

This year has seen the members of the Northeastern Section involved in an array of programs, activities, and projects. In addition, several members as well as student chapters of the Section received grants, awards, and recognition for their activities.

Monthly meetings featured outstanding speakers on current topics. Our on-going yearly activities are principally driven by the Section's twenty-seven active committees. Significant accomplishments were made in the areas of chemical education, National Chemistry Week, government relations, constitution and bylaws revision, public outreach, public relations, publications, long range planning, preservation of our archives, professional relations and career services, the YCC, the German Exchange program, and award nomination procedures.

Our expanded activities in public relations and public outreach, including public social media, have given the Section greater visibility. National Chemistry Week events were held at many locations throughout the Section, including an extensive National Chemistry Week program sponsored by the Section at the Museum of Science and at the Children's Museum in Boston, MA, which saw over 1000 participants. The Long Range Planning meeting focused on five issues: a task force on STEM education, creating endowments for select programs as funding initiatives, engaging new members, succession planning for committee chairs and officers, and consideration for establishing North and Southeast MA subsections. Preservation of the archives of the Section's records and materials dating back to a hand-written journal from 1898 has become a major focus with considerations of storage and digitization/electronic capture of the hardcopy materials. The Professional Affairs and Career Services Committee presented programs on career guidance, the job market, personal assessment, market trends, credentials, research, networking and entrepreneurship.

This year saw three of our members named as ACS Fellows. The ACS Committee on Education selected four student chapters within our Section for recognition. Also, three chapters were recipients of the Green Chemistry Award, and one chapter received funding for its Community Interactions Grant proposal. The YCC received an Innovative Project Grant for a Career Symposium. Two of our graduate students from Dartmouth College were selected to attend the ACS International-Domestic Student Summit (IDSS) 2012. Several NESACS members have been tapped by ACS President-elect Dr. Marina Wu to participate in a "piloting" task force she titled "Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise" at the beginning of her electoral term.

At the beginning of 2012, the top three goals were the preservation of our archives, establishment of a social media plan to better communicate with our members, and attract new members to be active and involved in the programs and governance of the Section. Significant progress has been made on these goals which have involved the combined efforts of our numerous committees. The challenge for the Section is to continue to improve in these areas and to continue progress on the long range goals.