



#### NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

The committee organizes and executes the yearly local kick-off event at locations such as Wellesley College or the Museum of Science. This committee designs hands-on activities for the general public relating to the yearly theme and works in conjunction with the Brauner Committee, with which there are 3-4 meetings per year. Information is disseminated via email (mostly from August-October). Members help coordinate the National Chemistry Week events, aid in the publicity of the K-12 NCW Poster Competition, help organize *Chemists Celebrating Earth Day*, and share their love of chemistry with the public, especially youth. Contact: Chris Jaworek-Lopes, [jaworek@emmanuel.edu](mailto:jaworek@emmanuel.edu).

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is to identify candidates for election to the various offices to the Northeastern Section. As described in the Constitution, there are five members of the nominating committee: the Immediate Past Section Chair, two members elected in May by the membership of the Section, and two members elected no later than the April meeting by the Board of Directors. Most of the work is accomplished via email. Individuals interested in working on this committee must be elected.

#### PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

This committee assists Section members in identifying and obtaining good career opportunities in chemistry and chemistry related fields. Assistance is provided to scientists fresh out of school and to experienced professionals in career transition. Workshops are conducted on diverse topics and extensive literature is available for the benefit of members. The committee meets on an as needed basis and is eager to identify career services presenters from the pharmaceutical or biotech/biopharma industries. New members will receive training for career services, resume reviews, etc. Contact: Mukund Chorghade, [chorghade@comcast.net](mailto:chorghade@comcast.net).

#### PROJECT SEED

The Project SEED committee arranges for academically talented but economically disadvantaged high school students to work in research labs during the summer. In December/January, the committee seeks scientist-mentors in academic, industrial, and governmental research laboratories to work with Project SEED students for eight weeks during the summer. In April/May, we solicit applications and interviews high school students to pair with the mentors. During the summer, we organize several programs for SEED students about college and financial aid. Contact: Cheryl Schnitzer, [cschnitzer@stonehill.edu](mailto:cschnitzer@stonehill.edu).

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee promotes the activities of the Northeastern Section of the ACS in all available media including *The NUCLEUS*, social media, the Section's webpage, and the local press. Members speak and correspond with local press and assist with draft press releases about Section activities. Good writing and verbal communications skills are needed to convey one's passion for chemistry to the public. Contact: Jack Driscoll, [pidguy@gmail.com](mailto:pidguy@gmail.com).

#### YOUNGER CHEMISTS COMMITTEE

The Northeastern Section Younger Chemists Committee (NSYCC) is devoted to the professional advancement of younger chemists in industry, government laboratories, undergraduate/ graduate school and post-doctoral positions. Our goal is to involve and network younger chemists in national and local ACS programs in order to help with their transition into a professional career. We organize an annual scientific conference (NSCRC), Career Symposium, an exchange program with the German Chemical Society and multiple social events throughout the year focusing on networking and professional development. The YCC meets about 6-8 times a year in person, but also uses e-mail correspondence and updates through Facebook and Twitter (@NSYCC). Contact: Felicia Lucci, [felicia.lucci@nsycc.org](mailto:felicia.lucci@nsycc.org), or register for e-mails at [nsycc.org](http://nsycc.org).



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Volunteer Brochure



Welcome! Your membership in the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society is very important and offers many opportunities.

What follows is a listing of some of the committees that work together to carry out the many activities of your local ACS section. It is our hope that you will become involved in our activities. If you don't see an area listed but have a specific interest in mind, please contact our Administrative Coordinator at <[secretary@nesacs.org](mailto:secretary@nesacs.org)>. Our webpage can be viewed at <[www.nesacs.org](http://www.nesacs.org)>.

#### **BOSTON AREA GROUP FOR INFORMATICS AND MODELING (BAGIM)**

BAGIM is a discussion and networking group for those who focus on marrying science and technology to enable discovery. We welcome modelers and informatics scientists from industry, along with researchers from academia, including graduate students. Further information can be found at <<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Boston-Area-Group-Informatics-Modeling-8129238>>.

#### **BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS (BOP)**

The BOP is responsible for the section's publications: *The NUCLEUS*, the NESACS website, the Handbook, and other occasional publications of the Northeastern Section. The BOP includes the Business Manager, Advertising Manager, Editor of *The NUCLEUS*, Webmaster, and invited consultants. The BOP welcomes volunteers for both *The NUCLEUS* and the website. *The NUCLEUS* can use additional writers, event reporters, and proofreaders. Volunteers are also needed to help with the various aspects of the website <[www.nesacs.org](http://www.nesacs.org)>. Frequency of meetings: as needed, usually monthly. Contact: James Phillips, [jphillips39@comcast.net](mailto:jphillips39@comcast.net).

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

The Budget Committee is a standing committee that prepares the annual budget for the Section and performs any other financial tasks assigned to it by the Board of Directors. Frequency of meetings: as needed, at least annually. Budget meetings are in person. The number of members (5) is defined by the Bylaws; members are appointed by the Section Chair. We currently seek an Assistant Treasurer. Contact: Jim Piper, [piper281@verizon.net](mailto:piper281@verizon.net).

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Education Committee supports and promotes academic program activities at both the high school and college/university levels. Activities of the committee include the ACS Scholars Program, the Newell Grant Program for High School Teachers, the Grant-in-Aid Program for Undergraduates, the Norris/Richards Summer Research Scholarships for Undergraduates, the Connections to Chemistry Program, the ACS Student Chapter programs, the high school student Chemistry Club program, the Northeast Regional Undergraduate Day, the Northeast Student Chemistry Research Conference (NSCRC), and the Student Exchange Program with the German Chemical Society. The opportunity is afforded to be involved in a broad range of activities and programs important to the education of students K-16 and beyond. Meetings are held as needed. The committee meets/works through meetings, email, and telephone. Contact: Marietta Schwartz, [marietta.schwartz@umb.edu](mailto:marietta.schwartz@umb.edu).

#### **HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION COMMITTEE (Education Committee Sub Committee)**

The High School Education Committee is primarily responsible for administering the annual Avery Ashdown Chemistry Exam competition and the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Exam. The committee is also involved in organizing the annual *Connections to Chemistry* event for area high school teachers, Chemistry Clubs, and the new ACS American Association of Chemistry Teachers. The committee convenes several times in the spring, around the times of the local and national exams. Contact: Steve Lantos, [Steve.Lantos@brookline.k12.ma.us](mailto:Steve.Lantos@brookline.k12.ma.us).

#### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

The primary functions of the fundraising committee are to sponsor, and coordinate NESACS fundraising programs. In addition, the committee coordinates with fundraising activities sponsored by other NESACS committees. The committee meets as needed for a given function, but at least quarterly. The committee works in person, using internet, email and telephone. New members would help define, organize and publicize fund-raising activities. Experience in solicitation, marketing or program planning would be helpful. Committee activities will strengthen members' team, organizational, and people skills. Contact: Mark Tebbe, [tebbe.mj@gmail.com](mailto:tebbe.mj@gmail.com).

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

This committee is the Section's ears and voice concerning chemistry and science policy with our state and national governments. New members would likely speak and correspond with local, state, and federal government officials concerning science policy issues affecting chemists in our Section. Interested members only need an enthusiasm for chemistry and the role of science, and good people and communications skills. Members will have an opportunity to share their love of chemistry and represent ACS and our Section in science policy with local, state, and federal officials. Members also have an opportunity to network with chemists and government officials. Contact: Doris Lewis, [dorisilewis@gmail.com](mailto:dorisilewis@gmail.com).

#### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (GAC) - STEM**

The GAC STEM task force works on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) issues and projects, especially those related to national, state, or local government, and coordinates the STEM News section of the NESACS website. Contact: Sonja Strah-Pleyner, [sspleynet@gmail.com](mailto:sspleynet@gmail.com).

#### **MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY GROUP**

The Medicinal Chemistry Group provides opportunities to share the latest developments in all aspects of drug design and development with the academic, biotech, and pharmaceutical communities. Symposia on cutting edge science are held regularly throughout the year. The committee arranges three symposia during the year. Contact: Raj Rajur, [rrajur@creagenbio.com](mailto:rrajur@creagenbio.com).

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

The function of this committee is to welcome new members to the Society. Work on this committee can be done at your home at your convenience. No specific skills are required, only a need to be a "people person." New members would help recruit more members and help stuff, stamp, label, and mail "Welcome New Members" letters that go out each month. Members will have the opportunity to network with other chemists in the region. Contact: Michaeline Chen, [mfuchen@verizon.net](mailto:mfuchen@verizon.net).