

Council Oral Report
CPC Vice-Chair Lisa Houston

Madam President and Fellow Councilors, good morning.

I ask that the all new Councilors and Alternate Councilors attending their first Council meeting please stand to be recognized.

The Council Policy Committee Long Range Planning Subcommittee hosted a New Councilor Orientation for new Councilors and Alternate Councilors on March 30th, with 33 new councilors and alternate councilors in attendance. The subcommittee is also planning a Strategy Café for all Councilors at the Fall meeting in San Diego.

The CPC Working Group on Future Council Representation continued its discussions how to design a Council that best serves the Society in its advisory role to the ACS Board of Directors. The Task Force discussed what function Council currently serves, and what its function should be. Ideas were brought forth on how to serve our international members with representation, the best methods for allocating representation between local sections and technical divisions, and how best to involve younger members into the national governance structure.

As required by the Society's Bylaws, CPC has set the divisors for allocation of Councilors seats among Local Sections and Divisions for 2020-2023. The formula is based on membership numbers as of December 31, 2018. Official notification of the Councilor divisor and the number of Councilors will be sent to Locals Sections and Divisions, well in advance of the required May 1st deadline, in order to accommodate elections in 2019.

Along with the Board of Directors, CPC created the Task Force on Governance Design, whose work led to the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents, which is up for action at this meeting. The Committee supports the petitioner's intent to the ACS Governing Documents by moving text from the Constitution to the Bylaws and from the Constitution and Bylaws to Standing Rules; CPC believes that these changes will simplify our governing documents and make it easier for committees and members to propose changes. CPC voted to reaffirm their support of the Petition to Streamline the ACS Governing Documents. I now yield the floor to Dean Adams, Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, for action on the petition beginning on page 64 of the Council agenda.

Madam President, this concludes my report.