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Dear Candidates for President-Elect 2007 of the American Chemical Society,

Dr. Bruce E. Bursten
Dr. Yorke E. Rhodes
Dr. Bassam Z. Shakhashiri
Dr. James A. Walsh

The Division of the History of Chemistry (HIST) is the one division of the Society that cuts across every disciplinary line. HIST makes each sector of the Society aware of its heritage. HIST attempts to recognize and plan events that relate to the past achievements of each Division through symposia, suggested articles in the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry, or through other types of recognition such as HIST Divisional awards. (We are also hosting with the Chemical Heritage Foundation the 2nd Annual Fall ACS National Meeting Music Concert on Tuesday, September 12th 5:30-7 pm at the Palace Hotel. Please come, I will be pleased to introduce each of you. Kindly let me know if you plan to attend, and I shall save seats for you and your guests.)

The Executive Committee of HIST warmly invites each of you to make a statement of no more than 750 words that we will communicate to our membership. We shall place your message prominently on the HIST website (http://www.scs.uiuc.edu/~mainzv/HIST/). We did this in 2004 and 2005 and were very pleased with the results.

We would like to hear your thoughts as to how HIST can add value to our profession and to the ACS, and how an understanding of the history of science can enhance our own image of ourselves as chemists. Of course, any other thoughts relating to history of chemistry or to HIST can be included in your response.

We thank you in advance and look forward to hearing from each of you no later than three weeks from today, Monday, August 21st, 2005. Should your statement arrive after that date, we shall try hard but cannot guarantee that it will be posted on our website. Please direct your response to HIST’s Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Vera Mainz, by e-mail: mainz@uiuc.edu.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeff

Jeffrey I. Seeman

cc: ACS Committee on Nominations and Elections (B. Sawrey, F. H. Lewis, and L. Beckham), HIST Executive Committee