



## From the (Former) Editor - Dennis Chamot

Time passes. As one of the original founders of the DPR, I have been very gratified to see the division continue for so long. Unlike organic chemistry, it is not easy to define what the DPR is all about. Essentially, we have dealt with virtually all aspects of professional life that are not chemistry itself, or chemical education. From time to time, we have looked at safety and health issues, patent matters, and ethics, for example, all now the focus of other newer divisions or ACS committees. We continue to be interested in professional development, retirement planning, globalization, and a host of other topics of concern to chemical professionals. The early slogan of DPR – The Member Oriented Division – is still as relevant as it ever was.

I was the founding editor of this Bulletin, and except for a couple of issues a few years ago, the *only* editor. As you know, I have been serving on the ACS Board of Directors for a few years, and I am also currently chair of the Budget and Finance Committee. I still have a full time day job, and the time demands were becoming such that I could not devote the full effort to this Bulletin that the members of the division deserve. We have been searching for a suitable replacement for some time. I am pleased to be able to turn the reins over to Dr. Lisa Balbes.

Lisa has been running a successful scientific writing company for many years, and authored a book on non-traditional careers for chemists (reviewed in the previous Bulletin). She is active in the St. Louis section (as chair in 2002), and is currently an ACS Councilor, associate member of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA), and has been a volunteer career consultant for several years.

## From the 2007 Chair - Ray O'Donnell

Chairing the Division of Professional Relations has been a great learning experience. Although I have been out of governance for a number of years I have never been far from our shared professional concerns. As an ACS Career Consultant, assisting members in their job search and career development has certainly exposed me to a number of current professional concerns. I believe many of these concerns can be addressed if the recommendations of the Committee on Professional Relations task force on the effects of globalization are widely supported. David Harwell ([d\\_harwell@acs.org](mailto:d_harwell@acs.org)) could probably send you, via e-mail, a copy of the report and could also receive your comments for the ACS.

Chris Bannochie and Dan Libby have recently taken over division programming and you will all see an improvement in our regional and national programs. We have been without a programming chair for a while and I am thrilled to have this very important position filled. Lisa Balbes has just become editor of our Newsletter. It has not been easy to find someone to replace Dennis Chamot who, with the exception of a couple of years, has edited the Newsletter from the beginning. We are also fortunate to have Barb Moriarty as our webmaster ([www.acsprof.org](http://www.acsprof.org)). Our website is still being developed and has the potential of communicating effectively with our membership.

Although only elected members can vote on issues at our executive committee meetings, I have invited interested members to our executive meeting. Their contributions enrich our meetings.

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## **Division of Professional Relations Web Page**

- Barbara Moriarty

For the last couple of years, the Division has been trying to establish a web page that would meet the needs of our membership. As the webmaster, I was not getting much of the work done. In addition, I did not spend a lot of time learning about the various ways to put a web page together. To alleviate these problems quickly, the Executive Committee of the Division voted to have the web page redesigned by an outside firm. This has been done and much of the pertinent information about the division is now available on the web. In addition, the usual web address for a division is rather cumbersome. To alleviate this issue, you can enter the more easily remembered [www.acsprof.org](http://www.acsprof.org), to get to the web page. Currently, we have most of the newsletters on the web, as well as the current officers, the most current bylaws and a procedures manual, as well as programs from past ACS national meetings. Visit the web page and see what you think. If you have ideas for other things we should put on our web page, please let me know. My email address is [bmoriarty@nalco.com](mailto:bmoriarty@nalco.com).

## **Division of Professional Relations Bylaws**

- Barbara Moriarty

The division has had its bylaws approved by the National ACS Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. These were the bylaws that were approved by the membership at the end of 2005. The official date that the bylaws were effective was February 8, 2006. The major differences between these bylaws and their predecessor are the clarification of the definition of the types of members, the allowance for electronic balloting and the inclusion of the amendment concerning the Lou Sacco award. In terms of allowing for electronic balloting all previous mention of the term send by first class mail were changed to send. Another round of changes will be needed to amend the bylaws to allow for subdivisions to have a say on the executive committee. Thanks to all who helped to make these bylaw changes happen.

## **Nominations Requested...**

The PROF Nominating Committee is still looking for at least one more candidate for Chair-Elect and one more for Secretary.

A call has gone out for nominations for the 2008 Henry Hill and Lou Sacco Awards. Isn't there somebody you know who ought to be nominated? For additional information, see Jim Walsh, [jwalsh03@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jwalsh03@tampabay.rr.com).

## **Division Creates Five New Subdivisions**

As part of the Division of Professional Relations (DPR) Strategic Planning effort conducted in November 2006, the Executive Committee voted in Chicago to create five new subdivisions. These subdivisions now known respectively as the: Subdivision of Younger Chemists, Subdivision of Women Chemists, Subdivision on Minority Affairs, Subdivision on Chemists with Disabilities, and Subdivision on Ethics, will help align DPR with the Diversity Committees as well as the new Committee on Ethics. Representatives from the Younger Chemists Committee, Women Chemists Committee, Committee on Minority Affairs, Committee on Chemists with Disabilities, and Committee on Ethics participated in last year's DPR Strategic Planning session. Each new subdivision will have a Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary. The Chair of each subdivision will become a voting member of the Executive Committee of the Division, while the subdivision Secretary will report through the PROF Secretary to the Executive Committee. For the time being, the PROF Treasurer will conduct treasury functions for the Division and subdivisions. The Division will be updating its bylaws in the coming months to reflect these changes.

To support the new subdivisions, PROF has increased its membership dues to \$10 beginning in the 2008 dues cycle. This of course has no impact on the many PROF emeritus members, who will continue to pay no dues. The increased dues revenue will be used to support programming in these subdivision areas. When you receive your dues statement next year, please select one of the subdivisions that may interest you and become active in their programming and administrative functions. This is an exciting time for the Division and we trust this new effort will bring renewed energy and vitality to the import arena of Professional Relations.

**Program for Boston ACS Meeting  
August 19 – 22, 2007**

This is our largest program since at least 2000. Please plan to attend as many sessions as possible to show your support for our symposia organizers and speakers - they have all done a wonderful job pulling this together. – Chris Bannochie

**Sunday, 19 August 2007**

8:30 AM-11:45 AM  
***Finding Your Catalyst: Lowering the Barrier  
From Graduate School to Industry***

8:40 AM-12:00 PM  
***Progress of Chinese-Americans in Academia***

1:00 PM-4:45 PM  
***Progress of Chinese-Americans in Academia***

1:30 PM-4:20 PM  
***Finding Your Catalyst: Lowering the Barrier  
From Graduate School to Industry***

**Monday, 20 August 2007**

8:30 AM-11:30 AM  
***Many Faces of Chemistry: ACS Scholars' Contributions to the Chemical Sciences***

8:30 AM-11:55 AM  
***Age Discrimination: Information for the Mature Chemist***  
9:00 AM-11:55 AM  
***Being a Responsible Chemist: Ethics, Politics, and Policy***

9:15 AM-11:50 AM  
***Many Faces of Chemistry: The Merck Index Women in Chemistry Award Symposium***

1:00 PM-3:00 PM  
***Many Faces of Chemistry: Merck Index Women in Chemistry***

1:30 PM-4:35 PM  
***Being a Responsible Chemist: Ethics, Politics, and Policy***

2:00 PM-4:50 PM  
***Opportunities in Open Innovation***

8:00 PM-10:00 PM  
***Academic Employment Initiative/Sci-Mix***

**Tuesday, 21 August 2007**

8:15 AM-11:10 AM  
***From Peptide Bond Formation to Functional Proteins: Symposium in Honor of Ada Yonath***

9:00 AM-11:50 AM  
***Henry Hill Award Recipient Howard Peters: An Alternative Career of Service to the Profession***

2:00 PM-4:10 PM  
***Henry Hill Award Recipients Ted and Arlene Light: Careers of Service to the Profession***

2:10 PM-4:20 PM  
***Many Faces of Chemistry: Careers in Chemistry***

**Wednesday, 22 August 2007**

8:30 AM-11:35 AM  
***The ADVANCE Project***

1:00 PM-4:20 PM  
***Many Faces of Chemistry: Sisters in Science***

**From the chair....** (continued from page 1)

We will give two Henry Hill awards in Boston. The Award ceremony will be preceded by a morning symposium honoring Howard Peters and an afternoon symposium honoring Ted and Arlene Light. The Henry Hill Award is given to persons who have served the profession in the area of professional relations in a unique and distinguished manner. The call for nominations for the 2008 Division Awards was in the May 7 C&EN on page 78.

Past chair Jim Walsh has been my good mentor. I hope I can be of similar help to our 2008 chair, Dave Chesney. Most importantly, please stay in touch!

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Send this form (or a photocopy) with \$10.00 annual dues, to the address below.

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