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To: Governing Board,
Society for Applied Spectroscopy

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Subject: FACSS 2011 - Report of the CHF Delegate

Summary of the Spring Heritage Council Meeting (April 7, 2011):

Marvin Margoshes announced his resignation from the Heritage Council. He cited personal reasons – specifically his health is making travel very difficult.

President Tom Tritton asked the group to keep up the momentum started with the International Year of Chemistry in 2011. ACS will be back in Philadelphia in the fall of 2012, as will PittCon in 2013. 2012 is the International Year of Sustainable Energy. He also encouraged each member organization to keep their websites fresh and current – the links on the CHF site are being used to check out the members' sites!

The Instruments and Artifacts Committee meets early in the morning before the HC group. Mike Grayson, current Chair, was excited about the possibility of CHF receiving some WWII vintage chemical weapons instrumentation. Mike is actively looking for separations scientists to work with the committee, especially in obtaining oral histories.

A series of reports highlighting the activities of several certain projects, as well as the general activities of several member societies, were presented. There are two parallel projects to document both the history of the Heritage Council as well as the entire CHF in its entirety. Delegates from the ACS discussed the origins of the society, its financial status, and the wealth of information that has been uploaded to the society's web site. The AIChE delegate focused on the organization's activities in the areas of energy, water, and human health.

Further details can be found in the attached Minutes of the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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