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Message from the Chair Patrick A. Irish

Greetings,

We had a pretty good turnout for the Spring Tour Speaker. Ann Mary Nefcy gave a talk on "Today's Environmental Chemistry: What are we doing? Where are we going?" There were about 45 people in attendance, many of which were college students. Ann Mary graciously took the time to personally greet the students, and at the end of her talk gave an inspirational message to them.

The **28th Annual Awards Banquet** is scheduled for Monday, May 24. At the banquet, we will honor the Outstanding High School and College Chemistry students from area schools, the Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher, and local section Fifty Year ACS members. We will also present awards and certificates to the winners of the Kalamazoo Section Competitive Examination Program. If you are interested in attending, a **registration form** is available in the March/April edition of the Kalchemist News (available on the website).

Now is the time to start thinking about next year's **Executive Committee nominations**. If you are interested in serving on the EC or wish to nominate someone, please contact me (patrick.a.irish@pfizer.com, 833.6818) or another EC member.

Now is also a good time to start thinking about **Chemistry Day at the Museum**, November 6. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Julie Lorenz (julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com, 833-2209).

Patrick

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“Career Corner”

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Do you know what the ACS Local Section Career Program (LSCP) is all about?

LSCP was established in 1996 to complement the career services offered by National ACS and we have had LSCP coordinator in place since 2000. The mission of the program is “To equip local sections with the materials and information needed to offer employment assistance in their geographic area”

As your LSCP coordinator, my goal has been to provide members with information on local employment and career assistance as well as provide services complementary to those offered by National Career Services, such as one on one assistance for things such as resume review, interviewing techniques, and job search strategies.

Should you be in need of any of these services, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The 36th ACS Central Regional Meeting

June 2 – 4

IUPUI campus in Indianapolis, IN

There are over 450 abstracts submitted for this meeting. The program offers a range of areas including a strong emphasis in the following areas: analytical chemistry, biological chemistry, inorganic chemistry (molecular electronics), organic (synthesis, combinatorial chemistry), physical chemistry (molecular clusters, nanochemistry, interstellar space), and chemical education.

Most of these topics have significant overlapping content between multiple areas, especially biological processes. Special symposia include solid-state NMR and NMR involving membranes, honoring Leo Paquette, regulatory strategies, and forensic chemistry - but this is just a short list of the meeting content!

Visit our website, <http://membership.acs.org/c/cerm2004>, for more information on the technical program and the exciting special events.

Special Conference Center hotel room rate blocks for this meeting expire soon, so please reserve now by calling 1-800-627-2700 and referencing the 'ACS Central Regional Meeting'. For meeting registration, follow the link on the meeting home page above.

We hope to see you in Indianapolis for the 36th CRM!!

News from the Women Chemists Committee of the KACS

05/11/04 by Sheryl Loux

GIRL SCOUT CHEMISTRY MERIT BADGE

The Girl Scout Chemistry Badge laboratories were held on 9:00 AM, Saturday, March 13, 2004 for 92 Girls Scouts at WMU. Newspaper articles about the labs were seen once in the Portage Hometown and twice in the Kalamazoo Gazette (the last on April 19th). The WCC Steering Committee thanks Jerrie Fiala, freelance writer, for the great Gazette article with pictures and Mark Crockhite, Glowing Embers Council Program Director, for the excellent job in coordinating the event for the Girl Scouts. The WCC Steering Committee showed its appreciation in the form of a certificate to each volunteer during the labs. Again, the WCC steering Committee thanks the following **volunteers** for the 2004 Girl Scout Chemistry Badge. (Any omissions or errors are solely the responsibility of Sheryl Loux, who misplaced the last minute additions and deletions list she created while attempting to facilitate activities in the labs.)

Volunteer List

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Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Saturday, November 6, 2004

The National Chemistry Week theme for 2004 is "Health and Wellness". Please be thinking of experiments that you would like to share during our annual Chemistry Day at the Museum event on November 6 from Noon to 4:00pm.

We need the list of experiments and demonstration leaders by October 1.

If you're interested in participating please contact Julie Lorenz (269-833-2209 or julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com).

http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acsdisplay.html?DOC=ncw\ncw_index.html

Call for Nominations for 2005

The KACS Executive Committee is requesting nominations for the following positions for terms starting in 2005:

Chair Elect

Treasurer

Alternate Councilor

Position Available

WMU Chemistry Instructor – Sabbatical Replacement

The Department of Chemistry, Western Michigan University is seeking a one-year (AY 2004-2005) sabbatical replacement pending budgetary approval.

The candidate will be expected to teach two to three classes in each of the fall and spring terms with the potential for offerings in the summer sessions. The courses to be assigned would be general and organic chemistry. The preferred candidate will have a Ph.D. in Chemistry with recent undergraduate teaching experience at a junior college or four year institution, though other qualified applicants will be considered. A complete application will include: a curriculum vitae, the syllabi of past courses (if applicable), student ratings of the instructor (if available), a statement of teaching philosophy and the names and contact information for three references.

Application materials should be forwarded to Professor Michael J. Barcelona, Chair, Department of Chemistry, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5413. Western Michigan University, a student centered research university, encourages applications from underrepresented groups and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Screening of applications will begin on May 1, 2004 and will continue until the position is filled.

Councilor report from Anaheim, March 26-31, 2004:

The Council voted to present the following 2 candidates for election as President-Elect for 2005: F. Sherwood Rowland, and Isiah Warner. E. Ann Nalley will also appear on the ballot as a petition candidate.

President-Elect Bill Carroll encourages tour speakers to give talks to civic groups and to H.S. students when at a local section. He wants to promote hiring of Chemistry teachers (rather than science teachers) and is working to develop a method to encourage the retraining of ACS members for hire as chemistry teachers.

President Chuck Casey indicated that at the Fall meeting in Philadelphia will have an Academic Employment Initiative (AEI) with NSF-funding support; this is an effort to broaden the faculty recruiting process by including personal interactions between job candidates and recruiters before invitations to visit campuses are issued. Those interested in academic employment may meet potential employers at SciMix in a special Section, with posters of research interests, plans, etc. He encourages the use of the LAN (Legislative Action Network) for impact on the political process.

In her report Elsa Reichmanis, Past President, emphasized the need for inclusiveness in the ACS, and encouraged support of the "cooperation with AIChE, as well as formation of further "strategic relationships"; she mentioned other organizations which may be included.

ACS Board Chairman, Jim Burke, emphasized that the strategic plan guides what they do as a Board. They voted to support a research and education conference in the Middle East. He emphasized that ACS did not seek AIChE, but AIChE approached the ACS for cooperation. "Strategic Alliances" is the byword for them. He encouraged Local Sections to make programmatic plans which include AIChE.

Madeleine Jacobs gave her report on her 91st day on the job as Executive Director and CEO of ACS. She wants to know what is valued by members, students, and what ACS can do better. She, too, encourages members to work to transform the definition of chemistry to make it more inclusive. "We need a larger, not smaller tent for ACS"...

The Committee on Committees (ConC) voted to establish a Committee on Ethics; the combined Leadership Conference concept was well received and will continue.

Dues for 2005 will increase to the full escalated value of \$123.

The Society Committee on Education (SOCED) is working on a proposal to seek CE (continuing education) credits for teachers attending ACS National and Regional Meetings.

There were 14,141 total attendees at the meeting; of these, 7,700 were full members, 3,800 were students, with the others being guests and exhibitors.

The Career Consultant program is now online for members who want assistance.

Lydia E. M. Wines

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2004 KACS Calendar

Contact the person in parentheses to answer questions or to volunteer

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| May 24 | Kalamazoo Section 28 th Annual Awards Banquet
West Ballroom, Bernhard Center, Western Michigan University
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, (Don Schreiber, donald.schreiber@wimich.edu) |
| June 3 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Bell's Eccentric Cafe, 5:00pm |
| August 5 | KACS Executive Committee Meeting, Bell's Eccentric Cafe, 5:00pm |
| November 6 | Chemistry Day at the Museum, Kalamazoo Valley Museum,
Noon to 4pm, (Julie Lorenz, julie.k.lorenz@pfizer.com) |

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