

NESACS WINS CHEMLUMINARY AWARD

The award for an Outstanding Collaboration Between a Local Section and a Division during 2012 was presented to NESACS and the Division of Small Chemical Businesses (SCHB) at the ChemLuminary Ceremony on September 10, 2013, at the ACS national meeting in Indianapolis. The award, which is given by the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) and the Committee on Divisional Activities (DAC), recognizes “outstanding collaboration between an ACS local section and a division.”

The specific event that was recognized was the small chemical business symposium held on October 11, 2012, at Nova Biomedical Corp. in Waltham prior to the NESACS Monthly Meeting. According to Jennifer Maclachlan (SCHB Public Relations Chair), “A number of startup stories were presented, including programs involving SBA and conventional lending, the ACS Program for Entrepreneurs, opportunities from the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, and dilutive and non-dilutive equity funding.” The symposium was described in detail in the December 2012 *Nucleus*.

Jack Driscoll (NESACS Public Relations Chair) and Mukund Chorghade (SCHB Immediate Past Chair) joined Maclachlan in accepting the award on behalf of NESACS and SCHB in the presence of Mike Morello (DAC), Sharon Vercellotti (SCHB Councilor), Joseph Sabol (SCHB Program Chair), Stan Seelig (SCHB Chair), Mitchell Bruce (LSAC Chair), and Tom Barton (2013 ACS Chair-Elect).

The Northeastern Section was also a finalist in four other award categories for its activities based on self-nominations in its annual report for 2012, which was generated by Ruth Tanner, NESACS Chair that year: Outstanding Continuing Public Relations Program of a Local Section (Committee on Public Relations and Communications), Outstanding High School Student Program (Society Committee on Education), Local Section Partnership Award (LSAC), and Outstanding Performance by a Local Section in the Very Large Category with more than 3,200 members (LSAC). The winners in those categories were the Georgia, New York, Indiana, and New York Local Sections, respectively.

The NESACS Continuing Public Relations Program nomination included new social media communications, press releases, Science Cafés, and public outreach events. The nomination for the High School Student Program cited the High School Science Series event at the Museum of Science Boston during National Chemistry Week, the annual “Connections to Chemistry” workshop event for high school teachers, and the Chemistry Olympiad activities. The LSAC/DAC award that was received recognized the partnership of NESACS with SCHB. For the Outstanding Performance nomination, the wide array of NESACS programs, activities, and projects were presented as well as the numerous awards and recognitions received by its members, graduate students, and undergraduate student chapters.



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l-r: Mike Morello (DAC), Sharon Vercellotti (SCHB Councilor), Jennifer Maclachlan (SCHB PR Chair), Joseph Sabol (SCHB Program Chair), Stan Seelig (SCHB Chair), Mukund Chorghade (SCHB Immediate Past Chair), Mitchell Bruce (LSAC Chair), Jack Driscoll (NESACS PR Chair), Tom Barton (2013 ACS Chair-Elect).