

## **Report of the Immediate Past President**

**Bassam Z. Shakhashiri**

**New Orleans, Spring 2013**

Immediate Past President Bassam Z. Shakhashiri began his report by presenting a check equivalent to his meeting registration fee to the Executive Director for Project SEED in recognition of his fifty year membership. Dr. Shakhashiri then reminded Councilors of two important responsibilities: advancing Chemistry and communicating chemistry. He said the ACS report on Advancing Graduate Education in the Chemical Sciences is receiving considerable attention from several sectors and has been described as transformative. Dr. Shakhashiri reported that eleven grants have been awarded under the ACS Challenge Grant Program for local sections and divisions for the ACS Climate Science Initiative.