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## Chair's Comment

George Heinze

2012 has been a good year for PROF. As you might imagine, getting the subdivisions up and running has been an extensive undertaking. Chris Bannochie (past chair) was instrumental in their initial phases and there has been an organized effort this year to put them on a more self-sustaining basis. 2013 should be the year they find their "sea legs".

In Philadelphia there were nine programs sponsored or co-sponsored by PROF, including several by the sub-divisions. Looking forward to next year in New Orleans and Indianapolis, at least five of the subdivisions are planning programs.

At the 2012 ChemLuminary Awards, PROF won an award which was accepted by Chris and we have been notified that PROF has been awarded a \$7500 IPG Grant for 2013. Planning has been going forward for the Henry Hill Centennial in 2015, when we will move the award ceremony to the fall meeting to better highlight the event. For 2013, Howard Peters has agreed to chair the award committee.

Another highlight at the Executive Committee was a presentation by Attila Pavlath on the objectives of President-Elect Wu's 2025 Task Force on jobs. A significant action taken at the same meeting was to consider creating another sub-division devoted to Asian-American chemists. This came about as a request from the Diversity and Inclusion Council.

PROF continues to grow and as a result of the work and input of many of its members, it is increasingly becoming a voice to be heard in the ACS.



## Chair-elect's Comment

Keith Vitense

## Candidate Bios

Chair-Elect: Joe Stoner

Treasurer: Pete Smith

Member-At-Large: Janet Bryant, Chris Bannochie

Councilor: John Borchardt, Lynne Greenblatt

Alternate Councillor: Dan Libby

Gay and Transgender Chemists and Allies: James

Nowick, Michael Wedlock

Younger Chemists: Adam Myers

## Chair-Elect

### Joseph P. Stoner

Retired.

Academic Record: Georgia Institute of Technology, BChE, 1966, University of Georgia, MBA, 1971.

Honors: Fellow, ACS, 2011; Phi Kappa Phi; Beta Gamma Sigma; Recipient, Director's Award for Advancing ACS Public Policy in R&D Funding, 1998; Georgia Tech Alumni Association Ramblin' Wreck Volunteer Award, 1998.

Professional Positions (for past ten years): Retired, 2010; Habitat for Humanity-DeKalb, Executive Director, 2008-2009, Resource Development Manager, 2005-2008; Alcott Chromatography, Sales Manager, 2002-05.

Service in ACS Offices: Georgia Section: Councilor, 2007-Present, SERMACS, 2011-Present; Secretary, 2004-2006, Chair, 2003; Chair-Elect, 2002, Nominating Committee, 2007-2008, 2010-2011, Committee on Legislative & Government Affairs, 2000-01. North Jersey Section: Chair 1995; Chair-Elect 1994; Councilor 1994-96, 1998-99; Public Affairs Committee 1995-2000; Continuing Education Committee 1993; Nominating Committee 1992, 1997-98; Chromatography Topical Group, Chair 1992-93; Treasurer 1991-92; Secretary 1990-91; Executive Committee 1988-94. National: Budget & Finance Committee, 2009-Present, Committee on Economic

& Professional Activities, 2008-2010, 1999, 1995-96; Chair, Sub-Committee on Professional Standards & Ethics, 1996; Chair, Sub-Committee on Policy, 1999. Chair, Middle Atlantic Region Caucus, 1995-96.

Member: ACS Division: Professional Relations, Chair, Ethics Subdivision 2012; Business Development & Management.

Related Activities: Common Cause Georgia, Decatur Cooperative Ministries, Leadership DeKalb, Class of 2009.

### **Treasurer**

#### **Pete Smith**

Peter (Pete) M. Smith hold a B.S. in Chemistry (1997) and Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (2000). After two years as a Franklin Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow at the University of Georgia, Pete joined the faculty at Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA in 2002. In 2008 Pete was promoted to Associate Professor and currently serves at the Director of Undergraduate Research.

Pete has been a member of the Division of Professional Relations since 2008 and has served as Treasurer since 2009. In addition to his work with PROF, Pete is also active in many other areas within the ACS. He is a member of the Committee on Chemical Abstract Service. He is the Alternate Councilor for the Penn Ohio Border Section. He is also currently serving on his third ACS Examinations Institute exam committee. Past examples of Pete's service include his membership on the Younger Chemists Committee from 2007-2009.

Candidate Statement: I am excited about continuing to serve as the Treasurer of the Division of Professional Relations. My goals for the coming term are to work more closely with the subdivision leaders to help them establish budgets that will allow them to address the needs of their membership. I will also continue to work closely with the entire executive committee to make sure that the division's funds are being used for the maximum benefit of the members.

### **Member-At-Large**

**Janet Bryant - no bio available**

#### **Chris Bannochie**

Chris Bannochie is currently a Fellow at the Savannah River National Laboratory. From 1998 – 2001 he was a Visiting Scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Dr. Bannochie received a B.A. degree in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics from St. John's University and a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Texas A&M University under Art Martell. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship under Michael Welch at the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology of the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Dr. Bannochie is a graduate of Leadership Augusta.

He has served a number of roles in the Savannah River Section of the American Chemical Society including: Public Outreach Chair (1992), Chair-Elect and Chair (1993), Chair (1994), Newsletter Editor (1995 – 1998), Webmaster (1996 – 1998), Archivist (2001 – present), Government Affairs Committee Chair (2007 – 2009), Councilor (1996 – present), and SERMACS 2006 General Chair. At the region level Dr. Bannochie served in the Chair succession for SERMACS, Inc., the Southeastern Regional Meeting (2008 – 2010). At the Division level as Member-At-Large (2002), Treasurer (2003 – 2008), Program Chair (2007 – 2008), Secretary (2009), and Chair succession (2010-2012) for the Division of Professional Relations. At the National level Dr. Bannochie chaired the Council Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) Subcommittees on Professional Services & Programs (1998 – 1999) and Public Policy (2003 – 2006). He was a Consultant to the ACS Committee on Meetings and Expositions (2008 - 2010). He is a member of the ACS Committee on Science (ComSci) (2007 – 2013) and chairs the ComSci Subcommittee on Public Policy. Dr. Bannochie served as an ACS Topic Reviewer for the 2010 International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies (Pacifichem) and is serving in this role for the 2015 Pacifichem conference.

Having been active in the Division of Professional Relations for the past decade, I would like to continue to provide advise and leadership to the division based on those years of experience. Of particular interest is providing guidance for the further strengthening of the subdivision structure in order to provide better service to our members. In the past six years,

division membership has grown 40% as a result of the subdivisions, so I believe it is critical to continue to provide value to these new members and this will be the focus of my term as Member-at-Large.

### **Councilor**

#### **John K. Borchardt**

John K. Borchardt holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Illinois Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of Rochester. After a post-doc at the University of Notre Dame, he began his 30-year industrial chemistry career. Currently he is a consultant and technical writer. He is the author of more than 130 peer-reviewed papers and holds 29 U.S. patents. He has served as an ACS career councilor for more than 15 years helping members with their résumés and job-hunting. He is the author of the ACS/Oxford University Press book "Career Management for Scientists and Engineers." Currently he is a self-employed consultant, science writer and technical writer. As such, he is the author of more than 1,400 articles published in a wide variety of consumer and trade magazines. He also writes many of the ACS Career Blogs.

Borchardt has served as a PROF Councilor for more than 10 years and served terms on the Committees of Economic & Professional Affairs, Membership Affiliard Committee, Local Section Activities Committee, and Patents & Related Matters, his current committee assignment.

As a Councilor, his goals continue to be to encourage and participate in the development of ACS programs to help members compete in today's highly competitive job market.

#### **Lynne P. Greenblatt**

Sewell, NJ and Waterside, NB, Canada

Academic Record: Rutgers University, BA, 1973

Honors: American Chemical Society (ACS) Fellow, 2011;

Professional Positions: (for the past ten years) Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Wyeth Research (Acquired by Pfizer in 2010), 1973 – 2010, Principal Research Scientist, retired; Phare View Concepts, Inc. (software development and consulting firm), 2010 – present, Principal.

Service in ACS National Offices: Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA): 2011 - present; Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA): 2004 – 2010, Chair CEPA Subcommittee on Public Policy, 2007 – 2009, Chair CEPA Full Committee 2010; Division of Professional Relations (DPR): Member-at-Large 2007 – 2010; ACS Leadership Development System: Facilitator, 2007 – present, ACS Careers: Career Consultant, 2011 – present, Career Presenter, 2012 – present.

Service in ACS Offices: Member ACS since 1992. Princeton Section: Councilor: 2003 – 2011; Government Affairs Chair: 2007 – 2012; Newsletter Editor: 1992 - 2001;

Member: ACS Division of Professional Relations, ACS Division of Medicinal Chemistry.

Community Service/ Related Activities: Shepody Food Bank, Board of Directors, 2011 – present; Foods of the Fundy Valley, Board of Directors, 2011 – present; Freedom's Wings International – bringing the sport of soaring to people with disabilities, Board of Directors, 2004 – 2010;

#### **Candidate Statement:**

I am running for Councilor of the Division of Professional Relations (DPR) because I believe that now, more than ever, we, the Society, need to increase our attention to the economic and professional needs of our members. DPR has seen a resurgence of energy and activity in the past few years, and I am proud to have played a part in this renaissance. As Member-at-Large (2007-2010), I was actively involved in updating the bylaws and drafting the Strategic Plan. We now have 6 subdivisions representing a diverse group of members. Our programming has addressed relevant hot issues, such as healthcare and age discrimination. Our membership has increased by over 30%, and the median age of our members has significantly decreased. We need to keep this momentum going, to grow the Division into a dynamic and effective voice for the chemical professional. I served on the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) for 7 years, including 3 years as Chair of the Subcommittee on Public Policy, and 1 year as Chair of the full Committee. During my tenure, my Subcommittee authored ACS

Policy Statements on Retirement Security, Healthcare and Employee Non-Discrimination. I also organized many of the joint CEPA/DPR symposia at National Meetings. Currently, I serve on the Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs. Given this experience, I am well positioned to represent the Division on the ACS Council. If elected, I will continue to champion the economic and professional interests of our members, especially those who have been adversely affected by the economic climate.

#### **Alternate Councilor:**

##### **Dan Libby**

Dan Libby received his undergraduate education at Colby College, where he earned a BA degree in chemistry in 1968. He received his Ph. D. in organic chemistry from Penn State University in 1974. Dan and his wife, Carol, then shared sabbatical replacement faculty positions at Oberlin College ('74-'75) and Kenyon College ('75-'77) before accepting a continuing position as a couple at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY in the fall of 1977.

In 1980 Dan accompanied Carol to her new research position in Decatur, Illinois accepting a postdoctoral position in Lowell Hager's laboratory at the University of Illinois in Urbana. He spent two years doing research at Illinois before accepting a faculty position at Barnard College in 1982. In the fall of 1985, Dan returned to a faculty position at his alma mater, Colby College.

In the fall of 1992, Dan was named chair of the Chemistry Department at Moravian College. For the last 12 years Dan has been affiliated with the POGIL Project, an NSF funded program that disseminates the Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning approach, a learning cycle based method, for teaching undergraduate chemistry courses. Dan also was a member the ACS Women Chemists Committee for 9 years, serving as its program chair for 7 years, and chair of the communications subcommittee in his last year on the committee. In 2007 he was appointed as the program chair of PROF and is completing his first term as an alternate councilor for the division.

#### **Gay and Transgender Chemists and Allies**

##### **James S. Nowick**

James S. Nowick earned a Bachelor's degree in

Chemistry from Columbia University in 1985 and a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from MIT in 1990. After an NSF postdoctoral fellowship at MIT from 1989-1991, he began his academic career at the University of California, Irvine, (UCI), where he is currently a Professor of Chemistry. His research in organic chemistry focuses on the supramolecular chemistry of peptidomimetic compounds, peptides, and proteins and their relation to Alzheimer's and other diseases involving protein aggregation. He publishes regularly in ACS journals and has received an ACS Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award in recognition of his research contributions.

Nowick has been involved in LGBT professional issues for more than 25 years, starting with his founding of a networking group for LGBT graduate students while at MIT and continuing at UCI and through the National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals (NOGLSTP). In 2009 he received the NOGLSTP Scientist of the Year Award in recognition of his contributions to chemistry and to LGBT professional relations. In 2010-2011 he served on the Interim Executive Committee of the ACS Professional Relations Subdivision on LGBT Chemists. If elected, he plans to grow the membership of the Subdivision, to help recruit of LGBT undergraduates into graduate schools and careers in chemistry, and to continue to represent the professional needs of all LGBT chemists and allies.

**Michael Wedlock - no bio available**

#### **Younger Chemists**

**Adam Myers - no bio available**

#### **Previews from New Orleans**

The Ethics Subdivision is planning a seminar for New Orleans, tentatively titled "Ethics Programs in Corporations and Institutions." We are recruiting presenters for such a seminar. We would seek institutions and corporations that have ethics programs that would be willing to present the details of such programs. Any corporations or institutions with such programs are encouraged to submit an abstract a <http://abstracts.acs.org/> Anyone with leads on who might be willing to make such a presentation are urged to contact Joe Stoner, Chair, at [joestoner@bellsouth.net](mailto:joestoner@bellsouth.net).

## **Wrap-Up from Fall Meeting in Philly**

At the Sci-Mix in Philadelphia, the Ethics Subdivision presented ethics case scenarios in a new format. Three Case Scenarios were presented as PROF posters 18, 19, 20. These were:

- Case of a Day Early and a Grade Short
- Case of Humorous Harassment
- Case of an Interpersonal Dynamic

Typically, workshops on ethics education use clickers to engage the audience in participation. At the poster session, this was modified (thanks to Keith Vitense for the idea) to have viewer voting by survey with a barcode that could be read by smart phones. Participation seemed to be correlated to age, but enough input was received to encourage expansion of this for ethics education.

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