teleconference October 14, 2011

Attending: Vera Mainz, Tom Strom, Jan Hayes, Mary Virginia Orna, Ned Heindel, Roger Egolf

The meeting started at 9am CDT.

All attending the meeting had read the minutes from the previous teleconference on October 6, 2011. Tom Strom asked whether not raising the dues would impact the HIST Award, which we hope to present next Fall. Vera reported that there is \$3000 in the award fund. The intent was to award \$1500 to the award winner, no additional travel support (unless CHF provides some funds, as it has in the past), and cover the registration for both awardee and symposium speakers. Given those parameters and the unobligated funds in the HIST account, we have no need to raise dues to support the award. Jan requested some guidance on what the order of events are in order to get the award going, and Vera answered that the first order of business is to set up the award

jury. The guidelines for the jury are going to be the same as those for the Dexter/Edelstein Award. Those guidelines are posted in the Executive Only portion of the HIST website.

There was a consensus that the dues should not be raised unless it is proven to be necessary. There was a consensus that the postage for members/associates outside of North America should be raised from \$5 to \$10 to cover the increase in postage for the Bulletin.

Mary Virginia requested that the additional ideas discussed at the October 6, 2011, teleconference should be added to the Spring 2012 Executive Committee meeting agenda as New Business and discussed. Tom agreed to make the additions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10am.

HIST AWARD COMMITTEE  
REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MARCH 2012

1. HIST Award

- New funding source
- Selection Committee for award to be presented 2013 (2012 Nominations)
  - Joseph B. Lambert (Chair), term expires 2013
  - Anthony Travis, term expires 2012
  - James Marshall, term expires 2014
- Selection Committee for award to be presented 2014 (2013 Nominations)
  - James Marshall (Chair), term expires 2014
  - Joseph B. Lambert, term expires 2013
  - TBA, term expires 2015 (will be chair next year)
- Call for Nominations for 2013 Award now can be released
  - Deadline for arrival of nominations is December 31, 2012
  - New description depending upon financial decisions and naming of award
  - Will circulate draft and have announcement out by April 15
  - Need update of distribution list

2. Outstanding Paper Award

- Selection for 2011 award should start as soon as possible
- Committee for selection outstanding 2011 paper
  - Gary Patterson (appointed for 2009, 2010, 2011 selections)
  - Kathleen Thompson (appointed for 2010, 2011, 2012)
  - New member to be appointed by HIST Chair
  - Chair is member in last year of their term
- Procedures from 2006 on Executive Committee website. Need to review and update.
- Review of publicity on award should be done to prevent errors as recently occurred.

3. Citation for Chemical Breakthrough Awards

- 5 awarded in 2011
- Need to determine 2012 plans

Prepared by Jan Hayes, March 25, 2012

**DIVISION OF THE HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY COUNCILORS' REPORT**  
**243<sup>rd</sup> ACS NATIONAL MEETING**  
**SAN DIEGO, CA**  
**MARCH 28, 2012**

**ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

**Election Results**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2013: Thomas J. Barton, Luis A. Echegoyen, William A. Lester, Jr., and Barry M. Trost. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Thomas J. Barton and Luis A. Echegoyen as candidates for 2013 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election to select candidates from the list of nominees to represent District I and District V on the Board of Directors for the term 2013-2015. Nominees for District I included Barbara J. Garrison, Thomas R. Gilbert, Neil D. Jespersen, and Julianne M. D. Smist. Nominees for District V included John E. Adams, Frank D. Blum, Peter K. Dorhout, and Frankie K. Wood-Black. By mail ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected Thomas R. Gilbert and Neil D. Jespersen as District I candidates; and John E. Adams and Peter K. Dorhout as District V candidates. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all members in District I and District V for election of a Director from each District.

**Candidates for Directors-at-Large**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2013-2015 term: Carol A. Duane, Valerie J. Kuck, Helen (Bonnie) A. Lawlor, and Ingrid Montes. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

**Committee Review**

- As part of a regular performance review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Project SEED. The Committee on Project SEED sets policy for all Project SEED programs, including review of Project SEED I and II program applications for student research projects, funding decisions, and Project SEED college scholarship applications.

**The Society's Finances**

- Despite the sluggish economy, ACS generated strong operating results in 2011. Total revenue was \$472.0 million, up +1.8% over 2010. The Net from Operations was \$20.9 million, or \$7.7 million favorable to budget. This result was attributable to better-than-expected performance by the ACS Publications Division and careful expense management across the Society. While operating results were favorable, Unrestricted Net Assets declined from \$130.5 million to \$102 million. The decline was primarily due to a sizable accounting charge related to the Society's closed postretirement benefit plans. ACS ended the year in compliance with four of the five Board-established financial guidelines.

## **2013 Member Dues**

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2013 at the fully escalated rate of \$151. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

## **Petitions to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws**

- The Council took action on two amendments (petitions) to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws: The Petition to Amend Recorded Vote Request Procedure and the Petition on Market Data Collection. The Council VOTED overwhelmingly to approve both petitions. The Petition to Amend Recorded Vote Request Procedure provides that a call for a recorded vote after a clicker vote has commenced will be out of order, as would a call for a recorded vote after the initial clicker voting has taken place. The Petition on Market Data Collection seeks to add a provision to allow for controlled market testing to collect data before the Society changes benefits, dues, or membership categories. The Board of Directors will vote within 90 days on whether to ratify the approved petitions.
- The Council received two petitions for consideration: The Petition on Candidate Comment in C&EN and the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters Funds. The Petition on Candidate Comment in C&EN seeks to restrict candidates for election to the Board of Directors from publishing comments in C&EN for a six-month period prior to the mailing of the election ballot. The Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters Funds seeks to clarify that the Board of Directors may allocate funds to international chapters for specific purposes. The Council is expected to act on these two petitions at the fall Council meeting.

## **Member Statistics**

- Membership recruitment and retention efforts were very successful last year. The Society ended 2011 with 164,215 members – the highest number in Society history. 24,249 new members were elected into the Society – 16,092 Regular Members and 8,157 Undergraduate Members. However, it was also reported at the same time that there was an attrition rate of about 23,000 members, leaving a net gain of about 1,000 members. The Membership Affairs Committee hopes to address the reasons for the attrition by the market data method and other means.

## **Attendance Report**

- As of March 28, 2012, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 16,921 registrants including 8,974 regular attendees and 5,742 students.

## **Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct**

- The Council VOTED to approve the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct as submitted by the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving conflicts of interest.

## **Special Discussion Item**

- A special discussion item was put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President Bassam Shakhshiri presented and moderated a discussion on "What is your reaction to the

proposed topics for the ACS Climate Science Toolkit?” President Shkhashiri’s working group on ACS Climate Science has developed a preliminary web-based toolkit that ACS members can use as a resource for understanding and communicating basic climate science. Following the presentation, Councilors engaged in a robust discussion on the proposed toolkit, and offered numerous suggestions for consideration.

### **ACS vs. Leadscope Litigation**

- The General Counsel report included a briefing on the ACS vs. Leadscope litigation. As previously reported, ACS has appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court, and the Court agreed to hear the case. Briefs have been filed in support of our position by several prestigious organizations, including the Ohio Attorney General, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Manufacturers’ Association and the Ohio State Bar Association. On September 7, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case, and a link to the arguments can be found on [acs.org](http://acs.org). A ruling has not been issued but could come at any time. A more detailed report appears in the most recent edition of the Councilor Bulletin. Please contact the Office of the Secretary if you would like a copy.

### **Other Society Business**

#### **The Society’s International Activities and its Open Session**

The Board welcomed and received reports from several international guests representing the following scientific societies: the Canadian Society for Chemistry, the German Chemical Society, the Hungarian Chemical Society, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the Mexican Chemical Society, and the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The Board held a lively, well-attended open session which featured a special forum on “The Future of Graduate Education and Research in the Chemical Sciences.” Members attending this standing-room only session received an overview and update from the chair and executive director of the ACS Presidential Commission on Graduate Education in the Chemical Sciences. The commission is addressing two major questions: “What are the purposes of graduate education in the chemical sciences?” and “What steps should be taken to ensure that important societal issues, as well as the needs and aspirations of students, are addressed in graduate school?” Members discussed how the Society might offer greater assistance on this very important and timely topic.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Society Committee on Education supported the recommendations from a task force to create a stand-alone association for high school teachers housed within ACS, supported by professional staff and governed by a volunteer board of association members.

The following is a list of URLs and email addresses presented on slides at the Council meeting. Members may find the information noted on these sites helpful.

#### Safety

[safety@acs.org](mailto:safety@acs.org) – email address for sharing ideas on “How can ACS best cultivate a culture of safety in US universities and colleges?”

[www.acs.org/safety](http://www.acs.org/safety) - information on the Committee on Chemical Safety including “Creating Safety Cultures in Academic Institutions”

#### Employment/Careers

[www.acs.org/careers](http://www.acs.org/careers) - information on ACS career resources

[www.acs.org/ei](http://www.acs.org/ei) - information on the ACS Entrepreneurial Initiative (Training and Resources)

#### Local Section Resources

[www.acs.org/getinvolved](http://www.acs.org/getinvolved) : grant information, important deadlines, officer resources

[www.acs.org/forms](http://www.acs.org/forms): submit annual reports, record meetings, activities and events year round

[speakers@acs.org](mailto:speakers@acs.org): nominate speakers for the Online Speaker Directory

#### Other

[www.acs.org/strategicplan](http://www.acs.org/strategicplan) - information on the new ACS Strategic Plan for 2012 and Beyond

[www.acs.org/bulletin5](http://www.acs.org/bulletin5): location of the Society's governing documents and unit bylaws, and information on the petition process to amend the Society's governing documents

[bylaws@acs.org](mailto:bylaws@acs.org): email address for questions to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws

[www.acs.org/climatescience](http://www.acs.org/climatescience): information on the Climate Science Toolkit

### **HIST COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES**

Mary Virginia Orna continues in the second year of her second three-year term as a member of the Council Policy Committee (CPC). She is also a member of CPC's Long-Range Planning Subcommittee and CPC's Subcommittee on Constitution and Bylaws. She has also participated in the planning and implementation of the New Councilor Mentor Program and the New Councilor Orientation Program.

Roger Egolf continues as a member of the Divisional Activities Committee (DAC) and its Annual Reports Subcommittee and serves as liaison from DAC to the Membership Affairs Committee and to HIST.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Egolf

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## FUTURE HIST SYMPOSIA

Meeting Dates	Site	HIST symposia	HIST cosponsored symposia and Notes
March 25 - 29, 2012	San Diego	(1) <i>Springer Briefs History of Chemistry Launch Symposium</i> (Rasmussen) (2) <i>The Double Bind - Minority Women in Science and Update Thirty Seven Years Later</i> (Jeannette Brown) [co-sponsors: CMA and WCC] [ <b>Tues?</b> ] (3) <i>Chemistry Goes West</i> (Gary Patterson)	<b>Note:</b> DNA Structure/Joe Jeffers for HIST tutorial [Chemistry of Life]
August 19 - 23, 2012	Philadelphia	(1) <i>HIST Award</i> [ <b>Tues pm</b> ] (2) <i>Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the Land Grant College Act</i> (Roger Egolf) [ <b>not Sun am, Mon am/pm?</b> ] (3) <i>Characters in Chemistry</i> (Gary Patterson) (4) <i>Edgar F. Smith: Bibliophile, Author, Founder</i> (Ned, Jim B.) (5) <i>Dr. Marie Maynard Daly, Her Life and Legacy</i> (Jeannette Brown, Filomena Califano, Janet Bryant) [co-sponsors: CMA, WCC and CHF]	<b>Note:</b> Topic/Speaker for HIST tutorial [Materials for Health and Medicine] Mike at Mayo?
April 7-11, 2013	New Orleans	(1) <i>Legacy of Past ACS Presidents</i> (Jan Hayes) [ <b>1/2 day?</b> ] (2) <i>12th Archaeological Chemistry Symposium</i> (Ruth Ann Armitage, James Burton) (3) <i>Graduate Education in Science History*</i> (Rasmussen) [ <b>1/2 day?</b> ][co-sponsor: CHED?]	<b>Note:</b> Topic/Speaker for HIST tutorial [Chemistry of Energy & Food]
September 8-12, 2013	Indianapolis	(1) <i>HIST Award</i> [ <b>Tues pm??</b> ]	<b>Note:</b> Topic/Speaker for HIST tutorial [Chemistry in Motion]
March 16-20, 2014	Dallas	Tom??	
Future		(1) <i>Undergraduate Symposium in the History of Chemistry*</i> (Rasmussen) [ <b>1/2 day?</b> ][co-sponsor: CHED?]	

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