

# Newsletter for the Kalamazoo Local Section of the American Chemical Society

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## Call for Nominations:

### KACS 2017 Chair and Chair-Elect

We are actively seeking nominations for two open positions on the KACS Executive Committee, 2017 Chair and 2017 Chair-Elect. The Chair position will be a two-year position (2017 Chair and 2018 Past-Chair), while the Chair-Elect is a three-year rotation (Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past-Chair).

Members interested in serving or willing to nominate another member should contact Brian Eklov at [chair@kalamazooacs.org](mailto:chair@kalamazooacs.org). More information on these positions is available at <http://www.kalamazooacs.org> (under about us and then operations manual). Nominations will be accepted until October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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## Chair's Comments

*by Brian Eklov*

I love the end of summer here in Kalamazoo. The weather has not yet turned, the gardens and orchards are full of good eats, and Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum is just around the corner! The Chemistry event is a personal favorite of mine. I really enjoy the opportunity to share some science with the scores of families that come downtown to join us at the Museum for this event. So, please mark your calendars: October 8<sup>th</sup>, noon to 4 pm. If you have the time, please come volunteer with us – we have plenty of ideas for experiments if you are looking for inspiration. If you can't volunteer, grab the kids, grandkids, or neighbor's kids, and come down to enjoy the demonstrations and activities on hand. I hear there may even be a mystery to solve! This year is our 30<sup>th</sup> year co-hosting this event with the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. It is a real gem, and I hope to see you there.



*A demo at the 2015 Chemistry Day*

Also, please mark your calendars for the evening of Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have reserved the Air Zoo Atrium to celebrate the Kalamazoo Local Section's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Rides will be running, we will be hosting a talk about the SR-71 Blackbird, and members of ACS governance will be in attendance. This is shaping up to be a great celebration, so please plan on joining us for the evening. Look for more information in future newsletters on time and RSVP details.

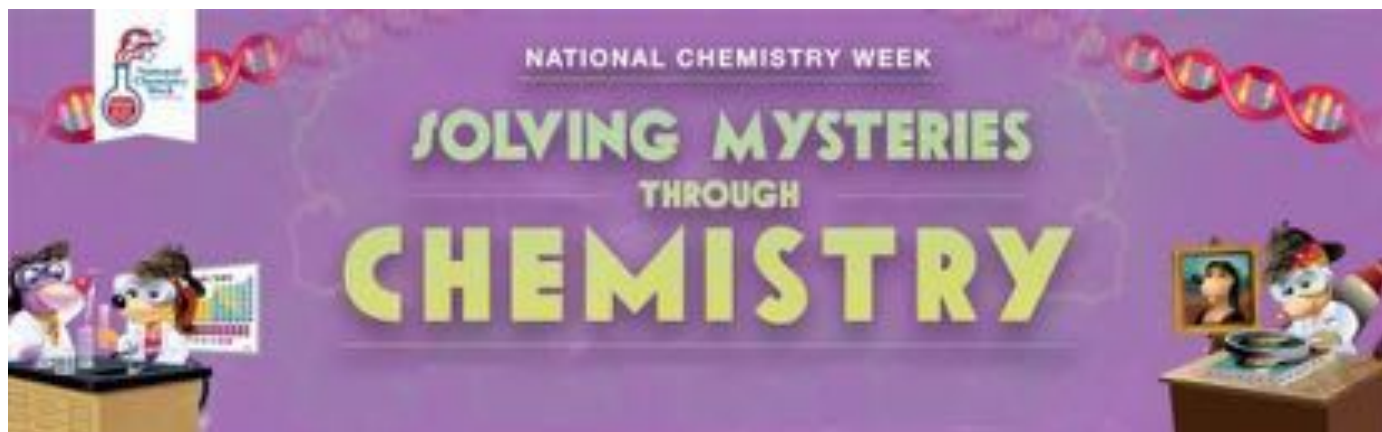
# 30<sup>th</sup> Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum Saturday October 8, 2016 12 noon – 4 pm

*by Annette Hoppenworth, the Kalamazoo Valley Museum collaborator:*

It's that time of the year when summer winds down, fall revs us and we get all excited about Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum! Chemistry Day has kicked off our fall programs every year and this is our 30th birthday! Do you all feel as old as I do? This year's theme is forensic chemistry. Let's do our yearly favorites and add in some new ones related to the national theme. Volunteer quickly so we can start promoting the event. Invite new chemists to the area for this yearly tradition and help us spread the word throughout the Southwest Michigan region that **chemistry is fun and for all ages!** Thank you all for your expertise, your collaboration with the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, and a rich history of science education and manufacturing. I'm so thankful for all the friendships over the years and the joy of watching our visitors explore and learn during this program.



*Annette Hoppenworth of the KVM and our own Councilor Lydia Hines  
at a past Chemistry Day event*



We have a need for volunteers of various skills and ages! Don't worry, if you are at loss for an activity, we have pre-planned forensics science activities and lists of other activities! We can also train you in an activity of your choosing.

***With your help, we are going to make this a fantastic gift to our community!***

Volunteer for Chemistry Day Now!

Forensics Science Activities:

Doug Williams ([dwilliams@kalsec.com](mailto:dwilliams@kalsec.com))

Other activities & training:

Lydia E. M. Hines ([lemhwgh@gmail.com](mailto:lemhwgh@gmail.com))

Brian M. Eklov ([chair@kalamazooacs.org](mailto:chair@kalamazooacs.org)).



*Kalamazoo youth having fun with hands-on learning at a past Chemistry Day!*



*Wally Hines at the 1995 Chemistry Day*

## CALL for PAPERS! 2017 Great Lakes Regional Meeting

The next **Great Lakes Regional Meeting** will be held in Fargo, North Dakota. The Kalamazoo Local Section is part of the Great Lakes Region of the ACS. The GLRM committee is now accepting abstracts, please consider supporting this event by presenting and attending!

Theme: Sustainability and Energy

Location: Holiday Inn, Fargo ND

Date: June 27 – 30, 2017

[glrm2017.com](http://glrm2017.com)



## Vote and Speak-up!

***Did you know that an important election is just around the corner?***  
Yep, that's right... the annual ACS National Elections for ACS President and various directors is occurring this fall (umm, what did you think we meant?)  
To learn more about the candidates and process please visit [www.acs.org](http://www.acs.org)

*President-Elect, 2017 Candidates:*  
*Peter K. Dorhout*      *Thomas R. Gilbert*



***ACS also wants to work on improving the ACS National Election process.***

Therefore, the Committee on Nominations and Elections has created a “Vote 2020 Task Force” to seek input on improving and modernizing methods of running elections. They invite comments on the following:

- Aspect of the current ACS National Election process that you like the most.
- One major change that you would like to see about the ACS National Election process.
- What you like about how other organization and groups to which you belong (or have heard about) elect their leaders.
- What you expect to be different in the ACS National Election process in the future.

Please send your thoughts and ideas to: [Vote2020@acs.org](mailto:Vote2020@acs.org)

# Councilor's Report

*by Lydia Hines, KACS Councilor*

**American Chemical Society  
252nd ACS National Meeting  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
August 21-25, 2016**

## *Actions of the Council*

### **Election Results**

#### ***Elected Committees of Council***

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Harmon B. Abrahamson, Lissa A. Dulany, Andrea B. Twiss-Brooks, and Sally B. Peters for a 2017-2019 term, Martin D. Rudd for a 2017-2018 term, and Karl S. Booksh and Ella L. Davis for a one-year term, 2017, on the Council Policy Committee

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Lisa M. Balbes, Thomas H. Lane, Amber S. Hinkle, Alan M. Ehrlich, and Alan A. Hazari for a 2017-2019 term and Neil D. Jespersen for a one-year term, 2017, on the Committee on Nominations and Elections.

By electronic ballot, the Council elected Wayne E. Jones, Jr., D. Richard Cobb, Stephanie J. Watson, Dee Ann Casteel, and Emilio X. Esposito for three year terms, 2017-2019, on the Committee on Committees.

### **Other Council Actions**

On the recommendation of the Committee on Membership Affairs, the Council approved a petition to amend the ACS Bylaws to extend the Unemployed Members' Dues Waiver, which will extend waivers for unemployed members' dues from the current two years to three years, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.



## **Highlights from Committee Reports**

### ***Nominations and Elections***

The Committee on Nominations and Elections solicits input of qualified individuals for President-Elect and/or Directors for future consideration. Suggestions may be sent to [nomelect@acs.org](mailto:nomelect@acs.org). N&E has established the Vote 20/20 Task Force, charged with examining all aspects of nominations and elections for ACS national offices, and designing an enhanced process to be in place by the year 2020. The committee welcomes ideas from all members as to how nominations and elections should be handled. Send comments to [vote2020@acs.org](mailto:vote2020@acs.org). The current procedure for elections can be found at [www.acs.org/bulletin5](http://www.acs.org/bulletin5).

### ***Chemical Safety***

New materials pertaining to Safety were highlighted and the websites where they can be accessed are [safety@acs.org](mailto:safety@acs.org) [www.acs.org/safety](http://www.acs.org/safety)  
[www.acs.org/hazardassessment](http://www.acs.org/hazardassessment)

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee of \$445 for national meetings held in 2017.

Do you have questions, comments, or would like to contribute to this newsletter?  
Send an email to Christine Pruis, Communication Chair at [ACSkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ACSkzoo@gmail.com)