The National Meeting in San Francisco attracted 15,761 participants. The Exposition had 432 booths with 285 exhibiting companies. Total papers accepted for the Meeting were 11,847.

The Council meeting on Wednesday included reports presented by the Society President, President-Elect, Past President, Chair of the Board of Directors, and the Executive Director.

The Executive Director, Madeline Jacobs has announced her retirement as of the end of 2014 and a search is underway for a replacement. Should one not be identified as of December 31, Dr. Jacobs has agreed to remain in the position until one is hired.

Summaries of select Committee reports are as follows:

**Committee on Nomination and Elections (N&E)**


- Candidates elected to the Council Policy Committee beginning in 2015 were Lawrence Barton, Lynne P. Greenblatt, Peter C. Jurs, and Linette M. Watkins, for the 2015-2017 term, and Andrea Twiss-Brooks for the remainder of a 2014-2016 term.

- Elected to the Committee on Nominations and Elections beginning in 2015 were Lydia E.M. Hines, Robert L. Lichter, Mamie W. Moy, Anne T. O’Brien, and Eleanor D. Siebert for the 2015-2017 term.

N&E announced the candidates for the fall 2014 ACS national election as follows:

**Candidates for President-Elect, 2015**

- **Peter K. Dorhout**, Dean of Arts & Sciences and Professor of Chemistry, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- **William A. Lester, Jr.**, Professor of the Graduate School, Department of Chemistry, University of California, Berkeley, CA
- **Donna J. Nelson**, Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

As Councilor, I urge all members to become knowledgeable about the candidates and to vote in the upcoming election.
Committee on Committees (ConC)

On the recommendation of ConC, Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Patents and Related Matters, subject to concurrence by the Board of Directors; and to continue the Committee on Technician Affairs.

Council Policy (CPC)

- CPC announced that the recommendations of its Task Force to Review the Councilor Reimbursement Policy, approved in March 2014, were forwarded to the Society Committee on Budget and Finance and ultimately will go to the Board for action.
- At the spring meeting in 2015, CPC will set the divisor for 2016 – 2019. The formula will be based on membership numbers as of December 31, 2014. Official notification of the Councilor divisor and the number of Councilors permitted for Local Sections or Divisions will be sent to Local Sections and Divisions no later than May 1, 2015, as it will affect elections conducted in 2015. CPC will form a small task force on Councilor Divisor Communications to assist staff.

Education (SOCED)

- SOCED received an update on the new American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT), which is now accepting members and will officially launch September 2, 2014. AACT member benefits include access to curricular resources, such as lesson plans and multimedia; professional development opportunities; a subscription to ChemMatters; and an online member network. SOCED voted to approve revisions to the current policy statements on hands-on laboratory science, science and technology funding, and visa restrictions. The statements will go to the Board of Directors for approval at its December meeting.

Committee on Meetings and Expositions (M&E)

- Boston – Fall 2024, 2029, 2031
- San Diego – Spring 2025, 2031, and Fall 2027
- New Orleans – Spring 2027, 2032
- Chicago – Fall 2022

Of interest to the Orlando Section, the Spring 20109 meeting will be held here in Orlando.

Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC)

LSAC will award 14 Innovative Project Grants (IPG) totaling $30,033, bringing the 2014 total to 33 IPG awards totaling over $70,000. LSAC will also be offering grants during the fall to assist local sections with hosting a strategic planning retreat; a Leadership Development System course in their section, and to assist with travel to the 2015 ACS Leadership Institute. National Chemistry Week will be held October 19-25 with the theme, “The Sweet Side of Chemistry: Candy”.
On the recommendation of LSAC, the Council **VOTED** to dissolve the Ocean County Local Section due to inactivity.

**Membership Affairs (MAC)**

- MAC reported that as of June 30, the total ACS membership was 158,869, a net increase of 512 since May of this year. The number of international members has grown this year by 312, to almost 25,000. The number of current, unpaid members declined in June and is 13% lower than June 2013. As of July 1, automatic renewal (on credit card) became available.

Your Councilor continues to serve on the Committee on Chemical Safety and is assigned to the Resources Sub Committee. This group is currently completing a revision of the widely used booklet, “Safety in the Academic Chemistry Laboratory.” It is expected to be available in the Spring of 2015.

Darlene Slattery

Councilor