1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am. Present: Jane Aldrich (presiding), William Greenlee, B.K. Trivedi, Dan Rich, Gary Grunewald, Dave Rotella, Amy Trainor, Jim McCarthy, Tom Perun, Phil Portoghese, Pat Woster. Minutes for the August 22, 1999 meeting were distributed, reviewed and approved. **Note: Action items for individual committee members and guests appear in boldfaced type.**

2. The minutes from the San Francisco meeting were amended as suggested by the committee and unanimously approved. The response of the Divisional Activities Committee to the 1999 Secretary’s report was presented and discussed.

3. Announcements concerning other meetings of interest at the Washington ACS meeting were made by Jane Aldrich.

4. B.K. Trivedi presented the Division financial report. The transfer of funds from Les Humber has nearly been completed. There was a discussion concerning the costs allowed for symposium speakers - BK has composed a letter to be distributed to symposia chairs outlining the expenditure limits for national meetings, which were revised at the San Francisco meeting. Gary Grunewald informed the committee that the National Medicinal Chemistry Symposium in Kansas City would provide the Division with surplus funds of approximately $27,000. The Committee expressed its congratulations to Gary for a job well done.

5. Requests for funding from outside meetings (Pacifichem *Chemistry and Signal Transduction*; MALTO, MIKI) were considered. It was suggested that the availability of funds for this purpose (i.e. Regional ACS meetings and graduate student meetings) be more widely publicized, and that an allocation of funds from the budget be set aside. It was decided that a deadline for funding requests be set (January 15, 2001). Dan Rich suggested that no new requests for funding of outside meetings
be considered for this year. In addition, the issue of the value of these meetings to medicinal chemists (particularly Pacifichem) was discussed.

Pacifichem - During a break, miraculous and timely information concerning the funding of Pacifichem by the Organic Division was provided by Amy Trainor. ORGN provides funding of $2000 per symposium up to $18 - $22,000, and these costs are fully recovered from attendance reimbursements from ACS. A motion was made (D. Rich, G. Grunewald) to support 3 Pacifichem symposia (Chemistry and Signal Transduction, Recent Advances in Protease Inhibitor Design, Combichem), and the motion was unanimously approved.

MIKI and MALTO - Funding of $1,000 per meeting was approved by the Committee.

6. Phil Portoghese provided a report on the status of the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry*. Submissions from Europe have increased significantly, but the overall submission of manuscripts has remained nearly constant. This effect was attributed to a reduction in submissions from industry. For this reason, the *Journal* will initiate on-line submission of communications. Subscription levels are on the rise, with print subscriptions declining and electronic subscriptions increasing. The *Journal* maintains an impact factor of 4.5 (compared to *BMCL* at 1.75).

7. The candidates for the upcoming elections were announced:

Vice-Chair (Academic) Patrick M. Woster and Wayne Brouillette
Industrial Councilor - Jim Monn and Joe Yevich

8. Electronic Communication Committee report - hereafter this report will be included in the Secretary’s report. *Information about Division On-Line services will be published in the Fall newsletter by P. Woster.*

9. Membership Committee - Division membership is now greater than 9,400. The issues of recruiting new members and retaining members were considered. A suggestion was made to provide a free (one year) or discounted subscription to *J. Med. Chem.* as an incentive to join or remain in the Division. **Dave Rotella will develop a brochure containing a reply card or reference to the WWW page membership application form.**

10. Reports from the Biotechnology Secretariat (W. Greenlee) and Division Officers Caucus (J. Aldrich) were presented. BK Trivedi proposed that we encourage symposia speakers to use PowerPoint presentations - a computer and projector can be provided at the site.
11. Dan Rich reported on the status of the National MedChem symposium, to be held at the Wisconsin Memorial Union on June 27-July 2, 2004. The details pertaining to the site are being worked out, and planning is well underway.

12. Bill Greenlee presented a proposal for a Historical symposium to be presented at the Chicago meeting (in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of ACS). A full-day symposium (45 minute talks) with an associated dinner and reception was suggested. The LRPC will be responsible for proposing a list of speakers.

13. Awards Nominating Committee - will be chaired by Ken Kirk.

14. Update on the 2002 National MedChem Symposium, to be held in San Diego in June of 2002. Dan Cook nominated Dr. Yitzhak Tor, Assistant Professor at UCSD, as Program Chair, and informed us that UCSD will serve as host. The Committee unanimously approved Dr. Tor as Program Chair.

15. ACS Council - the **Council Report will be included in the Newsletter**, and will also be available on the WWW page.

16. *Annual Reports in Medicinal Chemistry* - the next volume is on track and will be ready by early September. A new 3-year contract with Academic Press was negotiated by Annette Doherty, and each copy of *Annual Reports* will be increased in cost by $1.00. It was proposed that a dues increase of $2.00 be implemented in all membership categories (T. Perun, J. McCarthy) to offset increased publication and programming costs.

17. Ken Kirk was nominated to run for Division Representative on the Committee on Science.

18. The issue of separating the Secretary and Program Chair functions was discussed. Options which included proposed changes to the by-laws were discussed. The issue was tabled for the San Diego meeting, when the results of the Division Officer elections are known.

19. Symposia-in-Print - Division participation was discussed. Also, the Committee agreed that ACS should put Division Members on the promotional mailing list for the *Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry*. The availability of funds from the ACS Mini-Grants program was announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.
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