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Legislative Forum

This meeting will be a joint meeting of the Atlanta Sections of the ACS and AIChE and will feature a legislative panel comprising representatives from our federal and state elected officials' offices. Attending will be a representative from each of Rep. John Isaksen's, Sen. Max Cleland's, and Sen. Zell Miller's offices and Doug Teper, assistant majority whip for the State Legislature.

The format will have us hear from each as to what their offices' views are that bear on support of science and research as well as such topics as security from clandestine attacks on our chemical industry or municipal infrastructures.

We will ask them to give us some perspective on support of programs to increase basic learning in the sciences and mathematics as well as support for Federal research budgets such as those for the National Science Foundation and badly needed Patent Office improvements. A question/answer session will follow.

Also, there will be a hands-on demonstration of the new voting computers to be used in the November elections, statewide. Tanya McGhee of the Georgia Secretary of State's office will conduct this demonstration. Before the dinner you will be able to vote a sample ballot if you wish.

Tuesday, October 22, 2002 at Petite Auberge, Atlanta

Report of 2002 Fall ACS Council Meeting in Boston

Lihong D'Angelo, Councilor

I attended the ACS National meeting as a councilor in Boston August 19-22, 2002. I participated in the Joint Board-Council Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs as an associate member. I also attended the general council meeting. Following is the highlight report of both meetings.

Joint Board-Council Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs

This is my first time to attend a joint board committee meeting. I found that it is a good way to understand how the ACS operates as an organization, since many ACS activities are initiated and carried out by committees. The mission of this committee is to increase the Society's impact on science policy with emphasis on increasing federal funding for the key program supporting chemical research.

Chairperson, Philip Brodsky of Monsanto Company, welcomed everyone and reported on the Committee's activity in 2002. The committee discussed the effectiveness and impact of the ACS Legislative Action Network, and the strategy of recruiting more members by mass mailing via e-mail or regular mail. One significant activity of the Committee for the past few years has been the ACS sponsored Congressional Fellowship. In 2002, there are two Fellows working in the Congress to help congressional representatives understand important issues that the science community is facing. These two people will come to the Committee meeting in the spring meeting in 2003 to report their accomplishments. Because of the positive impact of these Fellows, the Committee felt that it is for the best interest of the Society to double the number to four. The recommendation was made to the Board in the Committee's report.

General Council Meeting

At the meeting, immediate past President Attila Pavlath gave an emotional "farewell" speech to outline his accomplishments as President. He received a standing ovation for his extraordinary efforts in reaching out to all members around the country and around the world. The Council passed a resolution to thank him for his outstanding contribution to the Society.

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October Chair's Message

Thanks to all of you who made the September "Chemistry in the Dark" meeting such a success! Lillian performed a wide range of chemical demonstrations for seventy of us in a brand new lab meeting area at SciTrek. We had a great group made up of members, a large contingent of high school and college students and teachers. Hopefully it served the purpose of getting some of the students in attendance to think more about the possibilities that chemistry offers.

This month's meeting with our government representatives is going to be another one not to miss... I would like to thank Andrew Gibson and the rest of our COLGA volunteers for putting it together. One of the most important things we can do is keep our state and national representatives informed of our concerns about scientific issues. If you haven't already contacted them about an issue important to you, be sure to take advantage of this opportunity. They are always ready to hear from scientists through email, by phone, or that old standby now known as snail mail.

The end of October also brings with it National Chemistry Week and another chance for us to involve students and the local population in the excitement of chemistry. Among other things this year, we are joining with the Fernbank Science Center and SciTrek to put on several demonstrations. Be sure to be a part of the community by bringing friends and family or volunteering to help. Also, don't forget National Mole Day on October 23rd. There are a number of activities that groups in Georgia and the rest of the nation have come up with to celebrate. If you would like an idea, drop me a quick email to bstar1@bellsouth.net and I'll forward a website address or two to help.

One more word and then I'll close...SERMACS! If you don't know what it is, ask someone. We are hosting it in November 2003 and we would love to have some more volunteers to help make it a success.

Be sure to enjoy this fall weather and I'll see you at the next ACS meeting!
Brian

Two Chemistry Sabbatical leave replacements at Oxford College of Emory University. For the Spring semester of 2003 (Jan. 14 - May 7), responsibilities would include teaching two lecture sections of General or Organic Chemistry and two laboratory sections (12 contact hours). Preference will be given to persons who would be able to teach Organic Chemistry. For the Fall Semester of 2003 (Aug. 27 - Dec. 17), responsibilities would include teaching two lecture sections of Introductory (nonmajors) chemistry and two laboratory sections (12 contact hours). Applicants may apply for either or both positions. Please send your resume and names and addresses of three references to Dr. Steve Baker, Chair, Division of Natural Science and Mathematics, Oxford College of Emory University, Oxford, GA 30054. Review of applications will start on October 1, 2002. Oxford College is located 35 miles east of Atlanta in Oxford, GA. Oxford College is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

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October Meeting**An Evening With Your Congressional Representatives**

Petite Auberge,
Atlanta, GA

Date: Tuesday October 22, 2002

Time: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Arrive
7:00- 8:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00- 9:00 p.m. Program

Dinner: Seasonal Mixed Greens with choice of dressings, Choice of: Chicken Cordon Bleu ñ filled with ham and cheese or Beef Burgundy Roast ñ braised in red wine and mushroom sauce or Grilled Salmon Coffee, Decaf, and Iced Tea Chocolate Mousse

Location: Petite Auberge Restaurant
2935 N. Druid Hills Rd.
Atlanta, GA
404-634-6268

Directions: Take the North Druid Hills exit of I-85 and go East. Follow N. Druid Hills Rd. approx. 2-3 miles to its intersection with LaVista Rd. The Toco Hills Shopping Center is located at the corner of N. Druid Hills and LaVista Rd. (SE corner). The Petite Auberge Restaurant is located in the row of shops facing N. Druid Hills Rd.

Cost: \$ 25.00 per person, full-time students with ID and high school teachers, \$18.00. Payment should be made to the **ACS Georgia Section** and will be collected at the door.

RSVP: Brian Fowler, Bridgestar Inc. 770-602-4222, bstar1@bellsouth.net
When making reservations, please state your name, professional affiliation, and telephone number. Reservation deadline is 5:00 PM on Friday October 18, 2002. If you make a dinner reservation but fail to attend, you must still make payment for your meal.



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The meeting ran smoothly except for the Petition to “Increase the Size of Society Committees [Bylaw III, Sec.3,e(7)]. The bylaw change was narrowly passed after a heated debate. I voted for the change, since I felt that the increased number would give more people opportunities to serve on committees. Given my own experience of attending the first committee meeting, I do not understand why there were relatively large number of councilors were against the change.

There were several elections at the meeting as well. Our own Lissa Dulany was one of the candidates for the “Committee on Committee”. Despite my efforts to persuade people surrounding me to vote

for her, she was not elected. I noticed that the people who have been elected are from much larger sections. Perhaps we need to do more work to get our people elected at the National Meetings.

In general, the ACS meeting was excellent. There were several well organized (by Lissa Dulany and others) and well attended Women Chemists symposia. The Women Chemists luncheon was attended by some 500 guests, the largest ever. The presidential symposium on Industrial Trends in Chemical Industry, featuring several CEOs of major chemical and pharmaceutical companies as speakers, was also very well attended and received.

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