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Council Oral Report
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Madam President and Members of Council:

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve ACS as Chair of the Board, and especially, as Chair of this Board of Directors. I'd like to express my gratitude to the previous Chair, Bill Carroll, for leading the Board in an organized, inclusive and fruitful search for the new Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer. I am very pleased that Tom Connelly accepted our offer and began his ACS career on February 17th. The Board was very impressed with his initial report after just five weeks on the job, and we look forward to working closely with our new Executive Director over the coming years!

Tom's direct reports updated the Board on the activities of Chemical Abstracts Service, the ACS Publications Division, the Society's Treasurer, and the Society's General Counsel.

At its meeting here in Denver, the Board of Directors received and discussed reports from its Committees on Grants and Awards, Professional and Member Relations, Executive Compensation, Corporation Associates; the Society Committee on Education; and the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Grants and Awards and of the Committee on Science, the Board voted to approve a Society nominee for the National Medal of Science. On the recommendation of the Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted to provide nominal sponsorship, without financial commitment, for the "Frontiers of Science Research and Education in the Middle East: A Bridge to Peace" (Malta VII) to be held in Rabat, Morocco, November, 2015.

The Board received an extensive briefing and approved several recommendations from its Committee on Executive Compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff receives regular review from the Board.

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Education, the Board voted to approve a procedure for the establishment of the inaugural Governing Board for the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT). And on the recommendation of the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications, the Board voted to approve the reappointment of an Editor-in-Chief for an ACS journal.

As part of its ongoing commitment to consider key strategic issues facing the Society, the Board held a discussion on improving governance agility. Finally, we received an update on the plans for a one-day retreat to be held as part of our June Board meeting.

Madam President, this completes my report.