

MEACS Newsletter, Oct 2013

As another academic year begins, we'd like to bring you up to date on ACS activities in the Maine Section. Please post this newsletter on bulletin boards and circulate it to colleagues who may want to become more active. For anyone who wants to join the ACS, please visit <http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content> and click on "Join ACS" near the top right portion of the webpage.



Our Maine local section sponsors a variety of great activities and we always welcome volunteers to help out! Activities include working with our ACS student chapters for National Chemistry Week and Earth Day activities, as well as local section activities that include organizing and supporting students to go to regional (e.g. NERM) and national ACS meetings, the Chemistry Olympiad, outreach to schools, visits and tours of our colleges and universities, and student and teaching awards. We are also always looking for new ideas!

We are seeking a local section member to run for Chair this fall. The Chair works with the executive committee (Councilor, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.) to help support local section activities, many of which are ongoing from year to year! **If you are interested in volunteering or running for Chair, please email our ACS Maine Councilor, Mitchell Bruce at mbruce@maine.edu.**

Leadership opportunity: our Maine section would be happy to support the Chair or a volunteer to attend (all expenses paid) the ACS Leadership Institute next January. Participants in the local section track learn about how to plan and organize new local section activities as well as to find grant opportunities to fund activities!

We are also seeking someone to coordinate the Chemistry Olympiad program (see description of our 2013 Chemistry Olympiad activities below)! The Chemistry Olympiad coordinator contacts high school teachers who administer an exam to qualify students to come to a college or University in the spring for a special classroom and lab test. This is a wonderful educational experience for both teachers and students, with the potential to compete internationally! **If you are interested in volunteering your time to help with the**

Chemistry Olympiad, please email our present Chemistry Olympiad coordinator, Bob Buntrock: buntrock16@roadrunner.com. Bob has run it for many years but is stepping down this year. THANK YOU BOB FOR HELPING SO MANY STUDENTS! Our section also would like to thank Bob Kirk, the UMaine general chemistry lab manager, and many chemistry graduate students, who help run this lab activity at the University of Maine. Please contact Bob if interested buntrock16@roadrunner.com.