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# BULLETIN

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## Election Results

Pete Smith

Of the 959 eligible voters, 167 cast a ballot (17.4%).

The winners are:

Chair-Elect: Keith Vitense

Secretary: Sue Schelble

Members-at-Large: Jean Delfiner and Uzma Zakai

Councilor: Diane Schmidt

Alternate Councilor: Linette Watkins

The Gay and Transgender Chemists and Allies Subdivision also held an election for Chair-Elect. Of the 78 eligible voters, 33 cast a ballot (42.3%). The winner was Owen Priest.

Thanks to all who ran, and congratulations to the winners.



## Chair's Comment

George Heinze

Two thousand and eleven was a great year for PROF. Membership was up and the sub-divisions are starting to take hold, which should give us both a broader programming base and greater participation. All to the good, but we can't rest on our laurels. Here are some of the topics we should focus on in 2012.

1) We need to do a better job of soliciting nominations for both the Henry Hill Award, and the Lou Saco Award. We should be getting more wide-spread recognition for

sponsoring these awards, but that will only happen if we nominate outstanding people and do a better p.r. job.

2) The sub-divisions need to get their elections off the ground this year, so there can be full representation on the Executive Committee, thus leading to greater participation in decision-making and more planned programming.

3) PROF is certainly expanding its initiatives in diversity and inclusion. We need to assure that these efforts are recognized within ACS and, in particular, with the ChemLuminary Awards.

To accomplish all these tasks requires the efforts and co-operation of a broad base of members, not just the Executive Committee. I urge you to contact me or any of the other Executive Committee members with your suggestions, ideas, opinions and criticisms so that, together, we can best go forward. The success of PROF lies in everyone's hands-- please remember that and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the San Diego meeting.

Regards, George



## Chair-elect's Comment

Keith Vitense

What a long, strange trip it's been. You may recognize this line from the song "Truckin'" by the Grateful Dead. For me, the phrase describes my path to Chair-elect of the Division. In 1989 at the ACS National meeting in

Dallas, TX, I joined PROF. The Dallas meeting was memorable to many because it was the first presentation at a scientific meeting of the results from the cold fusion experiments by Pons and Fleischmann. For me however, the meeting is more memorable because of different events in my life. NOT just because I joined PROF, but also because my wife Pam was very close to giving birth to our oldest son – close enough that I was ready at a moment's notice to drive back to Oklahoma for the birth (that actually occurred 10 days after the meeting)!

The reason I joined PROF was that a colleague (Ann Nalley) took me to what was in hindsight probably the Henry Hill reception, and insisted that I join the Division. I'm sure her motivation was to get another member involved in PROF, but perhaps the 2 free drink tickets that she received were an additional incentive.

After joining PROF, I wasn't very active for a number of years. In fact, my involvement was as a member of the Tellers Committee, back when ballots were on paper and Ann needed someone to help her with an independent count of the votes that were cast. I submitted my name for election as a Member-at-Large to the Executive Committee, but only as a favor to Ann. I was not elected, but I was not disappointed.

After a number of years of being a member mostly in name only, I became more active because of the urging of another colleague. At the Spring ACS meeting in 2006 Dave Chesney, who was a member of the Executive Committee, asked if I would be interested in attending the meeting of the Committee prior to the Henry Hill reception that year. Because I had been a member of PROF and was not particularly active, he made me feel guilty enough to attend. It was at that meeting that I began to become more active in the Division. In 2008 I was awarded a grant from the Division to purchase equipment in support of workshops that the Ethics Committee was developing. Because of this involvement I was asked to run for Chair-elect in 2008. Of course, I lost that election! But in a couple of years I ran once again for a Member-at-Large and was elected, and did become very involved – especially with the process of updating the Bylaws of the Division to include the development of Subdivisions.

Once the Bylaws were passed by the Membership and became effective, I was asked by Chris Bannochie to

serve as Chair of the Ethics Subdivision, a position that I held until this January. In June of 2011 I received a phone call from John Crawford, telling me that I had been nominated to run for Chair-elect (again). After talking with John, I agreed to have my name placed on the ballot as Chair-elect, and I assumed that position this January.

One of my goals for PROF is to help to get the Subdivisions active. As I hope you can tell from the above narrative, one method that I believe in to help increase the activity of the members is simply to ASK! If you are an active member of a Subdivision, ASK someone you think can help the Division or Subdivision to become more active. If you are not as active as you would like to be, just ASK someone to help you become more involved! If you don't know who to ask – ASK ME! My email address is [keithv@cameron.edu](mailto:keithv@cameron.edu) and I would be happy to help you however I can.



### **Past-Chair's Comment:**

Chris Bannochie

Welcome to 2012 everyone. It seems like 2011 passed so quickly for the Division and for my year as chair. I want to thank the wonderful team of 19 executive committee members; without their efforts throughout the year, my job would have been much more difficult. In particular, I wish to thank John Crawford for his assistance throughout the year as Immediate Past Chair. I leave the Division in the very capable hands of George Heinze, and I trust you will all support him as you did me throughout the coming year.

We increased our national meeting programming this past year with four of the six subdivisions putting on programs in Anaheim and Denver. The remaining two subdivisions will be programming in San Diego this spring. One of the six subdivisions is now conducting their own elections, and we hope to get the remaining five to begin holding their own elections this fall.

Our subdivisions are currently stronger than ever. Total subdivision membership stands at 771 out of 961 Division members, or 80%. The breakdown by subdivision is:

Women Chemists	334 (35%)
Younger Chemists	176 (18%)
Gay and Transgender Chemists & Allies	83 (9%)
Minority Affairs	83 (9%)
Ethics	63 (7%)
Chemists with Disabilities	32 (3%)

If you would like to become more active in your subdivision, please contact your subdivision chair via the email link on the governance tab officer's page on the Division website at: [www.acsprof.org](http://www.acsprof.org)

Please consider nominating a Division member for a Lou Saco award this year. The process is easy; just send a one page nomination to the Chair or Secretary of the Division outlining how the individual(s) has "served the Division in a meritorious and exemplary manner over a significant period of time." [Bylaw X, Section 1].

## **PROF Program for Spring Meeting**

### **SUNDAY MORNING**

Excellence in Graduate Polymer Research

Sponsored by POLY, Cosponsored by PRES, PROF, and YCC

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: Health Care Reform and the Impact on Chemists and the Chemical Community

Sponsored by SCHB, Cosponsored by PROF

### **SUNDAY AFTERNOON**

Section A

San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina Marina Ballroom F

Chemistry Education: The Case for Business Skills

Cosponsored by CEPA‡ and SCHB‡ L. Balbes, J. Sabol, Organizers C. Bannochie, Organizer, Presiding

1:30 Introductory Remarks.

1:40 1. Nexus of science and business: What a scientist must know to be successful in a scientific enterprise. S. Shah

2:10 2. Chemists as economic engines: Preparing students for the business world. D. N. Arion

2:40 3. Business skills: The missing link between students and entrepreneurs. M. Berrondo

3:10 Intermission.

3:25 4. Business training for technical students. D. T. Daly

3:55 5. From the laboratory to leadership. G. Xanthopoulos

4:25 Concluding Remarks.

Excellence in Graduate Polymer Research

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### **MONDAY MORNING**

Excellence in Graduate Polymer Research

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True Stories of Success from Chemical Entrepreneurs  
Sponsored by SCHB, Cosponsored by BMGT, CEPA, COMSCI, and PROF

WCC Rising Stars Symposium

Sponsored by WCC, Cosponsored by ANYL, BIOL, MEDI, ORGN, PHYS, PMSE, and PROF  
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## TUESDAY MORNING

### Section A

San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina Marina Ballroom E

ACS Award for Encouraging Disadvantaged Students into Careers in the Chemical Sciences: Symposium in Honor of Todd Pagano

A. Ross, Organizer, Presiding

8:00 Introductory Remarks.

8:05 6. Award Address (ACS Award for Encouraging Disadvantaged Students into Careers in the Chemical Sciences sponsored by The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Inc.). Breaking the silence: "Silent Chemistry" revisited. T. Pagano

8:25 7. Hiring people with disabilities: Competitive advantage for the savvy manager. J. J. Johnston

8:45 8. Role of people who are blind or Low Vision in the chemical profession. C. A. Supalo

9:05 Intermission.

9:15 9. Diversifying the chemical science workforce by training students who are deaf/hard-of-hearing, minority, and female. A. D. Ross

9:35 10. Undergraduate research from the perspective of Associate Degree level deaf and hard-of-hearing students: Analysis of dissolved organic matter in natural waters. R. Spector, J. Macisco, A. D. Ross, T. Pagano

9:55 Concluding Remarks.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON

### Section A

Westin San Diego Boardroom  
Mentoring for Success

Cosponsored by SCHB and WCC J. Erickson, Organizer, Presiding

1:30 Introductory Remarks.

1:35 11. Mentoring strategies for time-pressed managers. J. Borchardt

2:05 12. Importance of mentoring during your career, an industrial perspective. W. C. Flory

2:35 13. Mentoring from the heart: A multivariate perspective. C. V. Hampton

3:05 Intermission.

3:15 14. Mentoring gay and transgender people in STEM. B. Belmont

3:45 15. Formal and informal mentoring in academia. A. F. Charlebois

4:15 16. Mentoring tree: Incorporating leadership training into the graduate curriculum. R. D. JiJi

4:45 Concluding Remarks.

Best Practices for Entrepreneurs

Sponsored by SCHB, Cosponsored by BMGT, CEPA, COMSCI, and PROF

Making a Science Fellowship Part of Your Career Path  
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## Meet Us In San Diego

John Borchardt

There are many interesting sights to see and things to do near the San Diego Convention Center. Some of the convention hotels are located in the historic Gaslamp Quarter. This area is close to the convention center and offers many interesting restaurants. Across the street from the other end of the convention center is Seaport Village, a collection of shops, restaurants and the Maritime Museum, ships ranging from sailing vessels to the World War II aircraft carrier USS Midway.

Nearby Balboa Park contains many interesting sights. The world famous San Diego Zoo is located here. So are the San Diego Natural History Museum, the Air and Space Museum, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, several art museums, the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, and Legoland. Some of the conference hotels offer complimentary shuttle service to SeaWorld.

Hornblower Cruises and Flagship Cruises offer harbor cruise including dinner cruises. Old Town Trolley Tours will take you to Old Town, Seaport Village, USS Midway, Horton Plaza, Balboa Park, Coronado Ferry Landing, and the San Diego Zoo.

Petco Park, home of the San Diego Padres National is also close to the convention center, but the Padres are playing away games the week of the ACS meeting.

You can find information on all these sights by searching the Internet - start at [sandiego.org](http://sandiego.org).



## Remember Our Older Members

John K. Borchardt

Older people face barriers to participatory activities according to a British study. Typically ACS local sections have one meeting a year when they honor 50-year ACS members and present 50-year certificates, and often relatives drive them there.

I suggest that PROF members take the lead in helping bring 50-year members to the annual recognition meeting and to other local section meetings. Spending time with friends (old and new) is an important way of building social networks and support, which can be crucial for older people dealing with life-changing events such as retirement, bereavement or illness – which also pose a risk of social isolation. Spending time with people outside the household also provides a sense of independence.

Our senior members can serve as role models and inspirations for our younger members. So promoting the participation of 50-year members in our local sections can benefit all local section members as well as the local section as a whole.

Division of Professional Relations 2011 Balance Sheet	
Income	
Dues	\$6,848.72
Division Allocation	\$9,662.79
Councilor Travel	\$3,992.12
Innovative Project Funding	\$7,500.00
Meeting Grants	\$12,000.00
Non-Meeting Grants and Awards	\$250.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$180.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$40,433.63</b>

Expenditures	
National Meetings	\$6,323.23
Councilor Travel	\$5,383.08
Leadership Training	\$1,649.10
Guest Registrations and Expenses	\$4,938.00
Newsletters and Ballots	\$1,141.93
Office Supplies and Operational	\$508.36
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$19,943.70</b>

Investments as of 1/13/2011	
Fidelity Spartan Extended Mkt Index 366.804 shares @ \$36.77	\$13,487.38
Fidelity Small Cap Discovery 688.073 shares @ \$20.67	\$14,222.47
Fidelity Puritan 708.801 shares @ \$18.06	\$12,800.95
Cash	\$438.87
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$40,949.67</b>

The Division of Professional Relations speaks for the professional needs and interests of all chemists, chemical engineers, and chemical professionals. Let us meet your needs and interests. Join DPR today by completing the information below.

### Step One: Choose Your Membership Type

#### ONE YEAR DPR MEMBER CATEGORIES

- ACS – full member (\$10)
- Non-ACS – affiliate member (\$12)
- Student member (\$5)

### Step Two: Select Subdivision Membership(s)

- Subdivision on Chemists with Disabilities (\$2)
- Subdivision on Ethics (\$2)
- Subdivision of Gay & Transgender Chemists and Allies (\$2)
- Subdivision on Minority Affairs (\$2)
- Subdivision of Women Chemists (\$2)
- Subdivision of Younger Chemists (\$2)

### Step Three: Provide Information & Mail

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
made payable to: ACS Division of Professional Relations.

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