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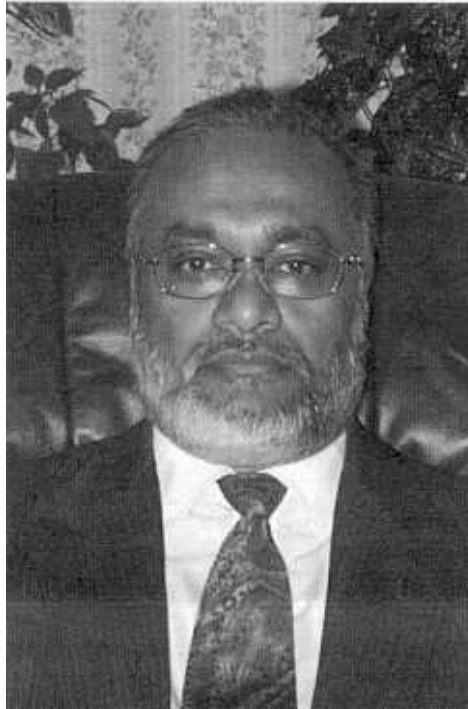
## President's Message

In the last issue (Vol. 6, No. 2) of the Chartered Chemist News, I reported that the ACPO had embarked on an ambitious plan for renewal, engagement and achievement. In keeping with this plan, the Council of the ACPO has set out short-, medium- and long-term goals in four key areas: i) Administration and Organizational Structure, ii) Communication (internal and external), iii) Membership, Promotion and Communication, and iv) Professional Affairs (qualified persons, environment, and licensure).

Over the past six months, members of the Council of the ACPO have worked diligently to address several priority items in each of the above areas of activity. However, there is a lot of work to be done. If we are to succeed in attaining our goals, we will require the active participation and help of our members. I have presented, below, some of our activities and plans, and I urge you to volunteer your help in areas in which you are interested and/or have the experience and skills that will help us.

### Administration and Organizational Structure:

**Change of Address.** The ACPO purchases office services from Bay Street Management Inc. This company has moved its offices from Bay Street to Avenue Road. After a thorough review of our office needs, the Council decided to remain with Bay Street Management Inc. Please note the change in our head



office address as given in this newsletter. Our phone and fax numbers, and our e-mail and web-site addresses, remain the same.

**New Payment Office.** The ACPO has now established a Payment Office to handle membership fees and other financial issues. This move will help us to consolidate all invoicing, payments, and bookkeeping/ accounting activities in one location. Additionally, we will reduce our office costs with respect to the handling of fee payments and our turn-around time for generating receipts and membership cards.

The address of this office is as follows:

ACPO Payment Office  
Box 61515, 1119 Fennel Avenue East  
Hamilton, Ontario CANADA  
L8T 5A1

**Operating Costs & Membership Fees.** The Council of the ACPO is reviewing the costs incurred in operating the Association. This issue was discussed at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council. The ACPO has not raised its fees for the past four years and, again, will not do so for 2007.

Over the years, however, the costs for goods and services have increased continuously. It has become apparent that we will require adequate funding to implement the activities that will allow us to attain our goals in the areas identified above, and that we will have to increase our fees in the future. I hope that you will continue to support us as we move forward with a very ambitious plan of activities over the next few years. We will keep you informed on what we are doing and on the costs that are involved.

We invite members to send their comments, on this issue, to us (c/o President) at our head office address.

**Registry.** The ACPO is required by law to maintain an up-to-date Register of its members at our head office. We have updated this Register and it will be available at our head office and on our web-site as soon as it is reviewed by Council. We expect that this will be completed by the end of December. The Registry includes all members who are in good standing, i.e.,

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# Letter from the Editor

"In September 2005 I was appointed Editor of the ACPO's newsletter, the Chartered Chemist News". Since then I have overseen the publication of the last three newsletters.

I hope that our newsletter has been of interest to you and has provided you with up-to-date information on what we are doing, and what is happening in the field of chemistry in Ontario and elsewhere.

Our Association has been gaining strength over the last year or so with the appointment of several new members to Council, a rededication to and reassessment of our objectives and goals, and a refocusing on communication with our members.

We have taken new initiatives in several areas and expect to move forward on these now and in 2007.

Stay tuned – visit our website and check out our newsletter.

If you have any comments or interesting articles, please submit them to me. We view our newsletter as a forum for members to share their experiences and express their concerns in this interesting and all-encompassing field called chemistry.

With the Holiday Season and the New Year approaching quickly, I extend my best wishes to all of our members.

hope to hear from you soon.

Doug Beswick, Editor

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members who have paid their fees and have not been suspended. We urge members to ensure that their memberships are current. You may contact us at [registrar@acpo.on.ca](mailto:registrar@acpo.on.ca) or [president@acpo.on.ca](mailto:president@acpo.on.ca).



**Retirement of Walter Brown.** After many years of service, Walter Brown has retired as Councillor for District 12 Outside Ontario. Walter has served on the Council of the ACPO in many roles -

Councillor, Treasurer, Registrar, and Secretary.

The Council presented Walter with its newly established Distinguished Service Award. Walter is the first recipient of this award.

I would like to thank Walter for his contribution to the Association and to Chemistry over many years. It has been instructive and a pleasure working with Walter over the years.

**Vacancy on Council.** We are looking to fill the vacancy (District 12 Outside Ontario) on Council as soon as possible. If you are interested in serving on the Council of the ACPO, please contact us. You may contact us at [president@acpo.on.ca](mailto:president@acpo.on.ca).

**Communication (internal and external):**

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We believe that communication with our members, other chemists, industry, academia, governments, and the general public is a key element for the proper functioning, viability, and success of our Association. The Council of the ACPO has made this a priority item on its agenda.

We have taken several, and will take additional, steps to address this issue:

Chartered Chemist News. We have placed a great deal of emphasis on producing our newsletter, the Chartered Chemist News, in a timely manner and with an updated format. We would like to use this medium to: interact with you; provide you with a forum; and together, work toward the goals of the Association. As such, we are asking you, our members, to write to the editor, Doug Beswick, and provide feedback on how we can use our newsletter to serve you better.

Web-Site. We have approved initial funds to upgrade and update our web-site. We will be looking at making greater use of our web-site with respect to providing information, communicating, and interacting with our members, other chemists, and the general public.

Membership Information Update. We have prepared a Membership Information Update form and you will receive it with your 2007 invoice. This form will allow you to update your contact information. We are particularly interested in updating this information with regards to your e-mail addresses. This will allow us to communicate quickly with those who have such addresses. Additionally, we are considering sending our newsletter by e-mail to those who agree to this.

These measures will help us to reduce our communication

costs and increase our efficiency.

Lost Members. We continue to update our database. As a result of this process we have identified a number of members with whom we have lost contact or who have not responded to our communication. We have now generated lists of these members for each district, and our District Councillors have been working to contact these members.

If, as an ACPO member, you have accessed this newsletter through some means, and have not received a newsletter or an invoice for 2006, then you may be one of our members on such a list. We would like to hear from you. Please contact your District Councillor or our head office for further information.

We look forward to your comments and support in this critical area of our operation. We would like to make this the start of improved communication between you and your Council.

### **Membership and Promotion:**

Membership and Promotion are closely linked to communication and many of the activities discussed above are part of promoting our Association.

Membership Increase. One of the goals of the ACPO, over many years, has been that of obtaining the Right to Practice, i.e., Licensure.

We realize that this goal will not be attained easily or quickly, but there are activities (short- and medium-termed) that have to be completed, before we can present a convincing case, concerning the Right to Practice, to the provincial government.

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One thing we have to do is to increase our membership. We are preparing a marketing plan that will address this issue.

*Public Awareness and the ACPO.* We believe that the ACPO has a responsibility to provide reliable information and keep the public informed about issues, pertaining to chemistry and chemicals, that are fundamental to the safety and well-being of our society.

Part of this responsibility involves working to ensure that the public is aware of our Association, what we do, and how we can be of help. We have taken a step in this direction by sponsoring (a Sweater & Banner sponsorship through which our name will be displayed) the Gloucester/Ottawa Rangers Minor Bantam A Hockey team. Although this is a small step, and may not have a lot to do with chemistry, we hope that this and other such activities will help us to become known to communities across Ontario.

*Membership and Promotion.* We have set-up a committee that has been tasked with working on this issue. We look forward to your input and support in this activity, and invite members to volunteer to work on/with this committee. Please send us your suggestions and/or your name and contact information if you would like to help the ACPO with this work. You may send this information to: c/o John Breau at our head office address.

### **Professional Affairs:**

Professional Affairs entail a broad range of activities. At present, the ACPO is working in three main areas.

*Qualified Person.* Under the provisions of the Environmental Act - Ontario Regulation 153/04, members of the ACPO are deemed to be qualified persons who met the qualifications for conducting or supervising phase two environmental site assessments, and for completing the certifications in a record of site condition as defined in Part II, 5 (3) (b) of the Act (2004).

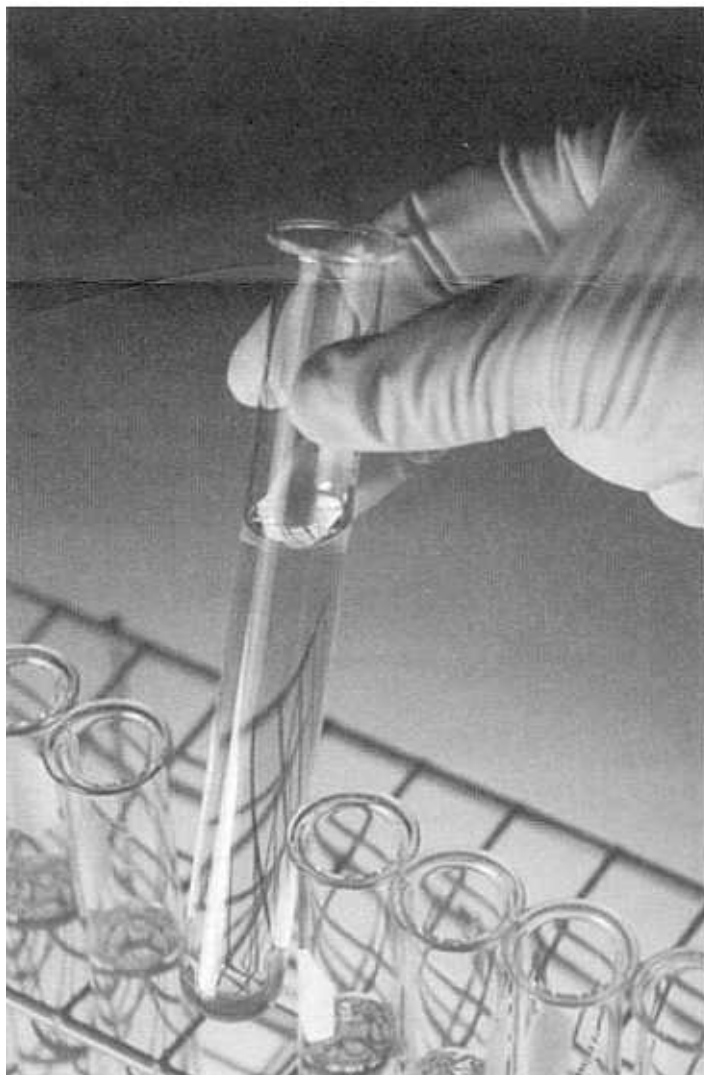
The qualified persons requirements were under review by the Ministry of the Environment. The Ministry has now extended the sunset date with regards to the definition of qualified persons to April 1, 2008.

Two members of Council, Terry Obal and Robert Johnson, will be working with the Ministry to ensure that the ACPO has input into any process that defines a qualified person, or preferably, to convince the Ministry that no further certification is necessary for Chartered Chemists.

*Environment Registry.* We are in the process of reviewing and reassessing our Environmental Registry with respect to the qualifications and environmental work experience required for members to be placed in this Registry. We welcome input from members who work in this area. Please send your comments to [president@acpo.on.ca](mailto:president@acpo.on.ca)

*Licensure.* The road to Licensure will be long, costly and difficult. However, we are not alone in holding the belief

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that chemists must be licensed. We believe that, as a first step, we must develop relationships with other organizations, within Ontario and across Canada, that have similar goals.

We have started this process. In May of 2006, Claude Bordeleau represented the ACPO at the Science Policy Forum sponsored by the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) at the 89<sup>th</sup> Canadian Chemistry Conference held in Halifax. Representatives of several chemical associations from across Canada participated in these discussions.

We have followed up this initial meeting with discussions with Dave Schwass (CSC President), and Ray Clement (CSC Director of Professional Affairs). We have agreed to keep the lines of communication open and to work towards raising the awareness and recognition of chemistry as a profession in Canada.

We have also met with representatives of the Ontario Institute of Agrologists (OIA) to discuss our common interests and how we may work together to attain common goals. Carol Tyler, the Registrar of OIA, presented a talk on the issues facing the OIA, in seeking Right to Practice, to the Council of the ACPO at our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Other. In the future, we will be looking at other areas including: presenting seminars and workshops, and providing professional upgrading courses for our members.

### Other Information:

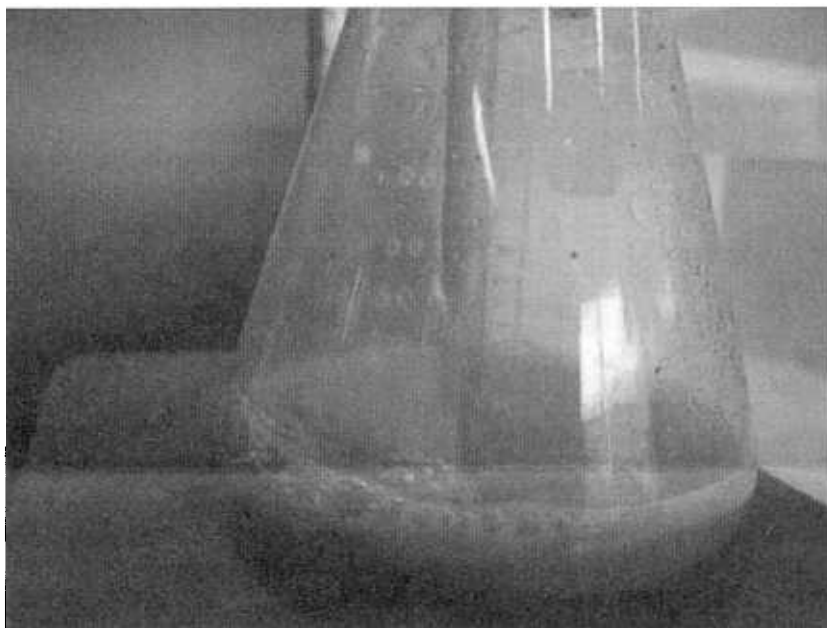
Annual General Meeting (AGM). The ACPO will be holding its 2007 Annual General Meeting on Friday, May 11, 2007, at the International Living Learning Centre, Ryerson University, Toronto, between 5:30 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.. We will be providing more detailed information on our web-site and in our next newsletter. Please mark this date on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you at our AGM.

Committees. The Council of the ACPO is setting-up and reconstituting several standing and ad hoc committees. These committees will play an important role in determining, assessing, recommending and implementing activities that are part of the ACPOs overall plan for attaining its goals.

The committees will be addressing issues in the following areas: administration and organizational structure, communication, membership and promotion, professional affairs (qualified persons, environment and Licensure), newsletter (editorial board), discipline, social affairs,

elections, documentation and archives, and applications for membership (Board of Examiners).

We extend an invitation to our members who have an interest and/or skills in the above areas, and who wish to be a member of one of the committees, to contact us as soon as possible. You may send this information to President at our head office address or [president@acpo.on.ca](mailto:president@acpo.on.ca).



In closing, I wish you a happy and restful Holiday Season, and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Dr. David Naranjit, C.Chem  
President

### Moving? Moved?

Members, Please ensure that you send us your new mailing address and other contact information if you have moved recently.



You may send the information to our head office address, or you may contact us by visiting our web-site: [www.acpo.on.ca](http://www.acpo.on.ca)

# Membership Requirements



## A) Categories

There are three categories of membership available for the ACPO:

### 1) *Full Member of the ACPO:*

These are individuals who have satisfied the formal requirements of the Association and are eligible to call themselves Chartered Chemists and to use the abbreviation C. Chem. after their names;

### 2) *Associate of the ACPO:*

These are individuals who are working as chemists, or in chemistry-related fields, and are in the process of fulfilling the formal requirements for membership;

### 3) *Affiliate of the ACPO:*

These are student members currently studying chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering in an accredited university program.

## B) Qualifications/Requirements

Individuals who possess the following academic qualifications or training and experience may be admitted as members:

1. An Honours undergraduate degree, or its equivalent from an accredited university program in Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, or the Chemical Sciences., plus two years of work experience acceptable to the Association. Post Graduate training will be credited as equivalent to work experience.

2. Other academic qualifications, e.g. a three-year undergraduate degree with a major in Chemistry, extensive work experience (minimum 5 years), and a record of professional competence in the chemical field as evidenced by publications or patents.

3. Individuals who have at least six years of acceptable experience in the chemical field, but who do not possess the above academic qualifications, may qualify for membership by passing the Graduate Record Examination, Chemistry Section.

4. In special cases, the Board of Examiners may present individuals to the Council for consideration based on their exceptional contributions to the science of chemistry as recognized by their peers.

