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SUBJECT: Council Actions

This memo is to inform you about important Council actions at the meeting in Atlantic City on August 28.

Council approved revised qualifications for Member grade embodying the following: (a) permit transfer of chemical engineers from Associate Member to Member following four years of engagement in chemical engineering practice (corresponding to the normal experience requirements for licensing in most States), (b) remove the term "responsible charge" as a requirement with substitution of a definition of chemical engineering experience to include individual professional responsibility, and (c) accept that a chemical engineer licensed to practice as a Professional Engineer meets the experience requirements. These changes will be reviewed with the membership at the Annual Business Meeting in Chicago and then, as Constitutional changes, will be submitted to Members for approval. The whole concept behind this action is to acknowledge full professional standing of chemical engineers in an appropriate way, and was taken following thoughtful discussions at National and at Local Section Meetings.

Formal approval by Council was given to the Bylaws wording of a new dues structure effective in 1977. This had been approved in principle previously. The basic annual dues remain at \$40 for all grades of members over 35 years old. Rather than the current two-tiered structure, however, a graduated dues structure has been adopted beginning at \$20 for members through age 26, and then increasing \$2 per year up through age 35. Further, the dues are reduced to \$15 annually for members at age 65. Finally, a life payment plan was formally approved to permit a member who is at least 50 years of age to fulfill his remaining dues requirements by making a single payment of \$600.

Two new Institute Divisions are now in the formative stage: (1) Occupational Safety and Health, and (2) Engineering Computer Sciences.

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Committees were appointed by Council to work towards full establishment of these Divisions. As you are aware, Technical Divisions are invaluable focal points for keeping members abreast of the newest developments in the appropriate fields through papers and symposia. Further, Divisions can represent the technical arm of the Institute in joint engineering activities and in working with government agencies.

A new position statement on Professional Registration was proposed by the Professional Legislation Committee to replace the previous statement approved in 1959. The new statement expressed the need for registration in a more positive way. Council decided to review the proposed statement in more depth to assure that all of the implications are fully understood. This item will be on the agenda for action at the Council Meeting in Chicago.

The progress of the Government Programs Steering Committee (GPSC) was reviewed. Our Washington representative (Ted Hamilton of Hamilton & Associates) is making our presence known with key people. One of the goals of GPSC is to have four projects underway by the end of the first year. The Clean Waters Act - 1983 is the first such project, and some aspect of the energy situation will be selected for the second project. The GPSC is a policy and steering body and is thus not open to the members. However, significant government interaction will and should occur at the local level, and to this end, Government Interaction Committees are being formed in Local Sections, as you are aware. Committees and Divisions are also forming GIC's. The first meeting of the chairmen of these committees will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Various Institute award winners were formally approved by Council, and will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The Central New Jersey Section was established as the newest Local Section.

A preliminary draft of the Dynamic Objectives for Chemical Engineering was reviewed. A final draft is expected to be presented to Council at the next meeting.

And the final news - President Timmerhaus advised that October 12 will be "Every Member Get a Member" Day. Appropriate notification has been mailed to the membership. The challenge is to have this drive result in more new members in one day than the Membership Committee gets all year! Quite a challenge.

This covers the major items of interest from the Council Meeting. I hope this information is of value to you in your deliberations at various Local Section Meetings.

The next meeting of the Institute will be in Chicago on November 28 through December 2. Council will meet on November 27. The Annual Business Meeting will be on Sunday afternoon, November 28.

There will be a Local Sections Activities Committee Meeting in Chicago on Wednesday morning, December 1; this is an important meeting which will stress government interaction at the local level along with a number of other programs of interest to Local Sections. More about this later, but please plan now to attend.

Let me know how I can help you in your Local Section work. Best wishes for a successful season.