

2000 Annual Report
Committee on Chemistry in the Two-Year College, COCTYC
2YC₃, Two-Year College Chemistry Consortium

Rick Bolesta, 2000 Chair and Frank Koch, 2001 Chair

The Two-Year College Chemistry Consortium (2YC₃) is an association of two-year college, four-year college and high school chemistry teachers, and others interested in chemistry education. We are currently supported by 115 colleges and 22 industries. The consortium is guided by an executive committee called the Committee on Chemistry in the Two-Year College (COCTYC), a standing committee of the Division of Chemical Education. We conduct three or four regional conferences annually, which have direct application to two-year college chemistry teaching. Programs consist of talks, panel discussions, workshops, industry exhibits, banquets tours of local industries and points of interest, and plenty of time to meet and compare notes with other chemistry educators. The last 2YC₃ conference (the 154th) was held November 9-10 at Vincennes University in Vincennes, Indiana. The theme for this conference was "Pedagogy and Practice in Chemical Education." The program featured speakers and workshop leaders on program and classroom assessment, small-group and distance learning, lab-computer interfacing, and much more. ACS President Dr. Daryle Busch was scheduled to speak at our banquet, but his flight was cancelled due to inclement weather. Duane Eubanks graciously stepped in and discussed the progress in the development of the new ACS text for General Chemistry, which has a conceptual approach. The abstracts for this meeting and others are available through a link at the 2YC₃ home page [<http://2YC3.vinu.edu>].

The COCTYC conducted its business meetings at each of the regional conferences during the year. We also held a general membership meeting to enhance communication between the executive committee and other 2YC₃ members. The COCTYC's main thrust is to provide leadership and motivation – to be a driving force to enhance chemistry teaching and learning in general, but specifically for the two-year colleges. We have a set of by-laws for operating, and job descriptions for our members and support staff. We provided the majority of our own financial support through membership dues, college sponsorship and industry sponsors. We sought out volunteer program chairs/schools willing to hold conferences. (We plan 2-3 years in advance). We provided mentoring and a detailed conference planning manual to the future site organizers, to aid organization and the likelihood of a successful event. We helped provide speakers for conferences. We published a newsletter before each conference, which included conference information for current and future sites. We maintained a Web site to enhance communication. We sought out industrial support and exhibitors for conferences. We sought out qualified (see by-laws) nominees and held mail-in elections to replace those of the nine COCTYC members due for replacement. We maintained a Regional Advisory Board in each of our four geographic areas to provide input to the committee and help in keeping the organization and its activities rolling smoothly. Important issues for consideration at future business meetings are long range planning, improving communication, possible linking of some 2YC₃ conferences with regional ACS meetings, the enhancement of services to members, and the promotion of chemical education at all levels.

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2YC₃ Future Meetings

155th Conference, March 30-31, 2001

Location: San Diego City College, San Diego, California

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156^h Conference, September 14-15, 2001

Location: Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids, MN

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157^h Conference, November 2-3, 2001

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