



American Chemical Society Western Michigan Section January, 2017 Newsletter

New Officers for 2017

A heartfelt thanks goes out to those of you who voted in our local ACS officer election! And thanks to Dr. Randy Winchester from GVSU who sent out election notices and gathered the results. Our website has been updated to include all new offices for the executive committee for 2017. Check out the members at <http://westernmichigan.sites.acs.org/>.

Website Services

Any ACS member can also post open positions to the **Jobs** section. Job listings should be sent to Dr. Richard Lord (Lordri@gvsu.edu), our new chair elect and current webmaster.

Last year a list of all of the past chairs was posted. Take a look and see how many of the names you recognize!

Soon we hope to have:

1. Archived past minutes from the executive committee.
2. A link to all of the students that the section has sponsored to travel to and present at ACS National or Regional Meetings.
3. An interactive map of the West Michigan section that incorporates links to websites of the various schools and companies involved in the section.
4. Possibly a History section with more interesting facts from past years.

Offer for Students Attending ACS Meetings

The West Michigan Local ACS Section will help support students presenting at either of the 2017 ACS National Meetings (April 2-6, 2017 in San Francisco, California, or August 20-24, 2017 in Washington, DC). The cost of Undergraduate Student Member / Affiliate registration (\$110) will be reimbursed through the faculty mentor after each meeting. The re-imbursement form can be found on the Local Website <http://westernmichigan.sites.acs.org/>. Good luck to all our local section undergraduate students – enjoy the national meetings!

Bus Trip to Pittcon

The local section along with Amway will be offering a bus trip to Pittcon on Thursday, March 9. Pittcon dates are March 5-9, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois. Pittcon runs from 9am-3pm Chicago time so the bus will leave around 6:15am from the GVSU Seidman lot in Downtown GR. Check out the link for more information about Pittcon (<http://pittcon.org/pittcon-2017/>). Registration for attendees who go on Thursday is free. Costs for the bus trip will be \$10 for students, \$20 for ACS members and \$30 for non-members. The bus will leave from GVSU Mount Vernon Lot B-7 at 6:15 AM in order to be at the event when the doors open. The bus will leave for GR at about 3:30 Chicago time after the event closes for the day. A summary of details are below.



Checks for bus trip to PITTCON (Chicago- March 9th) can be mailed to our treasurer, James Koedam (address is below). Make checks out to "West Michigan section of ACS"

Payment reserves your spot. The bus holds 55 people.

Students \$10, Members \$20 and non-members \$30.

Bus will leave from Mount Vernon Lot-B7 (GVSU) Downtown GR campus in front of Seidman. Parking is free and you do not need a pass that day if you park in the student section.

(SCB) L. William Seidman Center - (Michigan Small Business Technology &

Development Center) (13 on the map) <http://www.gvsu.edu/homepage/files/pdf/maps/pew.pdf>

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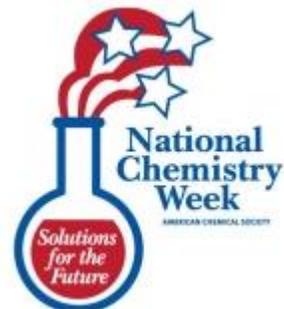
Chemistry Olympiad

West Michigan ACS is pleased to offer the opportunity for local high school students to take the ACS Chemistry Olympiad qualifying exam during the month of March. Our section will run the event in essentially the same format that was trialed last year. We are asking local teachers to host the exam in their own school buildings. Past years have simply not been successful due to multiple scheduling and transportation challenges. West Michigan ACS will provide the exam booklets to the teachers, and the teachers will simply need to hold the exam with their students during the month of March and return the exams to the section coordinators for scoring. Grand Valley State Univ. chemistry department is once again coordinating the exam. The top 10 student scores (limited to 2 from any one school) will be invited to GVSU in late April for the completion of the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam which consists of multiple parts include a wet-lab component. Please contact Dr. Blair Miller (millerb@gvsu.edu) if you have questions.

National Chemistry Week 2017

First of all we would like to offer a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the 2016 NCW Chemistry at the Mall! We could not pull off such a large event without the help of so many talented chemists and West Michigan's best chemistry students. See photo on page 3.

This year join us as the ACS celebrates National Chemistry Week (October 22– 28). The theme this year is "Chemistry Rocks!" Exploring the chemistry of rocks and minerals. Our section will once again be involved by having chemical demonstrations and activities for the community at **Woodland Mall on Saturday, October 21, 2017**. Our coordinator, Michelle DeWitt (dewittmi@gvsu.edu) is already busy organizing this event. Contact her if you wish to host a booth for your school or business.



Volunteers from the 2016 NCW Chemistry at the Mall event.

Photo courtesy of Michelle DeWitt

Items for the Newsletter may be submitted to James Krikke (GVSU) at krikkeji@gvsu.edu