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Message from the Chair Kent S. Alleman

As 2005 has come to a close, so does my time as chairman for our local section. I have enjoyed serving as the section chair very much during the year, and I have learned a lot about the local section. Unfortunately, I will be leaving the Kalamazoo area in the near future and with it many friends and fond memories. At the same time, I am happy to be "passing the baton" to my friend and colleague Mike Kiella. I know the section will do well under his leadership. I would like to thank our councilors Dean Cooke and Lydia Hines for the guidance and wisdom they have shared during our monthly meetings.

Please take a moment to review the election results below and congratulate our new officers. It will be through their hard work that the future of our section will be determined. Fortunately, you can help them by volunteering to help with section activities throughout the year. Your section needs your help now more than ever since our membership has been declining. There will be ample opportunities to participate in 2006--Girl Scout Chemistry Merit Badge Day, Reading in the Park, 5th Grade Science Fairs, and of course Chemistry Day at the Museum.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your chair and have a wonderful holiday season.

Kent

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<http://www.wmich.edu/acs/>

2005 Election Results

The 2005 Section Elections are completed and it gives me great pleasure to inform you of the outcome.

The Section has elected:

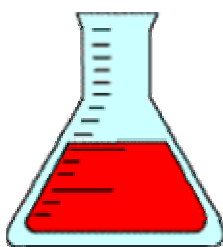
Monica Whitmire, Chair-Elect

Amy St. Charles, Secretary

Lydia Hines, Councilor

Please help me congratulate Monica, Amy, and Lydia for their initiative and willingness to lead the Section.

Mike Kiella



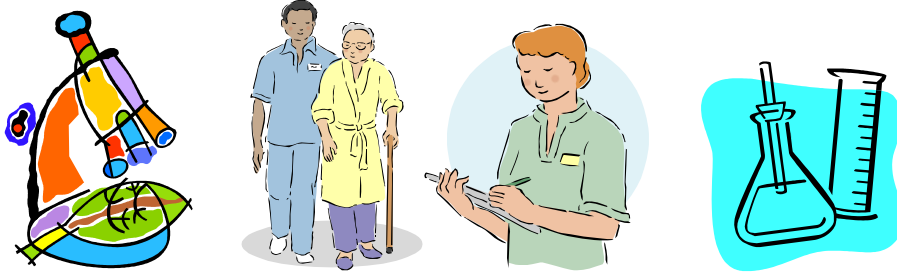
Innovators Needed

The deadline for the ACS Innovation Projects Grant is fast approaching. The Innovation Grant was established to encourage local sections and members to seek out new and inventive ways to bring chemistry to the community. The grant provides \$3000 dollars, if approved. The Kalamazoo Section would like to find someone with a great idea that promotes chemistry to the community. In 2005, the Kalamazoo Section has used the Innovation Grant to fund a series of science fairs in the public schools Kalamazoo, Allegan, and Van Buren counties. The grant proposal included over thirty-two schools and provided participating teachers with instruction and the students with supplies to complete a science fair project. The deadline for the 2006 program is March 1st, 2006.

If you would like more information on the Innovative Grant Program, please go to www.chemistry.org, click on the tab at the top for "ACS Members", scroll to "Local Sections", click on "Welcome to Local Sections", and look under the "Improve your Finances" section for ACS Innovative Projects Grant.

If you feel you have an **"innovative"** idea, please contact Shawn Hawk at shawn.p.hawk@pfizer.com or 269-833-8924.

WANT TO HELP A STUDENT BE SUCCESSFUL??



PRE-NURSING STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING COLLEGE CLASSES IN ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP GRANT BETWEEN ALLEGAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND ALLEGAN COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEEDED: TUTORS (\$22 PER HOUR) TO ASSIST STUDENTS ON A DROP-IN BASIS

SUBJECTS: MICROBIOLOGY; CELLULAR BIOLOGY; CHEMISTRY FUNDAMENTALS; ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

WHERE: TECHNICAL AND EDUCATION CENTER
2891 116TH AVE (M-222)
ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN

WHEN: DAYS, EVENINGS, SATURDAY MORNINGS,
FULL SCHEDULE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

FORMAT: STUDY GROUPS, INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE,
COMPUTERIZED REVIEW AND INSTRUCTION

For further information contact:

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SUMMARY OF GOVERNANCE ACTIONS/REPORTS
230TH AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY NATIONAL MEETING, WASHINGTON, DC
AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Election Results

- The Council elected councilors for membership on the following council committees for the 2006-2008 term:
- the Committee on Committees
- the Council Policy Committee
- the Committee on Nominations and Elections

Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors

- The candidates for the fall 2005 ACS national election were announced as follows:

President-Elect 2006

George E. Heinze, Rockland Technimed, Ltd, New York
Catherine T. Hunt, Rohm and Haas Company, Pennsylvania

Directors-at-Large – 2006-2008

James D. Burke, Retired, Rohm and Haas Company, Pennsylvania
Edwin A. Chandross, MaterialsChemistry, LLC, New Jersey
C. Gordon McCarty, Retired, Bayer Corporation; Adjunct Professor
University of South Carolina
Frankie K. Wood-Black, Conoco Phillips, Texas

Petition Withdrawn

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections withdrew its petition on election procedures. This action was to allow the committee to discuss further the issues raised by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws and to solicit additional input from councilors and other members.

Section Action

- On the recommendation of the Local Section Activities Committee, the Council approved a petition for change in section territory for the Central New Mexico Local Section. The annexation is intended to improve services to the ACS members in northern New Mexico.

Constitution and Bylaws

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Council approved revised charter bylaws for new local sections and for international chemical sciences chapters.

Special Discussion Item

- A special discussion item was again put on the Council agenda for this meeting. ACS President William F. Carroll described the process being used to develop a Society vision hypothesis that is to be tested with members, customers, governance and other interested parties. Dr. Carroll described the methods used to get member input at the national meeting. ACS national meeting attendees reported 15 common themes to be considered as important to the Society's future. Dr. Carroll sought Council input on the most frequent themes: diversity, young people, governance, multidisciplinary, globalization and outreach. Councilors then engaged in a thoughtful, yet lively exchange of their vision of the Society's long-term future.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board's Committees and Task Forces

- The Board, through its Committee on Grants and Award, approved the following: nominees for both the 2006 Perkin and Othmer Gold Medals; actions relative to pilot programs of the Petroleum Research Fund; continuation of the Fund's 1% distribution to the Green Chemistry Institute; and approval of a new national award, the ACS Award for Achievement in Research for the Teaching and Learning of Chemistry, sponsored by Prentice Hall Publishers.
- On the recommendation of the Board Committee on Public Affairs and Public Relations, the Board voted to designate the development of Rumford Baking Powder as a national historic chemical landmark.
- The Board approved actions resulting from the Member Satisfaction Survey, and from the Board-Presidential Task Force on Multidisciplinary as prioritized by the Committee on Professional and Member Relations (P&MR). The Board also authorized P&MR to develop, or ensure the development of action plans for implementation of the task force recommendations in coordination with other appropriate Society entities.

- The Board also received a status report on the activities of the Joint Board-Council Policy Committee Task Force on Governance Review. This task force is charged with conducting a review of the Society's governance structure and Constitution and Bylaws to ensure that the Society has a governing framework to enable it to best fulfill its mission, meet member needs, and remain a world-class organization.

The Society's Promotion of Diversity

- The Board received reports from both the Committee on Professional Training (CPT) and the Committee on Minority Affairs (CMA). CPT briefed the Board on recent training workshops relative to historically black colleges and universities and other African American-serving institutions; and CMA overviewed activities of the ACS Scholars Program. The Board voted to continue the Scholars Program through 2010.

The Society's Staff

- The Board received a report from the Executive Director/CEO and several of her direct reports on the activities of the Publications Division, Chemical Abstracts Service and the Society's General Counsel. The Board also reviewed and approved recommendations from the Committee on Executive Compensation on compensation for the Society's executive staff. The compensation of the Society's executive staff receives regular review from the Board.

The Society's Finances

- The Board, through the Committee on Budget and Finance, voted to include requests for funding of the following programs in the development of the Society's 2006 proposed budget:
 - A two-year pilot program for ACS High School Chemistry Clubs
 - ACS activities in connection with the International Science and Engineering Fair
 - A Leadership Development Program that delivers a pool of capable, effective and motivated leaders for volunteer roles throughout the Society
 - Reauthorization of, and continued funding for the Green Chemistry Institute
 - A complete reinvention of the Society's Web Presence

ACS President Carroll

- William Carroll discussed the three agenda items of his presidential year. These were Public Perception, Secondary Education and the future of the chemical enterprise. At the Spring meeting he announced the inception of "Chemistry Teacher Connections", a new online program that provides high school teachers with priority access to high school tools on the ACS website. At his meeting he concentrated on Chemical Enterprise in 2015.

ACS President-Elect Nalley

- Ann Nalley outlined the theme of her presidential year: Ensuring the Future. The theme for the spring meeting will be "Enabling Innovation" while the fall meeting will revolve around Collaborations". Three other areas are the "Public Image of the Chemist", "Recognition of Volunteer Service", and Involvement of High School Teachers in the ACS".

ACS Past-President Casey

- Charles Casey stressed the importance of stressing "Basic Chemistry" in obtaining support from the federal government. He strongly supported our Legislative Action Network. He outlined the success of the Academic Employment Initiative which has grown from 120 posters last year to 170 this year.

Registration Report and 2006 National Meeting Registration Fee

- As of August 30, 2005, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 13,040 registrants as follows: Regular attendees 7,584; Students 2,715; Guests 478; Exhibit Only 468; and Exhibitors 1,795. The 2006 national meeting registration fee of \$305 was announced.

Membership Statistics

- The Council was informed that as of July 31, 2005, total ACS membership was 155,567. This is an increase of 282 over the end of July 2004.

Report submitted by Kalamazoo Section Councilors Lydia Hines and Dean Cooke



2006 KACS Calendar

Contact the person in parentheses to answer questions or to volunteer

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| January 12 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, Pfizer B126 CR, 5:00pm (Mike Kiella, 833-9863) |
| February 2 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, Pfizer B126 CR, 5:00pm (Kent Alleman, 833-9863) |
| March 2 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, Pfizer B126 CR, 5:00pm (Kent Alleman, 833-9863) |
| March/April | Girl Scout Chemistry Patch Day, WMU (Sheryl Loux, 343-4737) |
| April 6 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, Pfizer B126 CR, 5:00pm (Kent Alleman, 833-9863) |
| May 4 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, Pfizer B126 CR, 5:00pm (Kent Alleman, 833-9863) |
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