

Division of Analytical Chemistry, 223<sup>rd</sup> National ACS Meeting  
DAC Executive Committee Meeting  
Saturday, 6 April, 1:00-5:00 pm  
Orange Room, Embassy Suites, Orlando, FL

[Adopted without change, August 22, 2002]

Present for all or part of the meeting: Roland Hirsch, Carolyn Ribes, Al Ribes, John Richardson, Catherine Fenselau, Charlie Wilkins, David Pinkston, John Nikelly, Henry Blount, Rich Dallinger, Sally Stafford.

1. Call to Order: Catherine Fenselau called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: minutes were approved by a Carolyn Ribes, Chase motion.
3. Officer Reports
  - 3.1 3.1 Chair: Catherine Fenselau reported on the Orlando programming. We are involved in Sci Mix this year, but this conflicts with the division dinner. Unfortunately, three of our symposium chairs are ill, but all will continue as planned.
  - 3.2 3.2 Chair-elect: David Pinkston reported on Boston Programming. There will be 16 half-day sessions and 7 co-sponsored symposia. There was some discussion regarding problems related to contracting these symposia with ACS.
  - 3.3 3.3 Secretary: John Richardson gave an overview of the 2001 Secretary's Report. He reported that the division appears to be in good health. He also thanked all for their input on the report.
  - 3.4 3.4 Treasurer: Carolyn Ribes reported on the 2001 annual report. We had a surplus of \$12,000 for 2000, and \$16,000 for 2001. We need to consider whether we might want to make use of this surplus to expand our programming at meetings. We are being reimbursed at \$92 per night hotel, and \$46 per day for food for this meeting. Our bottom line: Checking: \$14,084.64; money market: \$188,776.12, and pool: \$39,950.37. Carolyn reported that this is the best shape we have been in for a long time. It was noted that doing more co-sponsored symposia might help our attendance since it will emphasize more interdisciplinary work.
  - 3.5 3.5 Councilors: Sally Stafford and Henry Blount suggested that local sections be used as a vehicle to dispense information about our division and its activities. There is a petition regarding divisional support of local activities up for discussion. Goals: increase support for both divisions and local sections. Where has the greatest lack of money been? Programming?

Awards? How can the plan be implemented fairly? Implementation may not occur for two or three more years. Hirsch also reported that there is a move to “reinvent” chemistry by breaking down divisions and looking at the discipline as being more interdisciplinary.

4. Subdivision of Chromatography and Separations Science: John Nikelly reported on subdivision activities. The two-year chair is working out; Vicki McGuffin will be the new chair. There are three programs planned for the Boston meeting, but not all details are yet finalized. There will be an award given at Pittcon for young separations scientists. Nikelly also reported that membership is holding steady at about 1200 members.

## 5. Committee Reports

5.1 5.1 Program Planning: Wilkins reported that programming for the New Orleans meeting is in progress. We have two half-day sessions for awardees; so far a total of 12 half-day sessions. There are 4 half-day sections planned for the New York Meeting so far. This meeting and the next meeting have been planned within budget constraints. Hirsch suggested that we make a move toward collaborating with the new Laboratory Automation Division with regard to programming in 2003.

5.2 5.2 Awards and Canvassing: Bruce Chase commented on awards; there will be 4 awards given in Boston, but neither the Electrochemistry (no sponsor) nor the Findeis (no nominees) will be awarded. All division awards will be celebrated in a single day symposium. There have been very few nominees for these awards, which has been a problem. Bruce asked each of us to suggest a nominee for one or more of the awards to help get the pool up. Hirsch moved that names of candidates be retained for three years, seconded by Carolyn Ribes. The motion passed unanimously.

5.3 5.3 Education: Sylvia Daunert reported (in absentia) that the Kolthoff program remains successful, and the Pfizer Award has gotten off to a momentous start with 19 initial applications. It looks like this will be an ongoing program, with Pfizer pledging support for next year at both meetings.

5.4 5.4 Financial Planning: Catherine Fenselau emphasized again the opportunity to expand our programming in the future. How much do we continue to subsidize the division dinner? We decided that it would be a good idea to continue to subsidize student awardees and other award winners.

5.5 5.5 Graduate Fellowship: Rich Dallinger reported that he has been trying to enhance the number of applications. While applications are on the increase, sponsorship seems to be pulling out. We need new support, primarily from industry. He also distributed a list of this year’s award winners. Other issues: Peggy Merritt has asked to be retired from the fellowship committee after 30

years of service. Rich suggested that the division chair recognize her for her efforts. A plaque will be presented to her at the Fall 2002 meeting.

5.6 5.6 Membership: Don Hicks reported (in absentia) that he attended the Division Leadership Conference, but also suggested a recruiting proposal. Hirsch suggested that we target our 1500 or so new members that get free membership in an effort to keep these people as paying members. Don also submitted his resignation as membership chair.

5.7 5.7 Newsletter: Al Ribes commented that we got a request from a “headhunter” to place an ad in the newsletter. This time there was no charge for the placement of the recruiting ad, but we wouldn’t want this to get out of hand.

5.8 5.8 Webpage: Roland Hirsch reported that there is discussion about the use of “chemistry.org”. Abstracts and the like could be there for view by members only, as they are on the open site as of now. What should be put in the “controlled access” area? Suggestions include posting the newsletter on-line, as well as suggestions for future programming.

5.9 5.9 Nominating: Bruce Chase reported that nominations are open for this year’s elections. We have two candidates for treasurer, but are having problems finding candidates for chair-elect and councilor/alternate. Bruce called for the executive committee to help him to identify potential candidates.

5.10 5.10 Publicity: Carolyn Ribes reported that Charlene Crawley put together a book for the award sessions at the Chicago Fall 2001 meeting. Unfortunately, the books never arrived there. We need to be aware of where these booklets are being sent.

5.11 5.11 Undergraduate Awards: Howard Dewald presented (in absentia) a report stating that the 2001 Undergraduate Award program is complete. A total of 373 awards were given. Letters have been sent out for nominees for the 2002 awards. Howard also did an informal poll of award recipients that indicates that most awardees would prefer a paper subscription over an electronic subscription.

5.12 5.12 FACSS: no report

5.13 5.13 EAS: no report

## 6. Reports from Affiliated Organizations

6.1 6.1 ACS Biotechnology Secretariat: Dave Pinkston commented on doing some future programming with this organization.

6.2 6.2 DAC-FECS: no report

## 7. Old Business

7.1 7.1 Status of Electrochemistry Award: John Richardson reported that he had been in contact with John Parmer, president of Cole-Parmer, Inc. Mr. Parmer is presently considering taking over funding of the Electrochemistry Award, but he must submit a proposal to Fisher, Inc., his governing company.

7.2 7.2 Committee memberships: Catherine Fenselau reported that she wants to consolidate committee memberships. Chase moved, seconded by Wilkins, that the Past-Chair act as Chair of both the officer nominating and awards canvassing committees. Also, Don Hicks has put forth his resignation effective this year as chair of the Membership Committee. Blount asked that a description of the office be published so that a replacement could be found.

7.3 7.3 Division Dues: we are to examine our dues. Fenselau suggested that we have no immediate need to increase our dues. Hirsch, seconded by Chase, moved that dues not be changed. Motion carried.

7.4 7.4 NSF Exchange Forum: Wilkins reported that the Mathematics and Education branches of NSF got higher budgets than Chemistry did this year. Our increases are barely keeping up with inflation. Why is this? Apparently, mathematics has been under-funded in previous years. Chemists must make their case if they want more money.

7.5 7.5 Percy Julian Video: we received thanks for our support of this initiative.

7.6 7.6 Division History in Newsletter: Hirsch discussed that there is a plan in action for a future newsletter to include a history of the division. He expects this to come to fruition in about a year or two. Blount suggested that this might be a living document that could reside on "chem.org."

7.7 7.7 Centralization of Division Archives: Roland Hirsch suggested that the Chemical Heritage Foundation be contacted to keep our archives. Fenselau further suggested that the documents be scanned for electronic storage.

## 8. New Business

8.1 8.1 Registration of Division Guests: Catherine Fenselau noted that we give a number of free registrations to awardees, etc. 60 people were registered by hand for this meeting alone. Blount suggested that a template be placed on OASYS to alleviate this work issue by having it sent to symposium organizers to fill out. Hirsch also suggested that there be a one-day registration option.

- 8.2 8.2 Division Accomplishments for National Chemistry Week: we need to give highlights of our division that can be shared with the public. Blount suggested that Royce Murray and Janice Hicks be contacted for ideas.
- 8.3 8.3 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary JACS Symposium: we have been asked by the editor of JACS to suggest names for speakers at an all-day symposium highlighting the major divisions of chemistry. Fenselau suggested that an industrial candidate be considered. Chase suggested that we should get a cut of the co-sponsorship if we are going to commit financially to this effort. Wilkins moved that \$1000 be allocated, seconded by Chase, to the symposium, provided Al Bard be endorsed by us as a potential participant. The motion carried.
- 8.4 8.4 Frequency of Awards: Chase suggested that our division awards be given out every other year, with three in one year and the three others the next. Fenselau countered this proposal by suggesting that yearly awards promote our community, and that there is a backup in the Instrumentation Award. Carolyn Ribes suggested that the sponsors be notified so that their input can be considered. An every-other-year approach may also help in canvassing for potential awardees, as well as giving higher visibility to the award in a given year. We need to continue to consider both sides of this issue.
- 8.5 8.5 CPC and Industrial Membership in Divisions: Carolyn Ribes mentioned that the Council Policy Committee wants to know what industrial members might want to address as issues society-wide. Are there gaps? Fenselau noted that our programming and awards are short on industrial representation. Blount emphasized that that most new PhDs in our discipline go to smaller companies, and their needs must be addressed.
- 8.6 8.6 Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned on a Hirsch/Chase motion at 4:35 pm.