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Comments from the Chair

Elke Schoffers

Dear Colleagues,

The busy summer season has come to an end. If you didn't follow KACS closely during that time you may have missed some exciting news. Our Local Section received a glowing review from LSAC (Local Section Activity Committee) and our "Chemistry & Culture: Elements of Dance" event is a **ChemLuminary Finalist**. It is only a matter of days until we learn the results. Join us on Tuesday evening, Sept. 10 at the Westin Indianapolis Hotel at 8 PM, where the section will also participate in a poster session. Please keep your calendar free for a **Science Café** on Horticultural Chemistry on Sept. 17 at Wedel's and for a **Sci-Mix Poster Session** on Oct. 8 at Bell's Eccentric Café (sponsored by Zoetis). We also need volunteers to help out during **Chemistry Day at the Museum** (Oct. 12) and to serve as new EC Officers (Secretary and Chair-Elect). There is more to come. Please stay in touch, join us for upcoming events and help out to support our Local Section.

Thank you!



Elke Schoffers, Ph.D.
(KACS Chair)

246th ACS National Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, Sept. 8-12



KACS website: <http://kalamazooacs.org/>

Do you have questions, comments, or would like to contribute to this newsletter?
Send an email to: ACSkzoo@gmail.com

Welcome New Volunteers

By Elke Schoffers

Mark Wolf is KACS Web Master for New Site: KalamazooACS.org

We welcome Mark Wolf (Kalsec) as our new web master. He already transitioned our site to a new host at <http://KalamazooACS.org/>. We invite you to take a look and to follow ongoing changes to our online presence. Last but not least, we thank our outgoing web master Dr. Steve Bertman (WMU), who has been very helpful in recent years.



Roxana Manta-Bielanski joins KACS Photography Team

We welcome Roxana Manta-Bielanski, a WMU Chemistry major and undergraduate researcher, who is helping us document KACS activities as ad hoc photographer. Please contact us if you are interested in taking pictures as well.



Dr. Megan Grunert is New Chair of the KACS Education Committee

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Megan Grunert, Assistant Professor of Chemical Education (megan.grunert@wmich.edu) at WMU, has assumed the role of Chair of the KACS Education Committee. She conducts research related to academic motivation, career decision-making, teaching practices, graduate student professional development, and student experiences in novel learning environments. Among others, she will be in charge of organizing the annual KACS Awards Ceremony during which high school students from Kalamazoo, Allegan and Van Buren counties are recognized. The Local Section thanks Dr. Donald Schreiber for having served in this capacity for many years.



Feel free to contact KACS at Elke.Schoffers@wmich.edu if you would like to announce specific events or share links.



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KACS Launches New Site at <http://KalamazooACS.org/>

By Elke Schoffers

KACS strives to provide helpful resources for its membership and the public through its website. We have launched a new site. I hope that you will regularly check in with us at

<http://KalamazooACS.org/>

to learn about upcoming and past section activities in addition to useful links. With the help of Mark Wolf, our new web master, we have incorporated some new features such as rotating pictures of our **Chemistry & Culture: Elements of Dance** event, a current **ChemLuminary Finalist**. Over the summer, the KACS EC Committee has formulated an official mission statement, which can also be found online:

KACS Mission Statement:

We are a dynamic and visionary organization committed to improving people's lives in our community through the transforming power of chemistry. We strive to advance the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Kalamazoo, Allegan and Van Buren counties.

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The Local Sections Activity Committee (LSAC) gave KACS a glowing review. [Read more here.](#)

Pictures by DB Photography



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Thanks to our donors!



KACS is a ChemLuminary Award finalist. Join us when all the recipients will be announced and the presentation of awards will occur at the 246th ACS National Meeting in Indianapolis, IN at 8 PM on Tuesday, September 10, at The Westin Indianapolis Hotel. Our "Chemistry and Culture: Elements of Dance" event (11/9/12) at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts is a finalist for the ChemLuminary Award in the category of "Most Innovative Activity or Program". We thank all the donors and volunteers who helped us make this event a success (179 attendees).

- Chemistry and Culture: Elements of Dance
- Elements of Dance Report [PDF]



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