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Nominating Committee to seek nominations from local section membership for 2025

Officers

It is the role of the nominating committee to identify eligible candidates for officer positions (Chair, Chair-elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Councilor, Alternative Councilor). The nominating committee, comprising Stephanie Brock (Nominating Committee Chair), Sue White (Section Chair), Sean Hickey (Section Chair-elect), Shannon Timmons (Alternative Councilor), and Monique Wilhelm (Environment & Safety Committee Chair), proposes a two-prong approach to establishing the ballot. In the first prong, the Committee will utilize its professional network to identify suitable candidates that are willing to take on the specific positions. In the second prong, we will solicit nominations and self-nominations from the Detroit Local ACS Section membership. The July 2024 issue of the Detroit Chemist will publish brief descriptions of the positions, their duties, and expected time commitments. Nominations and self-nominations will be collected through Friday, August 30th. The committee will establish the eligibility of the candidates, and verify willingness to serve for non-self-nominated recommendations. The final slate of candidates, to be published in the October 2024 issue of the Detroit Chemist, will comprise of all eligible, willing candidates identified by the two-prong approach described above. It is our aim to have a minimum of two candidates for each position.

Submitted by Stephanie Brock



Jim Landis, Editor

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The Detroit Local Section of the American Chemical Society

Brewing Chemistry

Latine Undergraduate Students' Science Identity Formation

Presented by: **Danielle Maxwell, Ph.D.**

An equity-centered chemistry education researcher

Where: Xochimilco Restaurant
(<https://xochimilcorestaurant.site>) 3409 Bagley
Street, Detroit, MI 48216

When: Tuesday June 18, 6 p.m.

This presentation will explore how Latine undergraduate students at Hispanic- Serving Institutions (HSIs) develop science identities. How a critical perspective and using multiple theories of identity and qualitative research methods to capture the lived experiences of our participants will be explained. The results of this work provide insights into how Latine Students engage with the culture of science and advance our understanding of how to best support Latine students throughout their education.

Danielle Maxwell, Ph.D. (she/élla) is an equity-centered chemistry education researcher who recently earned her Ph.D. in Chemistry and M.S. in Postsecondary Science Education from the University of Michigan. She earned a B.S. in Chemistry and a Minor in Leadership from the University of Detroit Mercy in 2019 and a M.S. in Chemistry from the University of Michigan in 2021. In her free time, Danielle enjoys reading, running, and attending Detroit sports games.

This event includes dinner and nonalcoholic drink (cash bar available)
\$5 for K–12, undergrad and grad students and K–12 teachers
\$20 for members/guest

Entrees: Pick one protein and all dinners include rice and beans on the side.
Chicken or beef tacos with lettuce, cheese, and tomato. (Corn or Flour fried).
Chicken, beef, cheese, or bean enchiladas. (includes cheese on top).
Combo Plate: 1 Chicken Flauta, 2 beef corn tacos, 1 bean and cheese tostada, and 1 cheese enchilada.
This entree comes with guacamole, sour cream, lettuce, and tomato, but not rice or beans.

Please RSVP: <https://forms.gle/JnXeSfiVJmbQ5CeLA>.
For information, contact us at: brewingchem@gmail.com

Submitted by Sean Hickey

Getting a Job is a Project!

Several section members participated in a how to succeed in industry workshop, learning about AND practicing essential tools presented by Detroit Local Section ACS Career Chair Heinz Plaumann. This Chalk-talk included discussion of:

1. Elevator Speech
2. Having a powerful Linked In profile
3. Researching opportunities and applying...and waiting, waiting and waiting!
4. FINALLY an interview: Giving STAR examples to convey your competence (Situation, Task, YOUR Action, Result) and being able to fit in...Good engaging questions to ask include: What do you do?, What do you like about it?, What would you change?, Who else should I talk to?, May I follow up with you?,
5. Negotiating your employment – including being equipped with the ACS Salary information, Negotiating benefits – continuing education support, time off, etc., but NOT Salary.
6. Learning from an unsuccessful interview – follow up: what went well?, how to improve my interview skills?...
7. What to do in first 30, 60 and 90 days in the job? Network and connect with your boss, a mentor, your colleagues... ASK Questions – **BE A LEARN-IT ALL! NOT A KNOW IT ALL!**

This was followed by resume reviews by our industry experts:



Jacob Brutman, Ph.D.
Digital Manager, Performance
Materials, BASF, Corp.,
Wyandotte, MI

Jacob loves meeting aspiring chemists. His experience in various roles and computer enthusiasm makes him dedicated to jumpstarting your career.



Michele Allen, Ph.D.
Lab Team Leader, Home Care and
I&I Application Testing and
Technical Service, BASF, Corp.,
Wyandotte, MI

Michele has over 16 years' experience in the chemical industry and enjoys mentoring others toward successful careers.



Heinz Plaumann, Ph.D.
Fellow, Adjunct Professor, Detroit
ACS Career Committee Chair,
Speaker, Author, Consultant

Heinz has over 30 years' experience and will always make the time for you and help reach your goals.

Submitted by Heinz Plaumann

Southeastern Regional Meeting

Now Accepting Abstracts

Abstracts are now being accepted for the 75th Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS). SERMACS 2024 will be held from Wednesday to Saturday, October 23-26, 2024 at the AmericasMart Atlanta Convention Center, Atlanta, GA.

SERMACS 2024 highlights a theme of Advancing & Transforming Lives through Chemistry (ATL-Chemistry). Featuring a vibrant, diverse program of researchers from all disciplines of chemistry, this conference will be fully in-person, providing a welcome opportunity to network, grow together, and reinvigorate science.

Visit the website to find a list of the programming divisions and planned symposia open for submissions.

The deadline to submit an abstract is Monday, July 22.

Call for Award Nominations

The ACS prides itself on honoring the great people among us. From achievements made by those in a lifelong career of chemical research, to those who pass on their knowledge and understanding to the next generations, the ACS recognizes outstanding chemists to thank them for their devoted service to our field.

Stanley C. Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences recognizes individuals and/or institutions that have advanced diversity in the chemical sciences and significantly stimulated or fostered activities that promote inclusiveness within the region. Deadline: August 1

The ACS Division of Chemical Education (CHED) Southeastern Regional Award for Excellence in High School Teaching recognizes, encourages, and stimulates outstanding teachers of high school chemistry in the Southeastern region. Deadline: August 1

Partners for Progress and Prosperity Regional Award encourages and recognizes successful and exemplary partnerships within the Region. These partnerships can be between industry, academia, government, small business and/or other organizations including ACS local sections, ACS divisions, ACS international chapters, other societies or various entities domestic or overseas. Deadline: August 1

E. Ann Nalley Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society recognizes the volunteer efforts of individuals who have served the American Chemical Society, contributing significantly to the goals and objectives of the Society through their regional activities. Deadline: August 1

SERMACS Regional Industrial Innovation Award celebrates successful innovations of industrial chemists and chemical engineers that contribute to the health of their local and regional economy and the corporate leadership for its advancement of a healthy economy. Deadline: August 1

Visit the SERMACS website to submit an abstract or award nomination:

<https://sermacs2024.org/>

Would You Like Be On An ACS National Committee?

Dear ACS Colleague:

It is time to begin the process of making appointments to ACS Council-related committees for 2025. If you are interested in serving on an ACS Committee, the [online committee preference form](#) for committee assignments is the key way to let us know your committee preferences, your background and your interests.

The online preference form will be open March 1 thru July 1, 2024 at

<http://www.cmte.acs.org>

When assembling recommendations for appointments by the ACS President and/or Board Chair, and the Committee on Committees (ConC) seeks to identify and involve individuals from across the Society. Members with a wide range of experiences, backgrounds and perspectives helps ensure that ACS remains relevant, innovative, and effective. Therefore, we are also encouraging local section and divisions officers to circulate the online preference information throughout their membership to encourage participation in the Society through committee service.

All submissions from the preference form are reviewed by ConC as it develops recommendations during the ACS Fall Meeting. ConC only makes the *recommendations* for committee appointments and reappointments. The ACS President and/or Board Chair, both individually and jointly, review the recommendations and make the actual *appointments* in late fall. Although not all can be appointed to committees, I can assure you that you will receive thorough consideration for an assignment.

As a reminder, your ACS membership must be in *good standing* to complete your committee preferences. Please make a committee preference only if you feel that you can attend and actively participate in a committee's meetings either virtually or in-person. **ACS committees are working committees; attendance (virtually or in-person) and participation at committee and subcommittee meetings are important.**

If you experience any problems or need assistance during this process, please contact the Office of the Secretary at secretary@acs.org. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and for all your efforts on behalf of our Society.

Sincerely,
Brian Mathes, Chair
ACS Committee on Committees (ConC)

2024 SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Arranging Group	Program	Presenter	Location	Time
18 Jun	Brewing Chemistry	Brewing Chemistry: Latine Undergraduate Students' Science Identity Formation	Danielle Maxwell, Ph.D. in Chemistry, University of Michigan	Xochimilco Restaurant in Detroit	6 p.m. Dinner & 7 p.m. Presentation
22–23 Jun	NOBCChE	NOBCChE Midwest Regional Symposium	Nawana Lawson	WSU	See May Chemist
TBD July	YCC & EC	Annual Social, Meet the Leadership	EC committee	TBD Detroit	TBD
18–22 Aug	ACS	ACS Fall National Meeting	ACS National	Denver, CO	
10 Sep	EC	Detroit ACS Executive Committee Meeting	Chair Sue White	WSU	7–8 p.m.
17 Sep	Brewing Chemistry	TBD		TBD	TBD
8 Oct	EC	Detroit ACS Executive Committee Meeting	Chair Sue White	WSU	7–8 p.m.
15 Oct	Brewing Chemistry	TBD		TBD	TBD
7 Nov	ANACHEM	ANACHEM SAS Symposium	Felix Schneider	Burton Manor, Livonia	9 a.m.–6 p.m.
6–9 Nov	CERM	2024 CERM	Pittsburgh Section (acscerm2024.org)	Pittsburgh, PA	All day/In person
9 Nov	Minority Affairs	Girl Scout Chemistry Day	Michele Allen	FUMC	9 a.m.–1 p.m.
12 Nov	EC	Detroit ACS Executive Committee Meeting	Chair Sue White	WSU	7–8 p.m.
19 Nov	Brewing Chemistry	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
10 Dec	Brewing Chemistry	Brewing Chemistry: Field Trip	TBD	TBD	TBD

Key: TBA – To Be Announced
 TBD – To Be Determined
 Gray = EC (Executive Committee), Chair, CERM, National, and Regional Events including meetings.
 Yellow = Brewing Chemistry
 Blue = USNCO and Kids and Chemistry
 Blue = General Detroit Local Section Event
 Reddish/Orange = Related Groups: ANACHEM, NOBCChE
 FUMC = First United Methodist Church of Troy

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