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Councilor's Report
Executive Committee Meeting
November 1, 2007

Attended the ACS National Meeting and Council Meeting in Boston.
Expenses: \$1812.02 (75% reimbursed by National Office)
Cost to Local Section: \$453.00

Highlights of Council Meeting

- The Boston meeting had approximately 15,400 registrants.
- It's Presidential election time. There are two candidates, both with industrial backgrounds. All members should have received their ballots and can vote electronically or by paper. Tomorrow (November 2) is the last day for voting. Responses are tracked and there is an email follow-up reminding members to vote.
- The 2008 New Orleans meeting (April 6 – 10) is joint with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). AIChE was created in 1908 to help establish the discipline of chemical engineering as separate from chemistry and ACS.
- The revised ACS website is up and running, effective September 30. It's designed for easier, quicker navigation. The site consists of navigation pages to get you where you want and content pages which have the information.
- The Board of Directors has approved a new strategic plan: "Strategic Directions for 2007 and Beyond." It builds on the ACS Vision "Improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry" and the ACS Mission "To advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people." The plan focuses on four core areas: external value, internal value, member value, and a solid foundation.
- Project SEED has changed its acronym to "Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged" to more accurately the mission of Project SEED. On a personal note, Ms Susan Fahenholtz, one of the SEED originators, commented to me on what an out standing program we have in San Antonio.
- Chemjobs Career Center summary: 1520 job seekers, 911 jobs, 126 employers. All of these numbers are higher than those for the Chicago meeting. The method of counting the number of jobs was revised for this meeting to more accurately reflect the true number. Previous counts were based on the number of listings.
- With the revised website, Chemjobs is now ACS Careers, with all career related information on one navigation page. Related to this, survey results presented at the CEPA meeting showed that electronic means are the number one way for finding jobs.
- ACS remains concerned about the source of its future leaders. To foster their development, it has initiated a new ACS Leadership Development System designed to build leadership skills. The programs focus on four core leadership competency areas – personal capability, interpersonal skills, focusing on results and setting a clear direction. These are presented by a mix of online and

facilitated courses which will build critical leadership skills applicable to a person's career or in ACS. More information can be found off the Careers/Professional Development navigation webpage.

- The Leadership Training Conference will be in Dallas, January 25 – 27, 2008.
- Meeting locations can change. The 2011 Chicago meeting will be in Denver. The 2012 New York meeting has been relocated to Philadelphia.

From the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA)

- I have been selected to be a full member of CEPA in 2008. In addition, I am the new CEPA Program Chair. I will be attending the Program Planning and Coordination Conference November 2 – 4.
- The ACS Policy Statement on Retirement Security has been approved. The statement was prepared by the Subcommittee on Public Policy.
- The Subcommittee on Public Policy organized and sponsored a symposium on Age Discrimination – Information for the Mature Chemist at the Boston meeting. The symposium presented views of the age discrimination issue from different perspectives.