

MINUTES

Division of Analytical Chemistry, 228th National ACS Meeting
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
ANYL Executive Committee Meeting
and the Annual Meeting of the Division
Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Congress A

Members present: Brian Bidlingmeyer, Henry Blount, John Callahan, Rich Dallinger, Bonner Denton, Chris Enke, Alanah Fitch, Roland Hirsch, Cindy Larive, Vicki McGuffin, Steven Petrovic, David Pinkston, Al Ribes, Sally Stafford, Charles Wilkins, Ted Williams, and Elizabeth Zubritzky.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bonner Denton at 1:03 pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: The Spring 2004 minutes were approved.
3. Officer Reports:
 - 3.1. Chair-Elect: John Callahan provided a programming overview of Philadelphia (Fall 2004) and San Diego (Spring 2005). San Diego programming highlighted by John included:
 - Three analytical chemistry sessions in non-traditional environments (atmosphere, marine science, space) representing 2.5 days of programming.
 - Three sessions on sensors (function polymers, nanostructures, and bacteria-based). John hoped to use these sessions as a foundation to include contributed papers into Division programming. It is the intent of the Division to work contributed papers into programming efforts.
 - Two sessions arranged by the Chromatography Subdivision on monolithic LC stationary phases and characterization of biomolecular aggregates.
 - Four national awards to be presented: the Field and Franklin Award (symposium organized by Stephen Martin), the ACS Award in Chromatography (symposium organized by Milos Novotny), the ACS Award in Analytical Chemistry (symposium organized by Fred Lytle), and the ACS Nobel Signature Award for Chemical Education (symposium organized by Paul Bohn).
 - 3.1.1. John reiterated that the Division is going to work in an additional set of contributed papers that will run parallel with invited paper sessions. Also, the poster session will be held in the Exposition on Tuesday afternoon. ACS is encouraging poster sessions to be held next to the vendors for greater exposure.
 - 3.1.2. Programming for Washington, DC is currently being developed. Vicki asked about the timeline for Washington, DC organizers. John had indicated by September 2004.
 - 3.2. Secretary: Steven Petrovic summarized the 2004 election process and its transition to electronically-based voting procedures. Details on the procedure for election notification by e-mail, and the decision-making process for sending ballots by first-class mail to those members with no e-mail access, were outlined by Steve and are included in the Fall 2004 agenda packet. The election proceeded smoothly and the elected candidates were: Chair-Elect, Chris Enke; Treasurer, Al Ribes; Councilor, Catherine Fenselau; Alternate Councilor, Sally Stafford. Steve noted a disappointing turnout. Comments regarding the transitional election procedure:
 - More ballots were received by first-class mail recipients than by e-mail recipients, so the turnout was low for e-mail recipients (2.3% versus 7.7% for first-class recipients).
 - Al Ribes added that the cost of the election was approximately \$6400, which was essentially a wash financially. The number of ballots received was approximately the same as in previous years.
 - David Pinkston noted that fellow employees wanted the election to be either completely paper or completely electronic but not a combination of the two procedures. The election announcement was also labeled as spam.
 - Henry Blount did a survey of 154 members that received the ballot, and 122 of those surveyed did not return the ballot. When asked why, the members told Henry that it was too cumbersome to vote.

- Sally Stafford indicated that the ACS Council has a motion on the table regarding web-based balloting.
 - Chris Enke indicated that ASMS uses web-based balloting so the technology is available. Chris volunteered to determine the cost of web-based balloting to ASMS.
 - Al Ribes mentioned that N&E is a hurdle. The election procedure that ANYL chooses must meet N&E requirements. We recently received a quote from campusvote.com for \$2500. The Society for Applied Spectroscopy uses iballot.com and a mock election can be set up as a demo.
 - Bonner asked Al and Steve to look into running a free demo and asked for a motion on how to proceed. Motion was proposed by Al Ribes to investigate how the Division can proceed to a fully electronic election process by the Spring 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by John Callahan and Bonner Denton. The motion was approved.
- 3.3. Treasurer: Carolyn Ribes' report was presented by Al Ribes and the report was coupled with New Business agenda items 8.2 and 8.3. Currently, there is \$18,000 in the checking account and \$117,000 in the savings account, and \$42,000 in the ACS Investment Pool. The Division should be in the black at the end of 2004. Other items include:
- 3.3.1. Charles Wilkins addressed the termination of funding for the Award in Spectrochemical Analysis because of the lack of a sponsor. Charles was concerned about such termination because of their importance to the Division. Charles proposed the formation of a subcommittee to secure avenues of funding for such awards through a NSF proposal. The proposal would focus on the development of an infrastructure in the field of Analytical Chemistry that would involve role models in the field. Awards, such as the ones that are currently not sponsored, could be subsidized along with other expenses such as travel to national meetings. Industry could possibly be called upon for matching donations. Such a proposal could be seen not only as a vehicle to fund these awards, but the proposal would also advance the infrastructure of the Analytical Chemistry field.
- 3.3.1.1. Henry suggested a friendly amendment that the Division would support the award until alternative long-term funding is secured.
- 3.3.1.2. John reminded the Executive Committee that the Division Bylaws prevent the Division from supporting the Spectroscopy Award after one year without a sponsor. However, the bylaws say nothing about picking up the expense of the award once it has been dropped.
- 3.3.1.3. Final Motion: Amend budget to provide \$5200 missing support for the spectroscopy award that is no longer supported, and to establish a committee with the broader task of enhancing the infrastructure of analytical chemistry in the United States and raising the support for the award being reinstated. Motion passed.
- 3.3.1.4. To recognize the importance of these awards, and to address the immediate nature of this problem, Charles offered \$1000 of his own money to help fund these awards if four other people also pledge \$1000 each. Ted Williams and Bonner Denton each offered \$1000 to support the award this year. Charles Wilkins will chair the proposed committee and Bonner suggested that Drew Evans be asked to participate on the committee. Chris Enke suggested that the past-chair be an *ex-officio* member on the committee.
- 3.3.1.5. With respect to funding for the Chair and Chair-Elect to attend P2C2, the committee has also asked that an additional \$1000 in travel support be available.
- 3.3.1.6. Vicki McGuffin noted that the recent increase in support (to at least four days) for Executive Committee officers (as of Fall 2003), as stipulated in the Officer Travel Guidelines, was not explicitly extended for the Chair of the Separations Subcommittee. Vicki requested that such an increase in meeting support be extended to the Separations Subcommittee Chair. The Executive Committee felt that this was a typographical error in the Officer Travel Guidelines and no additional motion was needed to properly update the Officer Travel Guidelines.
- 3.4. Councilors: Sally Stafford and Roland Hirsch reported that the current discussion for the Council meeting are centered upon the upcoming petitions for electronic balloting as well as pushing the annual report deadline one month earlier. Alanah Fitch and Sally Stafford mentioned a discussion regarding the Councilor ratio of 80% local section and 20% professional. The Divisional Councilor's Caucus (DCC) will be discussing the appropriateness of this ratio on Tuesday evening (8/24/2004).
- 3.4.1. John Callahan inquired about the petition for electronic balloting, and asked if it were only for national elections. Sally indicated that until National ACS changes its wording regarding elections in the Society bylaws, the Division cannot change its bylaws. Both N&E and Tom Gelbert are looking into options for electronic voting implementation, which will be discussed at the DCC.
- 3.5. Bonner presented a motion to accept all officer reports. Charles and Roland seconded. Motion passed.

4. Subdivision of Chromatography and Separations Chemistry: Vicki McGuffin presented the Subdivision report.
 - 4.1. The results for the spring Subdivision election were presented. Brian Bidlingmeyer was elected to the Chair-Elect position, John Dorsey becomes Chair as of October 1, Bob Stevenson was re-elected as Secretary, and Luis Colon, John Dolan, and David Sparkman were elected to the Subdivision Executive Committee. The Subdivision created the position of Historian and asked John Nikelly to serve in that position. Revisions in the Subdivision bylaws are also being addressed. Revisions will be posted on the web and voted upon at the Subdivision Executive Committee meeting in the Spring at the Pittsburgh Conference.
 - 4.2. Program planning involves four half-day sessions in Philadelphia. Focus is on pharmaceuticals because of the meeting location. At the San Diego meeting, there are two half-day sessions and a symposium honoring the late Csaba Horvath. There are three half-day symposia planned by the Subdivision at the Washington, DC meeting. Vicki discussed the inaugural Young Investigator's award and the presentation of it at the 2005 Pittsburgh Conference.
 - 4.3. The Subdivision was contacted by friends and family members of Csaba Horvath regarding the preservation of the late investigator's laboratory space. The Subdivision discussed placing a plaque either outside his office or laboratory. Vicki wondered if this sort of recognition might be of broader interest to the Division. Henry suggested that Csaba's laboratory could be recognized as a chemical landmark by the NSF (much like the Priestley House in PA). Also, the Chemical Heritage Foundation might be contacted about retaining some of Csaba Horvath's instrumentation. Finally, Vicki thanked everyone in the Analytical Division for their help over the past two years. Bonner thanked Vicki for all her help and her contributions to the Division and separation science in general. Bonner Denton motioned to approve the Subdivision report. The motion was seconded by Charles & Roland. The motion passed.

5. Committee Reports
 - 5.1. Program Planning: David Pinkston reported the Long Range Planning Committee is in better shape than he has ever seen, and he solicited programming suggestions from those in attendance.
 - 5.2. Awards and Canvassing: David indicated that the jury did choose an awardee for the Award in Spectrochemical Analysis this year. David presented a motion that the current awardee for the Award in Spectrochemical Analysis be recognized in 2005. The motion passed. Any unsolicited applications would be held over until the 2006 cycle.
 - 5.3. Education: Cindy Larive reported on increasing the visibility of the Kolthoff award. Al Ribes included an announcement in the latest newsletter, and *Analytical Chemistry* plans on printing a news item in September. Cindy plans to distribute fliers in San Diego as well as Philadelphia. The Kolthoff awardees will also have their poster presentations separated from the other posters in order to increase attention regarding the award. There were five applications and five awardees. The committee has organized a symposium at the Philadelphia meeting targeted to students and postdocs on career opportunities for analytical chemists in the pharmaceutical industry. Also, for the San Diego meeting, a symposium is planned that features analytical chemistry faculty early in their careers. The Washington, DC meeting will highlight innovations in teaching analytical chemistry.
 - 5.4. Financial Planning: No report.
 - 5.5. Graduate Fellowship: Richard Dallinger reported on the activities of the committee. There were nine fellowship recipients. However, the total number of applications decreased. The Graduate Fellowship Committee lost two nine-month sponsors: Merck and Dupont. Rich thanked the members of the Graduate Fellowship Committee for their hard work. Rich also commented that the committee is in its 55th year. John Callahan suggested that locating money for fellowships would be appropriate for the newly created subcommittee chaired by Charles Wilkins. It was suggested by Ted Williams to have plaques for donors at the ACS meeting. Vicki plans to do this for the Young Investigator award. Henry suggested that the Division dinner be used as a platform for acknowledgement of such donors.
 - 5.6. Membership: No report.
 - 5.7. Newsletter: Al Ribes indicated that the cost of the newsletter has improved as a result of combining the mailing cost with that of the ballot mailings. The next issue is in March, so the deadline for submissions to the spring newsletter is December 15. Al announced that he is stepping down as newsletter editor since he takes over as Division Treasurer. Bonner thanked Al for his contribution as Editor.

- 5.8. Webpage: Roland Hirsch had nothing to report regarding the webpage. However, Roland expressed concern regarding the unusually large number of members (1500) that have not paid their dues. The Medicinal Chemistry division sends a reminder about keeping current with division dues. This reminder needs to be coordinated with the ACS National office when dues are paid later than the Society dues. Bonner will follow up on this with the Membership Committee.
- 5.9. Nominating: David Pinkston indicated that the candidates for the 2004 election jumped at the chance to run for office, and that we had a great slate of candidates.
- 5.10. Publicity: Henry Blount reminded the committee that we should be soliciting nominations for committee members, and that is the Publicity Committee's job to collect bios for awardees, put together the brochure, etc.
- 5.11. Regional Meetings: No report.
- 5.12. Undergraduate Awards: Howard Dewald submitted a report (*in absentia*) indicating that there were 360 award recipients in 2004. Howard has volunteered to serve as chairman of the Undergraduate Awards Committee for another year.

A motion to approve the committee reports was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

6. Reports from Affiliated Societies: No report.

7. Old Business

- 7.1. By-law Changes. These proposed changes were announced in the 2004 election ballot. Charles motioned to approve the by-law changes. Sally reminded the Executive Committee that the wording in the proposed by-laws needed to be consistent with electronic balloting in the Division and Subdivision bylaws. The proposed by-laws sent out in the ballot did reflect the necessary wording. The motion was seconded and passed.

8. New Business

- 8.1. Shift in Chair-Elect duties: John Callahan proposed making the Chair-Elect responsible for program planning and become Program Chair for those meetings when they become Division Chair. This proposed change gives the Chair-Elect more time to plan ahead and become introduced to the planning process. Right now we are one half-cycle out of step (we are behind by one meeting). A motion for this nomination was forwarded by Charles Wilkins. Alanah Fitch seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- 8.2. Approve 2005 Budget: Was accomplished during the presentation of Officer's Reports.
- 8.3. Approve Meeting Support Guidelines: Was accomplished during the presentation of Officer's Reports.
- 8.4. Proposition by Barnett Educational Services: Barnett Educational Services proposed a working relationship with ANYL in order to promote meetings and other educational materials. Roland Hirsch indicated that it was not clear how ANYL benefits from the proposal. Bonner and Charles both agreed, and David suggested that Barnett wanted our email list. A motion was presented to respectfully decline Barnett's kind offer and we would welcome that their company advertise in *Analytical Chemistry*. The motion was approved.
- 8.5. Incorporation of ANYL: The ACS National review of ANYL suggested incorporation of the Division in their comments. Henry suggested that we invite the ACS to discuss the pros of incorporation. John said that these comments are unfiltered so the ACS may or may not agree with incorporation. Roland agreed and indicated that it may be nothing more than a suggestion. Bonner will ask the mothership for a written explanation regarding the appropriateness of this incorporation suggestion.
- 8.6. Improve Formal Agreement with Award Sponsors: Al Ribes indicated that Cole-Parmer needed to be sent a letter outlining their five-year commitment to the Electrochemistry award.
- 8.7. Acknowledgements.
 - 8.7.1. Bonner thanked David for all of his work as Chair and Past-Chair. (Applause)
 - 8.7.2. Alanah thanked Vicki for all of her work as Subdivision Chair. (Applause)
 - 8.7.3. Roland presented a motion of appreciation for Carolyn Ribes as the outgoing Treasurer. Charles seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Applause)
 - 8.7.4. Roland presented a motion of appreciation for Bonner Denton as the outgoing Chair. Charles seconded the motion. Motion passed. (Applause)

9. A motion to adjourn by Bonner Denton was seconded and approved at 3:50 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Steven C. Petrovic,
Secretary, ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry