

## 2009 Spring Reports

### **POLY Councilors' Report of the Salt Lake City Meeting**

At the Salt Lake City National Meeting (March 21-26, 2009), POLY was represented at the ACS Council by Bill Daly, H. N. Cheng, and John Pochan. The following account summarizes some selected activities in the committees and groups that POLY Councilors are involved in.

#### **Division Activities Committee (DAC) - John Pochan**

DAC discussed electronic dissemination of national meeting programs with a representative of Content Management Corporation, the company that is disseminating some of the SLC meeting (see below). Questions concerning costs, fees, clearance, publication rules and a general roll-out of a plan to cover an entire national meeting were discussed. DAC has formed a committee (Pochan being a member) to produce a white paper and a proposed business model for the endeavor. Once DAC has vetted the proposal it will be distributed to the Divisions for approval or change. DAC also discussed augmenting the Division allocation formula to provide allocation additions for participation in regional meetings.

#### **Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group (MPPG) - John Pochan**

Future themes have been vetted for the 2011 national meeting and confirmed. These are: Chemistry of Natural Resources for Anaheim (spring 2011) and Chemistry of Air, Space and Water for Denver (fall 2011). The themes for the remainder of 2009 and 2010 are as follows: Washington (fall 2009) - Chemistry and Global Security: Challenges and Opportunities, Sadiq Shah, thematic chair; San Francisco (spring 2010) - Chemistry for a Sustainable World, Laura Pence, thematic chair; Boston (Fall 2010) - Chemistry for Preventing and Combating Disease, John Finley, thematic co-chair. The organization structure of MPPG has been changed in order to facilitate division input and operations - see the MPPG website under the DAC banner.

#### **Committee on Meetings & Expositions (M&E) - Bill Daly and H. N. Cheng**

The Meetings and Exposition Committee held a successful pilot program to open the 2009 expositions on Sunday evening between 6:30-8:30 PM with a welcome reception and open show hours. The show seemed to be well attended. Many people shuttled back and forth between the exhibits and the Sunday poster session, which took place at the other end of the Convention Center. The Salt Lake City meeting attracted 10,668 attendees. The exhibits continued to do well. Throughout the years, the exhibits have steadily increased in booth sales and in revenue. In Salt Lake City, the booth sales was lower, perhaps a result of the location and poor national economy. The overall meeting finances are a concern as the last two meetings have not contributed to the Society revenue.

The first experiment with electronic dissemination of programming makes the plenary lecture of the Nanoscience Symposium available to members on-line. Check the ACS web page for Angela Belcher's keynote address as well the lectures presented in the Plenary Session on Nanoscience, Challenges for the Future. The impact of electronic dissemination of presentations both as a benefit to the members as well as the change in meeting attendance was discussed extensively.

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The meeting in Philadelphia received very favorable reviews. In the post-conference survey, 89% of the respondents recommended Philadelphia for future ACS National Meetings. This positive response was tempered by the high labor cost at Philadelphia. We are scheduled to return to Philadelphia in Fall 2016.

M&E is continuing its efforts to bolster the regional meetings. There are currently 10 regions. The attendance at each regional meeting is typically 600-800. At POLY, Warren Ford is in charge of liaison with the regional meetings on polymer-related programming.

### **Committee on Committees (ConC) - H. N. Cheng**

At this meeting, ConC carried out a mini-review of committees. A joint Board-ConC Action Enablement Team has completed its task to examine the reporting alignment of ACS Council-related committees and recommend changes in their categorization. At Salt Lake City, ConC has initiated the formation of a Task Force on Senior Chemists. The purpose is to serve as a focal point for senior members, to organize talks, events and activities targeted for their interests, and to give these members a greater sense of inclusion in the ACS. Several members of POLY are involved, e.g., Eli Pearce as Task Force Chair, Bill Daly and Bob (Kodak) Moore as members, and H. N. Cheng as ConC liaison.

### **Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology, and Symbols (NTS) - H. N. Cheng**

This committee strives to provide leadership in nomenclature and coordinate its work with other national and international organizations on nomenclature, particularly with respect to ACS publications. The new committee chair, Peter Rusch, is interested in interfacing with appropriate divisions and in organizing meaningful activities. For more information, visit their website at Poly councilors' report of the salt lake city meeting at the salt lake city national meeting (march 21-26, 2009), poly was represented at the acs council by bill daly, h. n. cheng, and john pochan. the following account summarizes some selected activities: <http://membershierp.acs.org/N/NOME>

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### **Polymer Programs at ACS Regional Meetings - W. Ford**

The Division of Polymer Chemistry (POLY) will provide up to \$500 to support a well-planned regional meeting symposium. In turn POLY would like the opportunity to advertise its programs and recruit members near to the location of the polymer chemistry sessions.

The criteria for POLY support are

1) There must be a full day symposium devoted to polymer chemistry. 2) The program should include one or more invited speakers. 3) To apply for support, the Program Chair or symposium organizer must send (a) a copy of the technical program to the POLY Committee on Polymer Programs at ACS Regional Meetings and (b) a budget showing how the funds will be used to defray registration fees and travel costs of invited speakers.

POLY provided seed funding of \$500 each for the following symposia at ACS Regional Meetings in 2008.

The 60th Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS) November 12-15, 2008 Nashville, TN  
Nanostructures in Polymer Chemistry

ACS Western Regional Meeting (WRM) 2008 September 23-27, 2008 Las Vegas, NV  
Polymer Architecture

Central Regional Meeting (CERMACS) June 10-14, 2008 Columbus, Ohio. Advances toward  
Green Chemistry

During 2009 the Central and Southeast Regional Meetings so far have announced plans for polymer symposia. The POLY announcement will be sent to all Chairs of 2009 and 2010 regional meetings as soon as the ACS Regional Meetings office provides the contact information.