



Northwest Central Ohio Local Section

Nov. 14, 2014

Greetings to members of the ACS Northwest Central Ohio Local Section:

As we reach the end of another calendar year, it is my pleasure to recap some of the highlights from the past year. We held a number of events, including webinars related to the chemistry of scents and fragrance, and communicating your science to a general audience. Our Secretary/Treasurer, Ron Peterson led us in a fascinating demonstration related to the chemistry of candy-making during national chemistry week. Other meetings with guest speakers were held at Ohio Northern University, the University of Findlay, and a meeting is planned for Bluffton University in December. Topics for these ranged from nuclear waste to computational analysis of thin films. Our section had representation at both national meetings in Dallas, TX and San Francisco, CA, as well as the leadership development institute in Dallas, TX.

We hosted the local Chemistry Olympiad at Ohio Northern University in March, despite some poor weather conditions. Lastly, our Member-At-Large, Dr. Nicole Karn created a website for the local section (<http://nwcoh.sites.acs.org/>) where we have begun to post notices and content from meetings. Please take a few minutes to drop by the site and let us know what you think! If you have an idea for a guest speaker for a future meeting, please send it to us via the “contact us” dialog box on the left side bar.

Plans are already in place for another productive year in 2015, but there are still opportunities to participate. The local section has voted to support the acquisition of a Fusion Science Theater kit (See *C&EN* **2014**, 92(39), pp. 41-42, <http://cen.acs.org/articles/92/i39/Eyes-Chemical-Education.html>), and plans to partner with student members from the local section to perform this science-themed play as an outreach activity. We are always looking for new and exciting ways to engage with the local community to discuss science and chemistry-related careers. If you have an idea, or would like to be more involved, please get in touch with any member of the local section executive – we would love to hear from you!

Finally, in the coming weeks, I will be sending out a short survey to ask your opinion about what direction the local section should take in the next few years. If you have thoughts about the role that the local section should occupy, or what items can be added to our mission, please contribute them. We hope to serve as your voice on the national stage, as well as at the local level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bradley M. Wile".

Bradley M. Wile, 2014 Chair
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