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Message from the Chair

Michael Kiella

Election

Inside this edition is the ballot for the slate of officers for the upcoming year. I would like to thank each of the nominees for their willingness to come forward and volunteer their talents. Please take a moment to vote, not only does it fulfill the ascendancy requirements outlined in our by-laws, but it also sends a warm message to those seeking office, that they are from the outset, appreciated.

Awards

As we conclude the 2006 activities year, I ask that each of you consider individuals, or teams, that have been exemplary in representing the Kalamazoo Section as we've brought our programs forward this year. I urge you to contact Sheryl Loux, chair of the Awards Committee (343-4737, sjloux@medscape.com), and let her know whom you believe they should be recognized.

Newsletter Editor

We are still in need of a new editor for the Kalchemist News. If you would like to express your creative talents in this newsletter, please contact me (Mike Kiella, 833-9863, michael.l.kiella@pfizer.com).

Online

There is plenty to be found online at the C&E News and ACS websites. Science news, membership programs, benefits, blogs and more. Visit <http://pubs.acs.org/cen/index.html> and www.acs.org.

More later...Michael

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

Election of the KACS 2007 Officers

Below you will find a ballot for the election of officers of the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society for next year. The offices to be filled are ***Chair-elect, Treasurer, and Alternate Councilor***. The Chair-elect is elected for one year (the following year becoming the Chair). The Treasurer is elected for a two year term, and the Alternate Councilor is elected for a term of three years. All officers shall take office on January 1 of the year following the election and the Chair-elect for the current year, Monica Whitmire, will become Chair for next year.

1. Complete your ballot. Enclose the ballot in a blank envelope and seal it.
2. Place the blank envelope containing the completed ballot in a second envelope.
3. Write your name and signature on the outside of the second envelope.
4. Address the second envelope to:

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All ballots must be received by 5 pm on November 17, 2006 in order to be tallied. The KACS bylaws allow for counting only those ballots which are received sealed in an unmarked envelope which in turn is enclosed in another envelope with your *signature* on it. Thank you for your prompt response.

2006 Election Ballot

Chair-Elect

- James Kiddle

Alternate Councilor

- Sheryl Loux

Treasurer

- John Miller

Candidate Biographies

Chair elect:

James Kiddle

James Kiddle was born and raised in Illinois just north of the city. He received his B.A. in chemistry and biology from Drake University in Iowa. He obtained his M.S. in chemistry from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and his doctorate in chemistry from Loyola University in Chicago in 1993. From 1993 until 1994 he held a postdoctoral position at the Mayo Clinic Jacksonville and Trophix Pharmaceuticals Inc. He also held a postdoctoral research position at the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute, within the University of Washington. From 1995 until 2002 he was an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He came to West Michigan in 2002 to join the faculty in the Department of Chemistry at Western Michigan University. Since arriving at WMU James has been an active member of the KACS education committee. During his free time James is an avid runner and sailor.

Alternate Councilor:

Sheryl Loux

Sheryl Loux has been active in the Kalamazoo Section of the ACS since 1980, holding offices and positions such as Secretary, Alternate Councilor, Women Chemists Committee Chair and Steering Committee Member, Awards Committee Chair, and Public Outreach Chair. Sheryl is currently employed at MPI Research in Mattawan. Sheryl remains active in the Kalamazoo Section through various outreach activities, as Alternate Councilor, Women Chemists Committee Chair and Awards Committee Chair.

Treasurer:

John Miller

John Miller is Associate Professor of Chemistry at Western Michigan University with research interests in surface chemistry, photochemistry, and biofuel production. Prior to joining the WMU faculty, he was employed by ATMI, an electronic materials startup in Danbury, CT. John is a 20-year member of the ACS, and became a member of the KACS in 1995. He has previously been active in National Chemistry Week activities and served on the organizing committee for the 2001 Regional Meeting. John currently serves as the interim treasurer for KACS.

John Fortman and “The Science of Magic”

Monday, October 9, 6pm

226 Dow Science Center, Kalamazoo College

Come see our Fall Tour Speaker, John Fortman, dazzle you with exciting demonstrations of the "Science of Magic" at 6:00pm, Monday, October 9, in the Dow Science Center, Room 226, of Kalamazoo College (see <http://www.kzoo.edu/map.html> for directions).



"Magicians use the wonders of science to entertain but always keep the explanation or secret of their tricks from the audience. Science teachers use the wonders of science in demonstrations to develop interest in students but should also explain the mystery or principles behind their tricks. In this talk, the scientific explanations of the "magic tricks" shown will be presented in an educational fashion. Learn the science behind such tricks as the burning book, the non-burning cloth, the tablecloth pull, the heavy newspaper, the bottomless bottle, the egg in the bottle, the lidless bottle, the magic flask, the genie in the bottle, the rainbow liquid, and the needle thru the balloon."

Chemistry Day at the Museum

October 14, Noon to 4:00pm

Kalamazoo Valley Museum

"Chemistry in the Home" is the theme of NCW 2006. Our outreach to the community will be held at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum (KVM) on Saturday, October 14, 2006, from Noon to 4:00 p.m. With the thought that the "home" is anywhere you are, the KVM has arranged to have an astronaut on the premises during our celebration.

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Larese (269-833-0637, jennifer.a.larese@pfizer.com) or Amy St.Charles (269-833-7148, amy.m.stcharles@pfizer.com).

Update from the Social Coordinator

Jennifer Larese (833-0637, Jennifer.A.Larese@pfizer.com)

As the Social Coordinator for the Kalamazoo Section, I am hoping to plan events to bring together current members and also encourage new members to get involved. If you have any suggestions, please email me: Nildran@gmail.com or Jennifer.A.Larese@pfizer.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you at John Fortman's Fall Tour Speaker Presentation (October 9) and at Chemistry Day at the Museum (October 14).

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY 232nd ACS NATIONAL MEETING
SAN FRANCISCO, CA, SEPTEMBER 10-14, 2006**

The following summarizes the key actions of the ACS Council and Board of Directors at the 2006 fall national meeting.

ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Election Results

- The Council elected councilors for membership on the following council committees for the 2007-2009 term: the Committee on Committees, the Council Policy Committee, and the Committee on Nominations and Elections

Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors

- The candidates for the fall 2007 ACS national election were announced as follows:

President-Elect 2007

Bruce E. Bursten, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Yorke E. Rhodes, Retired - New York University, New York
Bassam Z. Shakhshiri, University of Wisconsin, Madison
James A. Walsh, Retired - John Carroll University, Florida

Directors-at-Large – 2007-2009

William H. (Jack) Breazeale, Jr. College of Charleston, South Carolina
Dennis Chamot, National Research Council, Washington, D.C.
Peter K. Dorhout, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins
Paul R. Jones, University of North Texas, Denton
Valerie J. Kuck, Retired - Bell Labs, New Jersey
Dorothy J. Phillips, Waters Corporation, Massachusetts
Marinda L. Wu, Science is Fun! Company, California

Petitions for Consideration

- The Council received three petitions for consideration: Petition on Election Procedures 2006; Petition on Multi-Year Dues; and a Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of Nominations and Elections for National Offices. A brief discussion ensued on the Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of Nominations and Elections for National Offices. Action is expected on these petitions at the 2007 spring national meeting in Chicago.

Committee Review and Committee Change in Status

- As part of a regular review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Public Relations and Communication, the Committee on Environmental Improvement, and the Committee on International Activities subject to concurrence by the Board of Directors. The Council also VOTED to support the request of the Committee on Community Activities that its status be changed from an “other committee” of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to improve the public perception of chemistry by providing programs to connect chemists with their communities.

Governance Review

- The Council received a report from the Council Policy Committee on activities related to Governance Review. The Board-CPC Governance Review Task Force generated 23 ideas following initial interaction with the Board, Council, Committees and other interested members. A joint meeting of the Board of Directors and CPC was held at this meeting to prioritize the 23 ideas into three categories: to advance the idea as worthy of further consideration by the cognizant

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committee and/or interested groups; to refine the idea which will be sent back to the Governance Review Task Force for further consideration; or to place the idea in a “stop” category as an idea that will receive no further consideration as part of the governance review. Councilors received a listing of the 23 ideas organized into the three categories as prioritized jointly by the Board and CPC.

Special Discussion Item

- A special discussion item was again put on the Council agenda. The discussion focused on ensuring the American Chemical Society’s future by engaging younger members throughout the Society’s volunteer leadership. ACS President E. Ann Nalley framed the discussion by presenting the results of a councilor survey on the topic and many councilors offered useful comments and suggestions.

Review of the Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct

- The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs submitted its latest version of the Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct for Council review. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving conflicts of interest.

ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board’s Committees and Task Forces

- On the recommendation of the Board Committee on Professional and Member Relations, the Board voted the following:
 - To approve revisions to the Guidelines for Society Cosponsorships with other organizations;
 - To proceed with “phase one” plans to arrange the 2008 ACS/AIChE joint meeting, which involves working within the framework of the cosponsorship guidelines, engaging the support of the relevant technical divisions, and developing a suitable budget;
 - To approve the request for cooperative cosponsorship of Pacifichem 2010, to be held December 14-19, 2010, in Honolulu, Hawaii, contingent upon approval of an acceptable budget for the conference.
- The Board received and expressed support for a report presented by its Contingency Planning Working Group. The Contingency Planning Working Group was charged with developing a set of actions that could be undertaken if risks became reality for the Society. The Board’s Task Force on the Timing of Committee Appointments also presented a report. This task force was asked to review the timing of committee appointments and seek opportunities to engage the Board Chair and President earlier in the appointment process. The Board also discussed plans for a third conference in Malta entitled, *Frontiers of Chemistry III: Research and Education in the Middle East* and agreed to recommend inclusion of \$50,000 for this meeting in the 2007 budget. The conference will take place in December 2007.

The Society’s Mission

- On the recommendation of the Committee on Planning, the Board voted to adopt a revised ACS mission statement: *“To advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people.”*

The Society’s Staff

- The Board received a report from the Executive Director/CEO and several of her senior staff members on the activities of the Publications Division, Chemical Abstracts Service, Human Resources, the Web Presence Project, and the Society’s General Counsel. On the recommendation

of the Committee on Executive Compensation, the Board agreed to a proposed list of 2007 organizational objectives. The Board also received a status report from its consultants, who are helping to review the Society's executive compensation. The compensation of the Society's executive staff receives regular review by the Board

The Society's Finances

- The Board, through the Committee on Budget and Finance, voted to approve funding requests for the Society's Green Chemistry Institute and for workshops with Hispanic and Native American-serving institutions and to include these funding amounts in the Society's 2007 proposed operating budget.

The Board also received a report from the Program Review Advisory Group (PRAG). PRAG is charged with reviewing programs of the Society (with some exceptions) on a periodic and regular basis.

ACS President Nalley

- Ann Nalley used this opportunity to emphasize that the strength of the ACS lies in the service which our members provide to the society as volunteers. At this meeting there were 20 presidential events which stressed this view. Of particular interest were symposia on "Public Image of the Chemist", "Recognition of Volunteer Service", and "Involvement of High School Teachers in the ACS".

ACS President-Elect Hunt

- Katie Hunt discussed the plans during her presidential succession to give Science and Technology a face in the community and a voice on Capitol Hill. This will be accomplished in part by promoting the Society's Legislative Action Network and by participating in a Caucus to promote K-12 Education. Plans are underway for symposia at the Chicago meeting on Sustainability in the areas of Energy, Food and Water.

ACS Past-President Carroll

- William Carroll continued to execute the three agenda items of his presidential year. These were Public Perception of Chemistry, Secondary Education and the State of the Chemical Enterprise in 2015.

Registration Report and 2007 National Meeting Registration Fee

- As of September 12, 2006, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 15,603 registrants. Totals in select categories are as follows: Regular attendees 9,373; Students 3,350; Guests 510; Exhibit Only 504; and Exhibitors 1,666. The Committee on Meetings and Expositions reported that national meeting financial targets continue to be met, and therefore recommended to the Board of Directors that there be no increase in national meeting registration fees for 2007

The Society's Membership

- The Committee on Membership Affairs reported that through August 2006, a record 12,137 new applicants have been added to the Society's membership, and that the Member-Get-A-Member campaign is well on its way to the goal of 1,000 new members in this year.

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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| October 4 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, 6:00pm (Mike Kiella, 833-9863) |
| October 9 | Fall Tour Speaker: "Science of Magic," presented by John Fortman, 6:00pm, 226 Dow Science Center, Kalamazoo College (Monica Whitmire, 375-0060) |
| October 14 | NCW Chemistry Day at the Museum, Noon to 4:00pm (Jennifer Larese, 833-0637, or Amy St. Charles, 833-7148) |
| November 1 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, 6:00pm (Mike Kiella, 833-9863) |
| November 17 | KACS Election Ballots due to Mike Kiella (833-9863) or Monica Whitmire (375-0060) |
| December 6 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Open to all Members, 6:00pm (Mike Kiella, 833-9863) |
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