**Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA)**

255th ACS National Meeting

New Orleans, LA

March 21st, 2018

**[SLIDE 1]**

Mister President, Members of Council and Guests:

The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, known as CEPA, continues its mission to support ACS members in their professional lives. Acting on the strategic plan established in 2017, CEPA has focused on identifying, supporting, delivering, and evaluating, relevant programs; improving, updating, developing, curating and disseminating relevant policies and codes of conduct and recommending, developing and evaluating critical resources and services to support members.

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The modular survey methodology implemented in 2017, has completed its first full year of reporting. CEPA asks all councilors to participate and encourage the participation of their local section and division members to ensure the survey provides a robust and representative sampling of ACS membership.

Moving forward, CEPA has the ability to report the unemployment rate at each national meeting. The current ACS Domestic Member unemployment is 2.9%. Response rates on the New Graduate survey continue to be very low. Collaboration with NSF and other likeminded collectors of graduate data is underway to address the response decline.

**[SLIDE 3]**

The ACS onsite career fair continues to be integrated with the exposition to provide employers and candidates a seamless and high traffic experience. To provide as many career opportunities to as many members as possible, the need to check-in onsite was eliminated and the registration process was removed for many participants. See the results shown on screen for this meeting’s data.

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CEPA is working to expand our career consultants both domestically and abroad. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering as a career consultant, please visit the ACS Career Consultant website or email the staff liaison.

Mister President this concludes my report.