

HIST Executive Committee Meeting, March 18, 2018

Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand Salon B Sec 10

Attending: Vera Mainz, Gary Patterson, Ron Brashear, Roger Egolf, Nicolay Tsarevsky, Dan Rabinovich, Mary Virginia Orna, Joe Jeffers, Tom Strom

1) Welcome and announcements, Ron Brashear

- a. The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm. Ron thanked Dan for arranging the dinner tonight. Announcements: Jeff Seeman's Cuba symposium has been cancelled for a variety of reasons. One was because the ACS decided not to participate and another the State Dept. declared Cuba a dangerous place which made Chemical Heritage Foundation (now the Science History Institute (SciHistInst) participation impossible. Robert Anderson has offered to host a similar symposium at the SciHistInst when and if it was revisited. Reimbursements are underway.
- b. HIST has been approached by the NUCL division to co-sponsor a symposium at SERMACS in Augusta GA in Oct 2018, for which they submitted an IPG proposal. IPG's co-sponsorship rules apparently require an IPG from each division involved. HIST declined to co-sponsor.
- c. In June 2018, NWRM had a symposium on the historical accounts of chemistry conducted at Hanford Nuclear Site (meeting held at Richmond WA).
- d. Robert Anderson is putting together a symposium at the SciHistInst about ways of doing history of chemistry in October 2018. This will be in conjunction with the Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry (SHAC). Gary, Ned Heindel, and Ron will approach him about HIST participation.

2) Secretary-Treasurer's Report, Vera Mainz

- a. Minutes of the August 20, 2017, Executive Committee meeting were approved via email vote on February 16, 2018.
- b. The HIST Administration and Treasurer's Report for 2017 were filed on time and are now posted on the HIST website.
- c. The federal tax Form 990-EZ for HIST was filed and copies sent to the ACS Tax Office.
- d. We need to hold an election this fall to fill the following positions: Chair-Elect (Seth Rasmussen has agreed to be a candidate); Sec/Treas (Vera has agreed to run again; Reggie Hudson will be asked if he is interested in running. This position requires two candidates according to HIST Bylaws.); Councilor (Roger has agreed to run again), Alternate-councilor (Joe Jeffers will not run again, so we need to find a replacement). Usually Vera sends out an email call for candidates by June. Vera will go through the HIST roster and send out a list of members who would be eligible to Roger to look for a candidate for the alternate councilor position.
- e. In terms of reporting, the HIST funds in the Vanguard Funds are all allocated to the HIST Award Endowment Fund. The return on investment was 6% in 2014 and 2015, 5% in 2016, 6% in 2017. See the summary below.

HIST Award Summary

	Dividends		
2011-2012	\$	1,543.76	4%
2013	\$	3,813.53	8%
2014	\$	3,749.04	6%
2015	\$	3,871.57	6%
2016	\$	2,837.86	5%
2017	\$	3,784.41	6%

	Income	Expenses	Difference
2013	\$ 6,675.33	\$ (6,882.90)	\$ (207.57)
2014	\$ 6,119.04	\$ (4,440.65)	\$ 1,678.39
2015	\$ 6,454.58	\$ (4,789.32)	\$ 1,665.26
2016	\$ 6,218.05	\$ (7,286.86)	\$(1,068.81)
2017	\$ 6,858.89	\$ -	\$ 6,858.89
2018			
TOTALS	\$ 32,325.89	\$ (23,399.73)	\$ 8,926.16
	Available	\$ 10,469.92	

- d) In a general way HIST is doing well. There is \$116,480.45 of unobligated funds as of March 14, 2018. The Ladies in Waiting symposium went over budget by \$1966.06 due to the ACS charge for the setup of the room for No Belles of \$2967.95. Vera has taken this payment from general HIST funds and the Executive Committee approved this expenditure.
- e) There was some discussion of the new allocation formula, which is currently set up to benefit those with programming at regional meetings. Roger reported that DAC supports the new formula but M&E did not support it. M&E wants more posters and fewer oral papers, and the new formula cuts both oral papers and posters.
- f) Treasurer's Report. The Quicken summary of income/expense for 2018 to date is attached.

TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS as of 3/14/2018

Citations Travel	\$	4,173.16
Citations	\$	3,075.56
Archives IPGA + James J. Bohning Memorial Fund	\$	2,506.44
StopGap Funding	\$	3,800.00
MVO Nat Inv IPGA	\$	265.08
Past Pres IPGA	\$	2,715.14
SERMACS IPGA	\$	2,222.30

HIST Award (Contributions + Dividends)	\$	6,023.57
See and Be Seen	\$	1,500.00
Fontani Book Fund - Fontani HIST membership	\$	250.00
Past Pres	\$	2,715.14
HIST Award Symp Sp+F2018	\$	1,000.00
Ladies in Waiting IPGA	\$	1,966.06
Video Archive IPGA	\$	504.98
Cuba 2018 IPGA	\$	6,500.00
MVO NO Food 2018 IPGA	\$	7,260.00
HIST - Food 2018	\$	1,500.00
	\$	47,977.43

BANK BALANCE as of 03/14/2018

Checking account	\$	46,445.47
Total checks not cleared	\$	(750.00)
Deposits not cleared	\$	18,133.60

AVAILABLE - Checking \$ **63,829.07**

AVAILABLE - Savings \$ **100,628.81**

TOTAL AVAILABLE \$ **164,457.88**

TOTAL UNOBLIGATED FUNDS as of 03/14/2018

\$ 116,480.45

3) **Report from Program Chair**, Nicolay Tsarevsky; see attached summary.

- a. Programming for the Boston Fall 2019 meeting looks pretty good. POLY is sponsoring a symposium at Boston that seems to consist of mostly retired industrial chemists giving their reminiscences. This would not conflict with the planned symposium by HIST on the history of polymers for the Philadelphia Spring 2020 meeting. There is a question of getting enough talks to have a half-day Past President symposium on Cope at Boston. Roger thinks it would work to have three papers, one on his research, one on his time with the ACS, and one on the rest of his professional life. Roger and Jan can give two of the three papers but need to find one more person to speak. The abstract deadline is March 26, 2018, so they need to find someone quickly.
- b. Orlando Spring 2019 - Nick needs to check with David Lewis about the proposed Disabled Chemists symposium and see if he wants to postpone it. Ron said the SciHistInst is doing a program for oral history of disabled chemists. So it might be better to schedule in Philadelphia in Spring 2020. The Archeological symposium will take 2 days, and there might need some additional programming. Vera mentioned that the Pioneers of Magnetic Resonance symposium, which is shown for San Diego Fall 2019. It is planned as a one-day symposium. It might

transfer to Orlando and Vera will check if Tom Strom, the co-organizer, would find that change acceptable.

- c. San Diego Fall 2019 - The programming seems complete.
 - d. Philadelphia Spring 2020 - The topic of History of Polymers fits well with the theme for the meeting, so funding might be available from MPPG. Organizers could also check for sponsorship from POLY and PMSE.
 - e. Nick is learning his program chair duties and everything seems to be going alright. He has not had any trouble with MAPS. He has also, up to now, found his interactions with the ACS staff to be fantastic. He has encountered trouble with the setup of the room (no table, no water, no laser pointer, problems with computer/projector connections), which Seth also reported. He is trying to organize a HIST symposium at the next SWRM with a colleague, perhaps on the topic of mining and/or oil.
 - f. Mary Virginia trying to think up connection to the NCW 2019 theme and tie it to the tutorial on how to do research in history and perhaps submit an IPG based around that would have turn-key activities that could be disseminated to local sections for their NCW activities.
- 4) **Report from Councilors**, Mary Virginia Orna and Roger Egolf; see.
- a. Roger - M&E voted unanimously to oppose the DAC petition to change the formula for the allocation because it decreases the allocation amount for posters so goes against the plan that M&E has for decreasing the physical footprint for the national meeting by increasing the number of posters. Ex-DAC people were among those speaking most strongly against it. There was talk about implementing a plan to try to get posters at the Exhibition (2-3 hour chunk of time) 12-2 pm on Monday and 11:30-2:30 pm on Tuesday they will not allow any oral talks. This is part of the plan to limit the number of rooms for simultaneous sessions allowed. They will allow afternoon programming to run until 6pm and evening oral sessions will be allowed. The plan is to gradually decrease the oral talks until all oral talks will all take place in the convention center footprint and not in any hotels. Vera noted that this could be dangerous as the divisions could simply decide to not program at national meetings and have their own meetings. That could lead to their members leaving ACS, too. Part of the issue on this matter is that many members cannot get reimbursed unless they give an oral talk. So, trying to force those members to give posters is not serving the membership. Roger said M&E has not discussed this plan with any of the divisions. Mary Virginia said this is the model they are moving toward in DAC, as well. It was mentioned that the scanning of attendees in and out of the meeting rooms was part of this plan. Roger also reported that in Atlanta there will be no Thursday programming. The registration for the next meeting is being raised to \$505. M&E reported that they made a slight profit last year. There is a contingent of M&E who wants to roll back the registration but the majority of members and all the ACS staff do not want to do this.
 - b. Mary Virginia - She heard constantly that DAC wants to be there to help divisions and their membership, but primarily want what they do to be of benefit to members. DAC will no longer support IPG's for symposia. The first consideration is does it benefit the members. The second consideration is that

symposia are not innovative. They look upon symposium funding requests as travel grants and they won't do that anymore. She believes there will be more stringent and specific guidelines. Any IPG will have to have a twist. For example, Mary Virginia built into her current IPG a national student essay contest. Those who have IPG's now are required to present a poster at Sci-Mix although they do not have to put an abstract for that poster into MAPS. Mary Virginia's reported that a sub-committee is interested in new technologies and interested in best practices, such as how to kick-start a membership drive. They will request all divisions to identify their best practices. Vera suggested that we could add new members by asking HIST members to nominate a member for a free one-year membership. Our only cost would be the Bulletin, and we could absorb that. Roger and Mary Virginia were asked to find out what date the new census will be taken in order to optimize when we make that offer. Mary Virginia said she is collecting names and emails for everyone attending her symposium and plans to email them a copy of the HIST membership brochure. Vera said we should simply give them a free membership. Vera noted that when she made free memberships available to non-member presenters, 10% took her up on the offer. So pre-emptively giving them a membership makes more sense. Bonnie Charpentier has no intention of having any type of special PRES symposia and anything in competition with regular programming. She would prefer to sweep any new PRES programming into divisional programming.

5) **Report from Chair-Elect**, Dan Rabinovich

Dan reported that he participated in a symposium at SERMACS last fall that was HIST sponsored. He said it was well attended. He also confirmed that HIST regional meeting sponsorship doesn't have to have a theme, but simply program for at least 1/2 day.

6) **Report from Past Chair**, Gary Patterson

- a. The primary task of the past chair is the HIST Award jury. Over the last 3 cycles, the winners have been Ursula Klein, Jeff Seeman and David Lewis. The make-up of the committee for 2019 needs to be addressed. The 2019 Chair will be Ron Brashear. Jeff Seeman and David Lewis will join. The replacement for Ursula Klein (John Sharkey) will serve one more year, until the end of 2019. Joe Gal will rotate off, so the Chair/Executive Committee needs to appoint one member who will be a HIST member or division affiliate. It should be someone active and knowledgeable about the history of science community. Vera suggested asking Reggie Hudson. Gary will ask him if he is willing to serve. A five member committee seems to be a good size. The largest task for 2019 award is active recruitment of nominees. Gary will continue during 2018 to solicit nominations from all the major loci of chemical history: HIST, SHAC, History of Science Society, Eurochemhist, Science History Institute, RSCHist, etc. Vera suggested asking potential nominees who could nominate them. The major duty of the nominator is to organize the award symposium if their nominee wins.
- b. Another activity has been networking with divisions such as CINF and CHED. Gary will continue to try to increase the visibility and interaction of HIST with the other divisions.

7) **Report from the HIST Awards Subcommittee**

- a. Jury Committee for 2019 award; - Gary Patterson - see Past Chair report, 6(a).

- b. Jury Committee for 2017 Outstanding Paper Award - Ron Brashear; no report.
- 8) **Report from Archivist**, John Sharkey
John is unable to attend the Spring 2018 Executive Committee meeting, but reported that the HIST Archives are up to date through 2017. He placed a short note in the Spring Newsletter, inviting people to contribute to the archives. The archives outline (2 pp) is attached and the complete HIST Archives Finder's Guide (22 pp) is now available via the HIST website at the URL <http://www.scs.illinois.edu/~mainzv/HIST/further/index.php>. It has also been highlighted on the homepage, toward the bottom, just above the links to the newest Bulletin.
- 9) **Report from Bulletin Editor**, Carmen Giunta - no report.
- 10) **Report from Historian**, Gary Patterson
- The primary responsibility of the Historian is the preparation of biographies for the winners of the HIST Award and the Best Paper Award. Gary will continue to carry this out in an expeditious manner. (The biography for David Lewis is already drafted and in review.)
 - Now that Gary has officially retired from teaching, he will have time to actively pursue the biographies of former HIST chairs. The biography for Tenney Davis is finished and should be added to the site this year.
 - The follow-up activity associated with the History of Chemistry for High School teachers has now resulted in a link on the HIST website. Gary will continue to produce essays for this site. His goal is to write one most months during 2018 and beyond. As he pursues his full-time activity as a chemical historian, it is often easy to distill a particular topic into the 1000 word format of this collection.
 - The 150th anniversary of the ACS is coming up sooner than later (2026). HIST should play a major role in this event. Now is the time to determine where this planning will be located within the ACS structure, and to recruit HIST members to help. HIST needs to try to figure out how to bring to the Board's attention, such as via a letter to John Adams, Chairman of the Board. Vera will draft a letter for Gary to look at then send to the Executive Committee to approve and send to John Adams. This is a 3-5 year project.
- 11) **Report from the Alternate Councilors**, Art Greenberg and Joe Jeffers
Joe reported on updated MPPG meeting themes (see Program Chair summary, 3). There will be a central location for programming on the themes soon, making it easier to add nominal co-sponsors via the web. There was a lot of complaining from the programming theme chairs that ACS staff continue to put abstract submission deadlines right before or after the national meeting dates.
- 12) **OLD BUSINESS:**
- ACS Fellows Program - There was a discussion as to whether to submit a nomination by HIST.
 - HIST Division 100th Anniversary - Formation of Committee to write Division history
 - HIST Division 100th Anniversary - Formation of Planning Committee
 - Dan wondered if there was a way forward to start a new HIST subdivision of Philosophy of Chemistry. Dan will send Vera the question to post on survey monkey to survey our members for possible interest.
- 13) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Pacifichem 2020, proposals are due April 9th, 2018 midnight EST. Seth is willing to organize it but the timeline is tight. We would need co-organizers from at least two other countries; for Pacifichem 2015 the co-organizers were from Canada, Japan, and Australia. Since the Chemical Society of Japan is the lead organization this time, Seth believes a co-organizer from Japan would be critical and suggests Yasu Furukawa be approached. Ron suggested that Yoshiyuki Kikuchi might also be a good person to involve as he has been more active internationally and volunteered to ask both of them about this. The call for proposals indicated the symposia should be in all areas of chemical education research and practice, and chemistry communication and outreach. Seth thought HIST would fit best in "Chemistry Education and Communication" area. Gary suggested a HIST programming theme of "Hands across the Pacific" dealing with collaborations that have changed chemistry in the Pacific Rim, with a focus on education and communication. The Executive Committee agreed a proposal should go forward, with Gary and Seth the leads. Roger noted a possible talk on the Lehigh-China connection.
- b. Mary Virginia has submitted a symposium volume proposal. All of her speakers have agreed to write a chapter plus she has found additional contributors. She is not sure where the process is right now as a couple of days ago she was asked for names for a few more reviewers. She also noted that the reviewer form now has a questions as to whether the suggested author is the best author for the chapters which might give some reviewers a problem.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Quicken Summary, Income/Expenses to date

Appendix 2: Future Symposia Schedule

Appendix 3: Councilors' Report from Washington DC

Appendix 4: Archives Outline

2017 Itemized Categories Report - Year To Date

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	T...	Clr	Amount
INCOME							23,883.86
Allocation ACS							11,088.60
Other Allocation ACS							11,088.60
3/13/2018	Busey...	DEP	ACS/EFT Remittan...	2018 Allocation			11,088.60
Bulletin - Lib							270.00
1/10/2018	Busey...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#280...	RoySocChem 2018		R	50.00
1/10/2018	Busey...	DEP	Cox Subscriptions ...	Univ Mich 2017, 2018		R	80.00
1/17/2018	Busey...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#280...	2018 Tokyo Kogyo U Lib		R	40.00
1/17/2018	Busey...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#281...	2018 Bibl Hist-Med - Valencia		R	50.00
1/17/2018	Busey...	DEP	... Istituto Museo di St...	2017		R	50.00
Donations							3,050.00
CCB							1,200.00
1/10/2018	Busey...	DEP	Jeff Seeman Ck#6...	CCB 2018		R	1,200.00
HIST Award							1,500.00
1/24/2018	Busey...	DEP	... Vera Mainz Ck#4494	HIST Award 2018		R	1,500.00
OPA							350.00
1/24/2018	Busey...	DEP	... Vera Mainz Ck#4494	OPA		R	350.00
Dues Income							6,995.00
ACS							6,995.00
3/7/2018	Busey...	DEP	ACS/EFT Remittan...	Jul-Dec 2017			6,995.00
EntertainInc							50.00
HIST Award Dinner							50.00
3/14/2018	Busey...	DEP	Mary Virginia Orna	2018 - 1 ticket cash			50.00
Grants & Awards							2,400.00
IPG MVO NO Food							2,400.00
1/10/2018	Busey...	DEP	LA Section ACS C...			R	2,400.00
Int Inc							30.26
1/31/2018	Busey...	DEP	Interest			R	16.37
2/28/2018	Busey...	DEP	Interest			R	13.89
EXPENSES							-3,241.11
Award							-2,140.00
Cuba 2018							-1,000.00
1/10/2018	Busey...	1298	Jeffrey I. Seeman	Cancelled-Reimb Exp		R	-500.00
1/10/2018	Busey...	1299	Richard L. Kremer	Cancelled-Reimb Exp		R	-500.00
IPG MVO NO Food							-1,140.00

2017 Itemized Categories Report - Year To Date

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	T...	Clr	Amount
2/5/2018	Busey...	1302	Flinn Scientific	certificates		R	-900.00
2/12/2018	Busey...	1303	TE Graphics	poster		R	-240.00
Award-Non-Meeting							-105.00
OPA							-105.00
1/18/2018	Busey...	1300	... Stellar Kent - Invoi...	2016 OPA plaque - Kragh		R	-105.00
Office							-2.50
PayPal Chrg							-2.50
1/17/2018	Busey...	DEP	... Istituto Museo di St...			R	-2.50
Postage							-243.61
Award Shipping							-203.61
1/18/2018	Busey...	1300	... Stellar Kent - Invoi...	Freight UPS International		R	-203.61
Other Postage							-40.00
1/18/2018	Busey...	1300	... Stellar Kent - Invoi...	Dues and Taxes		R	-40.00
Social Event							-750.00
HIST Award Dinner							-750.00
2/1/2018	Busey...	1301	Pigeon & Prince	2017-Seeman New Orleans			-750.00
OVERALL TOTAL							20,642.75

FUTURE HIST SYMPOSIA

Meeting dates	Location	HIST symposia	Notes
August 19-23, 2018	Boston	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Louis Pasteur's Discovery of Molecular Chirality: Review and Analysis on the 170th Anniversary (1 day) [Greg Girolami, Joe Gal] 2. Past ACS Presidents: The Life and Career of Arthur Cope (1/2-1 day) [Roger Egolf, Jan Hayes] 3. HIST Award Symposium Honoring David Lewis (1 day; Tuesday) [Seth Rasmussen] 	<p>Nanotechnology</p> <p>Abstract submission deadline: March 26. Organizers deadline: April 4</p>
March 31 – April 4, 2019	Orlando	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Archaeological Chemistry (2 days) [Seth Rasmussen, Mary Virginia Orna] 2. Pioneers of Magnetic Resonance [Vera Mainz, Tom Strom] 	Chemistry for New Frontiers
August 25-29, 2019	San Diego	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIST Award (Tuesday, 1/2 day) 2. 150 Years of the Periodic Table (1-1.5 days) [Carmen Giunta, Vera Mainz, Greg Girolami] 3. The Bibliography of Chemistry (1/2 day) [Gary Patterson] 	Chemistry of Water
March 22-26, 2020	Philadelphia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of Polymer Science (1+ days) [Nick Tsarevsky, Seth Rasmussen] 2. Past ACS Presidents: Daryl Busch (1/2 day) [Jan Hayes] 	Macromolecular Chemistry: The Second Century
August 23-27, 2020	San Francisco	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HIST Award (Tuesday) 2. The Science and Legacy of Glenn Seaborg (1/2 day) [Jan Hayes] 3. Springer Briefs in the History of Chemistry: 10th Anniversary [Seth Rasmussen] 	Chemistry from Bench to Market
March 21-25, 2021	San Antonio		Chemistry across Borders
August 22-26, 2021	Atlanta		Sustainable Use of Non-Renewable Resources
March 20-24, 2022	San Diego		
Future		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 150 Years of the Publication of the 1st issue of Zhurnal Russkogo Fiziko-Himicheskogo Obshtestva (1/2 day) [David Lewis, Nick Tsarevsky], tentatively in Fall 2019 	

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2. The History of Chemical Nomenclature [Seth Rasmussen]
 3. History of Forensic Chemistry [Nick Tsarevsky]
 4. The Chemistry Olympiads [Nick Tsarevsky]
 5. History of Glass and Glass-blowing [Seth Rasmussen, Dan Rabinovich]
 6. Disabled Chemists (1/2 day?) [David Lewis]
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**DIVISION OF THE HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY
COUNCILORS' REPORT
American Chemical Society – 255th ACS National Meeting
New Orleans, LA
March 21, 2018**

1. Summary of Governance Issues and Actions

A. Election Results

1. Candidates for President-Elect, 2019

The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2019: Harmon B. Abrahamson, Luis A. Echegoyen, Thomas R. Gilbert, and Mary Virginia Orna. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Luis A. Echegoyen and Thomas R. Gilbert as candidates for 2019 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

Nominee	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
Harmon B. Abrahamson	84	-	-
*Luis A. Echegoyen	116	132	152
*Thomas R. Gilbert	129	168	206
Mary Virginia Orna	92	117	-

421 valid electronic ballots were cast, with 211 being the majority. The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, second-preference votes were distributed in two subsequent rounds. Those marked with an * were declared elected as candidates.

2. Election Results: Elected Committees of Council

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election held prior to the New Orleans meeting to select candidates from the list of nominees for Directors from District I and District V on the Board of Directors for the term 2019-2021. By internet ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected Katherine L. Lee and Laura E. Pence as District I candidates; and John E. Adams and Joseph A. Heppert as District V candidates. Ballots will be distributed on or before October 1 to all ACS members in District I and District V for election of a Director from each District.

DISTRICT I

Nominee	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
*Laura E. Pence	22	26	-
*Katherine L. Lee	9	9	18
Gerard F. Parkin	7	9	11
Mary K. Carroll	6	-	-

DISTRICT V

Nominee	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round
*John E. Adams	24	27	-
*Joseph A. Heppert	12	14	26
Mark C. Cesa	10	10	13
Catherine H. Middlecamp	5	-	-

The results of the first preference vote totals are shown in the 1st round column. No nominee attained a majority. Following the procedures approved by Council, second-preference votes were distributed in two subsequent rounds. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were declared elected as candidates.

3. Candidates for Directors-at-Large

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for 2019-2021 terms: Frank D. Blum, Lee H. Latimer, Ingrid Montes, and Angela W. Peters. The election of two Directors-at-Large from among these four candidates and any selected via petition will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be distributed to the Council on or before October 1, 2018.

4. Special Interim Election: Committee on Committees

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced that Susan M. Schelble received 142 votes to Rick Ewing's 128 votes to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Committees (ConC) for a full two-year term (2018-2019).

B. Other Council Actions

1. Amendments to the ACS Bylaws

- a. The Council approved Petition on the Composition of Society Committees [Bylaw III, Sec. 3, e, (3), (4), and (8)], which will change the requirement for Councilors on Society Committees from at least two thirds (2/3) to a majority, and remove the requirement that the Chair and Vice-Chair of a Society Committee must be Councilors.
- b. The Petition for Election of Committee Chairs [Bylaw III, Sec. 3, c, (1); d, 3, (3), (8); e, (3), (8); g, (3); i (3)], which would allow the voting members of all ACS committees to select their own Chairs, failed to gain the approval of Council.

2. 2019 Member Dues

The Council voted on the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance to set the member dues for 2019 at the fully escalated rate of \$175. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

3. Distribution Formula for Division Funding

The proposed formula for allocating dues funds to divisions, recommended by the Committee on Divisional Activities, was recommitted to the committee.

4. Continuation of Committees

The Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Committees that the Committee on Ethics be continued; and that the committees on Publications and on Younger Chemists be continued contingent on approval by the Board of Directors.

5. Resolutions

The Council passed several resolutions:

- a. in memory of ACS Past President Ronald Breslow and other deceased Councilors;
- b. in gratitude for the officers and members of the Louisiana Section, host for the 255th National Meeting, the divisional program chairs, symposium organizers, and ACS staff for the planning and execution of the meeting; and
- c. to recognize Dr. Harry P. Schultz, former Councilor for the South Florida Section (1974-1977), on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

2. Highlights from Committee Reports

A. Online Preference Forms for Councilors

All Councilors, including new Councilors, were reminded to complete their online committee preference form for 2019 committee assignments, which is open from March 26 – June 8, 2018 at <https://www.yellowbook.acs.org> (log in required).

B. Nominations and Elections

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits Councilors' input of qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors for future consideration. Suggestions may be sent to nomelect@acs.org.

C. Budget and Finance

In 2017, ACS generated a Net from Operations of \$28.6 million, which was \$4.8 million higher than 2016. Total revenues were \$553.1 million, increasing 5.0% or \$26.4 million over 2016. Expenses ended the year at \$524.5 million, which was \$21.6 million or 4.3% higher than prior year. This was attributable to strong performance from the Society's Information Service units (CAS and ACS Publications) and a continued emphasis on expense management across the ACS.

Additional information can be found at www.acs.org. At bottom, click 'About ACS', then 'ACS Financial Information'. There you will find several years of the Society's audited financial statements and IRS 990 filings.

D. Membership

The ACS ended 2017 with over 150,000 members. While this means that ACS remains the world's largest scientific society, this number represents a continuing decline in overall membership for the sixth year in a row. The Committee on Membership Affairs is committed to working with Council, the Board of Directors, the Committee on Budget and Finance, ACS staff, and other stakeholders to halt this trend and return ACS to a growing and engaged membership.

E. New Orleans Meeting Attendance

As of Monday, March 19:

Attendees	8,470
Students	6,432
Exhibitors	877
Expo only	301
Guests	505
Total	16,585

F. Petitions to Amend Constitution and Bylaws

New petitions to amend the Constitution or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than May 2 to be included in the Council agenda for consideration at the fall 2018 meeting in Boston. Contact the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws with any questions or requests for information at bylaws@acs.org

3. HIST Councilors

Mary Virginia Orna is serving her first term as a member of the Divisional Activities Committee (DAC) and the Division Enhancement and Outreach Subcommittee. She was able to report on several changes that will take place in areas of DAC oversight, particularly with respect to the criteria and management of the Innovative Grants Program.

Roger Egolf is serving his first term as a full member on the Meetings and Expositions Committee and its Technical (Programming) Subcommittee. The committee is exploring ways to increase attendance at regional meetings and add new innovative ways of presenting papers at the national meetings. Besides attending the committee and council meetings, Egolf also participated in a strategic planning meeting for the M&E committee held before the beginning of the New Orleans meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Virginia Orna
Roger Egolf

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