



American Chemical Society Western Michigan Section February, 2014 Newsletter

Speaker Schedule to be released in a future Newsletter

The Executive Committee is currently working on a slate of speakers for the New Year. Stay tuned for further information.

A Note from the New Chair, Paul Parkanzky

With Pittcon in Chicago, a great slate of speakers, planning for the joint Great Lakes Regional meeting (set for 2015), and a whole lot more, 2014 is going to be a big year for the West Michigan ACS. With so many great activities planned, we'll need plenty of help to make these events a success. It's your section; make this year the year you get involved. And watch this space for exciting opportunities throughout the year!

Pittcon Bus Trip!



The Western Michigan ACS Section is organizing a trip to Chicago for Pittcon on Thursday, March 6. We are chartering a bus that will leave from the Wal-Mart in Grandville (4542 Kenowa Ave SW) at 7:00 am EST and arrive in Chicago ~10:00am CST. The return bus will depart from Chicago at 5:00 pm CST and arrive in Grand Rapids ~10:00pm EST.

Fees are as follows: \$10 for students, \$20 for current ACS members, \$30 for non-ACS members, and free for emeritus members. Payments are accepted through the Paypal options below. **Please be sure to include your name and phone number** (preferably your cell phone for contact in Chicago) during payment. If you are an emeritus member who plans to attend, please email paul.parkanzky@amway.com to ensure you are in the headcount. The trip is limited to the first 52 participants.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may email paul.parkanzky@amway.com. We look forward to you joining us in Chicago!

To register for the bus trip, log into <http://westernmichigan.sites.acs.org/> and click on the Pittcon 2014 button at the bottom of the links on the left side of the home page.

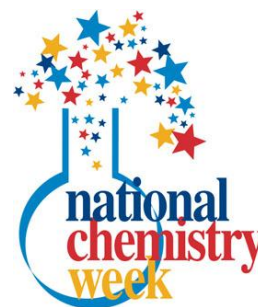
Electronic Balloting



Gregor Stasik (Amway Corporation) has been elected to the position of Chair Elect and James Koedam (Amway Corporation) was re-elected to the position of Secretary. Thanks for your votes and a special thanks to Randy Winchester (GVSU) for assisting in the balloting process!

Chemistry at the Mall

Lou DuPont (Honeywell Burdick and Jackson) has been working on details for National Chemistry Week and our Chemistry at the Mall event. The next edition of the Newsletter will have more details about the event to be held in October 2104.



Congratulations!

The November/December, 2013, issue of In Chemistry, an ACS publication for student members, gave recognition to the following schools in our section as winners of 2012-2013 Student Chapter Awards. *Student chapter presidents are in italics.*

Ferris State University: Commendable, *B. Wierckz*, Advisor Pasquale DiRaddo

Hope College: Commendable, *Andreanna Rosnik & Howard Dobbs*, Advisor Jeffrey Johnson

Aquinas College: Honorable Mention, *Lauren Cichon & Anastasia McRoberts*, Advisor Elizabeth Jensen

Grand Valley State University: Honorable Mention, *Garett MacLean & Alexandra Gabrielli*, Advisors Mathew Hart & Andrew Lantz

Ferris State University: Green Chemistry Award

Offer For Students Attending ACS Meetings

The West Michigan Local ACS Section will help support students presenting at either of the 2014 ACS National Meetings (Dallas or San Francisco)! The cost of undergraduate student member registration (\$105) will be reimbursed through the faculty mentor after each meeting. The reimbursement form can be found on the Local ACS Website <http://westernmichigan.sites.acs.org/>. Good luck to all our local section undergraduate students – enjoy the national meetings!

West Michigan Section to Co-host the 2015 Central Regional Meeting

Plans are being made for the West Michigan Section to host the Central Regional Meeting with the Kalamazoo Section in 2015. Details are below:

2015 Joint Great Lakes & Central Regional Meeting
May 27-30, 2015
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel & DeVos Convention Center
Many volunteer opportunities available
Contact: nealfox@comcast.net

We are looking for volunteers to fill the Publicity Chair, Exhibits/Sponsorship Chair, Awards Chair, Local Arrangements Chair, and webmaster positions, or any other help you can give. To have a successful Regional meeting, we really need a lot of help, so if you know anybody that would be interested, please get in touch with Neal Fox at the email address above.

23rd BCCE at Grand Valley State University



Greener on the Grand: Empowering Chemical Educators for a Greener Tomorrow

<http://www.bcce2014.org/>

August 3 – 7, 2014

The Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE) is a national meeting sponsored by the Division of Chemical Education (DivCHED) of the American Chemical Society (ACS). It is designed for those who teach chemistry at all levels: secondary school science teachers, undergraduate and graduate students, and post-secondary chemistry faculty. The Conference provides anyone teaching chemistry opportunities for interacting with like-minded colleagues in both formal and informal settings. Teachers who are about to launch their careers, those who are new to teaching chemistry, and those who have teaching experience will find this conference to be an excellent source of materials, techniques, and chemistry content. The BCCE helps teachers make connections with others equally committed to teaching chemistry. The Department of Chemistry at Grand Valley State is proud to host the 23th BCCE, ***Greener on the Grand: Empowering Chemical Educators for a Greener Tomorrow***, from August 3 – 7, 2014.

Visit and bookmark the 23rd BCCE website for specific information about the conference. This site will be continuously updated with information pertaining to the technical program, registration, housing, and social events as we approach August, 2014. Any questions, program ideas, or general suggestions for any of the BCCE program chairs can be sent to the BCCE email address, bcce2014@gvsu.edu.