**REPORT TO ACS COUNCIL**

**August 24, 2016**

Madam President and Councilors, as chair of the Committee on Chemical Abstracts Service (CCAS) my oral presentation at this meeting breaks with the standard schedule under which CCAS provides written updates every spring. The motivation for this special presentation is the desire to make you aware that CCAS is organizing a strategic planning retreat to be held early next year and to invite you to contribute input during the planning stages.

As you well know, the Society encourages committees and technical divisions to update their strategic plans regularly and provides support and expert facilitation to achieve that end. The current CAS leadership has been in place for three years making this an ideal time for the committee to explore new opportunities and priorities.

CAS is the major revenue generator for the Society and it has a rich history within the Society. “William A. Noyes founded the CAS organization in 1907 to help scientists benefit from the published work of their colleagues around the world by monitoring, abstracting and indexing the world's chemistry-related literature. … CAS was designated a National Historic Chemical Landmark in 2007 by the American Chemical Society. The designation acknowledges the value of the CAS REGISTRY in scientific discovery as the most comprehensive repository of information in chemistry and related sciences.”

We look forward to collecting input from you and other members to help formulate a strategic plan to guide our volunteer member committee in its partnership with this important ACS division. Working together we will support the ACS mission, “To advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people.” Please contact me with questions or suggestions: wdcornell@yahoo.com.

Madam President and Councilors, this concludes my report.

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