

## **Report of the Chair, Board of Directors**

**William J. Carroll, Jr.**

**Indianapolis, Fall 2013**

Board Chair William F. Carroll, Jr., reported that the ACS Board of Directors took the following actions at its meeting: approved Society nominations for the National Science Board Public Service Award and the National Science Foundation's Alan T. Waterman Award; received a briefing and approved a recommendation from its Committee on Executive Compensation; approved an advance member registration fee of \$380 for national meetings held in 2014; reauthorized funding in next year's proposed budget for the ACS International Center and the ACS Entrepreneurial Initiative; and voted to make ACS Presentations on Demand (technical presentations delivered at ACS national meetings offered online) a member benefit.

Dr. Carroll announced that in perhaps the most significant action taken, the Board approved a new initiative, a national association of chemistry teachers. This new group is intended to become the professional home for precollege chemistry teachers and a means by which they can ally with ACS. He said that chemistry is the only major science without such a teacher's group, and by working with and learning from existing science teachers' associations, ACS and the association can fill a gap in the professional lives of high school chemistry teachers. This marks an important turning point in our relationship with more than 30,000 high school chemistry teachers, only 35 percent of whom have a both a degree in chemistry and a teaching certification.

Finally, Dr. Carroll said he was particularly pleased with both the turnout and the content of the open board meeting held on Sunday, September 8. Over 500 people came to hear Alan Alda talk about communicating science to the public. It was an instructive and meaningful event and something not soon forgotten.