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The following summarizes key actions of the ACS Council at the 241st ACS National Meeting in Anaheim, CA, March 27-31, 2011

## **ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

### **Election Results**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2012: Judith L. Benham, Dennis Chamot, Diane Grob Schmidt, and Marinda Li Wu. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Dennis Chamot and Marinda Li Wu as candidates for 2012 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.

### **Candidates for Directors-at-Large**

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for the 2012-2014 term: Ken B. Anderson, William F. Carroll, Jr., Charles E. Kolb, and Barbara A. Sawrey. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

### **Change in Committee Charge**

- The Council VOTED to amend the charter of the Committee on Technician Affairs to include updated terminology.

### **The Society's Finances**

- In spite of the economic challenges faced in 2010, the Society's operating performance held up remarkably well. Total revenue was \$463.7 million, up +0.8% from 2009, and \$2.4 million (+0.5%) higher than the 2010 budget. The Net from Operations was \$23.8 million, or \$11.9 million favorable to budget. This resulted largely from cost containment initiatives and lower-than-budgeted salaries and fringe benefits.

### **2012 Member Dues**

- The Council VOTED to set the member dues for 2012 at the fully escalated rate of \$148. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

### **Local Section Name Change and Grant Deadlines**

- The Council VOTED to change the name of the Northeast Oklahoma Section to the Northern Oklahoma Section. This name change is due to the recent merger of the North Central Oklahoma Section and its territories into the Northeast Oklahoma Section. The proposed name change more closely reflects the combined territories of the two Sections.
- The Council was reminded of grant deadlines from the Committee on Local Section Activities as follows:
  - Science Café Grants – Ongoing
  - Bridging the Gap: Student Member Grant – December 1
  - Bridging the Gap: IYC Grant – June 1
  - Innovative Project Grants – June 30
  - Joint LSAC/IAC International Interaction Grant – TBA

### **Member Statistics**

- Membership recruitment efforts were exceptionally successful in 2010. It is particularly impressive that due to efficiencies in recruiting efforts, the net cost to recruit the more than 25,000 new members decreased from \$122 per member in 2008 to \$67 in 2010 despite increases in costs for postage and printing. The official membership number for 2011 stands at 163,111.

### **Attendance Report**

- As of March 30, 2011, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 14,047 registrants as follows: Regular attendees, 7,336; Students, 4,682; Exhibitors, 1,097; Exposition only, 599; and Guests, 333.