

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
ORAL REPORT to Council
V. Dean Adams, Chair

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[slide 1] Mr. President, members of Council, and guests. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) certified **10** unit bylaws so far in 2018; of these, 4 were certified since the spring meeting: Northeast Wisconsin and Sioux Valley Sections and Charter bylaws were issued to two new International Chemical Sciences Chapters: Jordan and Qatar. We proactively contacted 7 Divisions and 58 Local Sections to notify them that their bylaws are out of date and not consistent with the ACS Governing Documents.

[slide 2: keep on screen] All current bylaws, the model bylaws, and other options to update your bylaws are available on ACS's website (www.acs.org/bulletin5) or you may contact us at bylaws@acs.org. If your bylaws have not been updated in a while, they might require that balloting for your Division or Local Section elections must be done by U.S. mail.

[slide 2: keep on screen] The ACS Governing Documents (also known as Bulletin 5) were updated as of July 1, 2018. The online version is the authoritative version.

[slide 3: keep on screen until end of presentation] At this meeting, there is one petition for consideration. We invite your attention to the yellow sheets, pages 91 to 148 for the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents, which will be up for action in Orlando. Final reports from the Committee on Budget and Finance and from C&B, will be in this petition in the spring Council agenda.

Within 30 days from this Council meeting, which is September 21, opponents of the petition for consideration may submit their written arguments to bylaws@acs.org.

New petitions to amend the Constitution and/or Bylaws must be received by the Executive Director no later than **December 12th**, for consideration by the Council at the spring meeting in Orlando. The petition guidelines are in Bulletin 5 and on the web; let us know if you need any help or have any questions. If you would like initial feedback on your petition before you collect signatures and before you formally submit it, please send it to us by October 1.

Contact C&B if you have any questions or need any information about bylaws or petitions.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.