

ACS President-Elect Oral Report to Council in Philadelphia (8-22-12)

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Mr. President, Fellow Councilors, ACS staff, and distinguished guests, (Title slide 1)

Since our last Council meeting in San Diego, I have been working on several of my Presidential initiatives for next year and am pleased to provide an update. (Slide 2 on goals)

My Presidential Task Force "**Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise**" has been working to identify opportunities with respect to jobs, advocacy, and strategic collaborations., The Jobs & Advocacy group, chaired by Sadiq Shah, has been brainstorming new ways to help members with jobs, career development, and alternative careers, and to promote advocacy to encourage business expansion and jobs creation. (Slide 3 on building bridges)

The Globalization group, chaired by H.N. Cheng, has been exploring potential opportunities associated with globalization. One objective is to enable and enhance global collaborative partnerships and exchanges to access global markets for resources and jobs for ACS members. Another objective is to provide advice and information about overseas assignments and successful global businesses.

I am working on **building bridges** between industry, academia, government, and small business and also between various disciplines in today's increasingly multidisciplinary research environment. (Slide 4 on partnerships) I have travelled to meetings here and abroad, establishing connections with our sister societies and international organizations. These valuable connections lay good foundations for forming strategic collaborations in the future.

While we agree on the need for clean water, adequate food, alternative energy, and accessible medicines, I also learned of another common issue -- the **persistent negative** perception the general public has towards chemistry and the chemical industry.

What a great **opportunity** exists for ACS to become a **global leader** in sharing best practices for public outreach with our successful programs such as Science Cafes and National Chemistry Week!

Next year at the spring meeting in New Orleans, I will convene leaders from our sister societies around the world for a Globalization Collaboration Round Table as well as sponsor a Presidential Globalization Symposium also involving leaders from academia, industry & government to further discuss common challenges and how we might collaborate for mutual benefit.

(Slide 5)

My **top priority** remains serving our domestic members at home. I have made it a priority to talk with as many members as possible by visiting regional meetings, local sections, and universities to find out what's on our members' minds.

I have received many letters and have learned that members **want** help from ACS and welcome more outreach. I will continue to work hard on behalf of our members, whether it is **jobs, advocacy, diversity, education, science literacy, or public outreach.**

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Let's continue to work together to **turn challenges into opportunities** and to help our members.

Thanks for your continued support

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Presidential Task Force

“Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise”

- Goals
 - Identify challenges and opportunities related to the global chemistry enterprise with respect to job growth, collaboration, education, and advocacy
 - Provide recommendations to help members with jobs and to thrive in the global environment

Building Bridges for Strategic Collaborations



- Between industry, academia, government, and small business
- Between various disciplines in today's increasingly multidisciplinary research environment
- Between the ACS and sister societies here and abroad

Promote Mutually Beneficial Partnerships



- Building relationships is one of our toughest challenges
- Laying good foundations for forming strategic collaborations in the future
- ACS can be a global leader in sharing best practices

Focus on Members

- Helping ACS members with jobs and careers
- Extending our outreach to maximize opportunities for our members
- Advocate to improve business and job climate
- Encourage diversity, education, science literacy, and public outreach

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turn challenges into opportunities!

Thanks for your support!