

## **Report of the President-Elect**

**Thomas J. Barton**

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President-Elect Thomas J. Barton reported that he will be presenting a lecture in Spanish at the 48th Congreso Mexicano de Quimica in Guanajuato this year. He said his plans do not include a presidential task force, noting that a task force should be saved for significant special needs that have not been subjected to previous focused reviews. However, Dr. Barton did express concern about the poor state of K-12 chemistry education in the US and the necessity of ACS action in this arena.

Dr. Barton said that his plans for 2014 include hosting a symposium on fracking, working with Professor Daniel Nocera on a symposium on photocatalytic conversion of water to hydrogen and oxygen, and a summit meeting of CEOs of American chemical companies to produce a white paper on factors inhibiting growth and development of chemistry in the US.