**FEBRUARY MEETING**

CACS East Chapter-ACS Philly Joint Lunar New Year Banquet

Thursday, February 15 (6 – 9 PM)
Ocean Harbor, Chinatown, Philadelphia
1023 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

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INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHAIR
—Matt Irwin

Dr. Matthew Irwin, Principal Investigator within DuPont’s Cyrel® business, has lived in the Philadelphia area since 2016. After completing his Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering and Mathematics at Vanderbilt University in 2011, he furthered his studies with a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities.

In his professional career, Dr. Irwin has been involved in projects and roles that combine his interests in polymer science and formulation chemistry. While at Axalta Coating Systems in Philadelphia, he served as a Formulations Scientist and Team Manager, leading projects to develop next-generation waterborne coatings for automotive applications. In his current position as a Principal Investigator at DuPont in Wilmington, DE, he is engaged in the research and development of flexographic printing plates for the DuPont Cyrel® business.

Dr. Irwin’s engagement within the scientific community extends beyond his professional work. Since joining ACS Philadelphia in 2020, he has held roles including Chair-Elect, Chair of the Awards Committee, and member of the Industrial Relations Committee. During this time, he has helped organize events including the Excellence in Teaching Awards, the Scholastic Achievement Awards, the Edgar Fahs Smith Lecture, and the Philadelphia Section Award. Nationally, he serves as an Associate Member for the Committee on Professional Training (CPT) for the ACS, where he works to foster excellence in chemistry education and training.

Beyond his professional and scientific commitments, Dr. Irwin cherishes exploring Philadelphia’s diverse cultural landscape with his husband and their two dogs. He also has a passion for live music, a hobby that has its roots from his time in Nashville.

O P P O R T U N I T I E S  T O  V O L U N T E E R

Younger Chemists Committee Program and Event Planning Volunteers: The Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) is a committee of the Philadelphia Local Section focusing on the needs of undergraduate, graduate, post doc, and early career chemists under 35 years old. The committee is looking for volunteers to help with program planning this year! This is an excellent opportunity for students and early career chemists to assume leadership roles and network with likeminded scientists within the ACS community. The estimated time commitment would be less than 1 hour per week.

All interested individuals can reach out to Isaac Choie at:

yongsuk.isaac@temple.edu
Happy New Year! It is with gratitude and enthusiasm that I step into the role of Chair of our distinguished Philadelphia Local Section of the American Chemical Society. As I undertake this responsibility, I am deeply thankful to the exemplary leaders, board members, and officers who have paved the way. In particular, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Graham Dobereiner, Ivona Sasimovich, and Christie McInnis, whose contributions as past chairs have been a source of inspiration to me.

Following several challenging years, our event programming in 2023 marked a return to many of the key events that are hallmarks of our Section’s calendar. It was invigorating to see the return of the Edgar Fahs Smith Lecture and the Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) Poster Session for the first time since the pandemic. Gatherings like these were a source of energy and recognition for our community.

In 2024, my focus is on boosting member engagement and participation in our events. To this end, I would like to extend a personal invitation to each of you to participate in our local events, starting with a networking event at a brewery in January. Join us to discover what our committees and topical groups have planned for this year by engaging in conversations with their members. It’s also a chance for us to come together, exchange ideas, and reinforce our community bonds. Check out the events page in this issue of the Catalyst and our website for the details about this exciting event. Your participation in this and future events this year will help us to contribute to our Section’s mission. I am confident that by working together, we can make significant strides in fostering a vibrant community.

2024 is also a monumental year as we commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Philadelphia Local Section. This milestone is not only a reflection of our rich history, but also a testament to our ongoing commitment to advancing the chemical sciences. We are actively planning exciting activities to commemorate the milestone throughout the year, so stay tuned to this publication and our website for the latest information.

Your involvement is the driving force behind our success. Whether you attend events, volunteer, or share ideas, every contribution shapes our Section’s dynamic and progressive future.

Feel free to share your suggestions, event ideas, or questions about getting involved. I eagerly anticipate meeting many of you at our upcoming events and collaborating towards a fruitful 2024.
NEWS ATOMS—Alan Warren

DEATHS

Roger Allen Morrison, retired research chemist, March 14, 2023 at 85. He spent his entire professional career with Mobil Research and Development. He held or co-held 38 patents in the fields of petrochemical processing and catalysis. He was an active volunteer with Amnesty International, Philabundance, and Graterford Prison’s holiday celebrations.

Robert J. Chorvat, medicinal chemist, July 29th at 80. In 1968 he joined G.D. Searle where he focused on steroid research. In 1987 he moved to Du Pont Pharmaceuticals where he was a director of medicinal chemistry groups in cardiovascular and central nervous systems. He then joined Jenrin Discovery as chief scientific officer. He received the National Institutes of Health Director’s award for leadership in drug discovery. Chorvat was a 59-year member of ACS.

Arthur C. Breyer, chemistry professor, August 24th at 98. During WWII he was captured at the Battle of the Bulge. His military service was recognized with many awards including the French Legion of Honor, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He taught at seven colleges and universities and retired from Arcadia University as professor emeritus of chemistry. Breyer was the first recipient of the E. Emmet Reid award.

David C. Remy, medicinal chemist, September 28th at 94. He was employed at Merck & Co., where he made contributions to chemotherapy, cardiac medicine, blood chemistry research, analgesics, and mental health medications. He held 86 patents and authored numerous technical articles and 3 chemistry book chapters. He was a 73-year member of ACS.

William Owen Dalton, research chemist, October 1st at 87. He held research positions at several international companies, including Monsanto. He retired as senior vice president of research and development at Himont, Inc.

Eleanor B. Schleicher, medical technologist, October 26th at 89. She was a medical technologist at Ohio State University and headed the laboratory at Women’s Medical College.

William S. Brinigar, pharmaceutical chemist and professor, October 27th at 93. He taught at Temple for 40 years and conducted research chiefly on hemoglobin.

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January 2024 Meeting

Meet Our Committees and Topical Groups at Workhorse Brewing Company

Wednesday, January 17 (5 – 8 PM)
Workhorse Brewing Company
250 King Manor Dr., Suite 300, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Join our committee chairs and topical group leaders to discover what the Philly ACS does and explore opportunities for getting involved! Whether you’re attending your first ACS event or have been a dedicated member for years, this gathering offers a fantastic chance to connect with like-minded individuals in your field and our section. We hope you can join us!

Key details:
- Pay-as-you-go for drinks and food
- RSVP requested by email (PhilaACS@gmail.com)
  or online: https://forms.gle/gbR684D56VgVQ12t8

Scan to RSVP:
755th ACS Philadelphia Section Board of Directors Meeting

Call for Agenda

The 755th Meeting of the Board of Directors of the ACS Philadelphia Section will be held from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2024 by teleconference.

- Those interested in being added to the agenda are kindly asked to send a request to the Chair [matthew.t.irwin@gmail.com] by Wednesday, January 10, 2024 for inclusion in the agenda.
- All Officers will be included on the agenda to verbally report by default.
- Please Note: If a written report or notice of a verbal report is not submitted to the Chair by the specified deadline, then all such reports will be relegated for discussion as “Other Business.” Please note that the Chair cannot guarantee sufficient time for discussion in these cases.
- All Board of Directors meetings will be open to the public. Public access information for this teleconference will be released through the Section’s website and by the Section’s email blast.

Tentative Agenda

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
III. Officers’ Reports
IV. Committee Reports
V. Other Business

For those participating by teleconference: All Officers and Directors should have received a Google Calendar invitation with a Zoom Link. For those who have not received this information as well as for your convenience, please use the following information to access the teleconference:

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Philadelphia Section Members celebrated 50-, 60- and 70-years of ACS Membership during 2023. Some members had their biographies published in the November 2023 issue of the Catalyst. Below are the names of additional members celebrating those milestone anniversaries.

SECTION MEMBERS ALSO CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Mr. James Lee Barnes, Dr. Brian Arthur Bidlingmeyer, Mr. William Gerard Browne, Mr. James B. Campbell, Jr., Mr. Johnson Cheng Hsiung Chen, Dr. Paul Randolph Darkes, Mr. Joseph Herman Dreisbach, Mr. Scott Lind Egolf, Mr. Robert Gerard Gastinger, Dr. Peter Eric Grebow, Dr. Roger Allen Grey, Dr. Stephen H. Korzeniowski, Mr. Joseph P. Meier, Mr. Albert John Molinari, Mr. Bharat B. Mull, Mr. Paul Carl Naegely, Mr. Robert C. Nahas, Mr. Dilip M. Nene, Dr. Pamela Jane Peerce-Landers, Ms. Judith Ellen Sarkisian, Mr. John Anthony Schwartz, Prof. Warren D. Seider, Dr. John E. Sohn, Ms. Dianne S. Therry, Dr. Ignatius J. Turchi, Mr. Anthony Paul Wahner, Mr. Richard Alan Wildonger, Dr. John A. Wilkens, Dr. Dane W. Zabriskie, Dr. Vincent R. Zurawski, Jr.

SECTION MEMBERS ALSO CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Dr. Thomas M. Bare, Dr. William E. Bondinell, Dr. Patrick Michael Brown, Dr. James G. Connery, Mr. Dwight P. Davis, Mr. Abraham G. Emanuel, Dr. Richard Hanauer, Dr. David T. Hill, Dr. Stephen S. Hirsch, Dr. Thomas R. Hurford, Mr. Chris L. Kapetanakis, Dr. Peter D. Klugherz, Dr. Ernest I. Korchak, Dr. William Jacob Lautenberger, Mr. John L. Mietz, Dr. Philip E. Pfeffer, Dr. Barbara Rowley, Rosalie P. Shaw, Dr. Peter Reeves Sperry, Dr. Stuart R. Suter, Dr. David A. Templer, Dr. Duane E. Thurman, Dr. William Van Hoeven, Jr.

SECTION MEMBERS CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

Dr. James D. Batchelor, Ms. Lillian Garfinkel, Dr. David R. Herbst, Dr. Norman Arthur Hulme, Dr. Milton J. Linevsky, Dr. James E. Masterman, Dr. John O’Neill, Dr. Frank A. Pepe, Dr. Arthur Attilio Santilli, Dr. Donald Arthur Vassallo.

MARM 2024

The ACS Mid-Atlantic Regional meeting, MARM 2024 will be held June 5-8, 2024, and hosted by the Central PA Local Section, at the Pennsylvania State University, Eberly College of Science, State College, PA. The meeting’s theme will be “Celebrating Discovery.” 2024 is the Philadelphia Local Section’s 125th anniversary, the 100th anniversary of the Central PA Local Section, 250 years since Joseph Priestley’s discovery of oxygen, and the 150th anniversary of the 1874 first US Chemistry Congress.
CHEMICAL CONSULTANTS NETWORK MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2024

CONSULTING IN A TOUGH GLOBAL ECONOMY

John C. Fetzer, PhD
(Fetzpahs Consulting)

DATE & TIME: Wednesday January 10, 2024, 6:30 PM

Click here to register

Location: Online via Zoom

Abstract: Dr. Fetzer’s talk contains his experience in helping others build a broader-based consultancy with clients around the globe. It touches on how to use your own experiences to consult in more areas and get into more things, such as being a trainer or an expert witness. The talk will cover common needs and issues in doing work abroad, virtually and in-person, and will help you to expand your visibility.

Biography: Dr. John Fetzer, an inventor and expert in Analytical Chemistry, worked for Chevron for over 20 years, has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers and over 50 on career management, more than a dozen book chapters or review articles, and 2 books.

Click here to the event. This session is FREE.
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All committees are looking for new members and several are looking for “take charge” chairs. Some, like the Teller’s Committee, involve minimal work—one night per year and pizza provided. Others, like positions on Communications or Social Committees, involve one or two hours per month.

Committee details can be found at:

www.membership.acs.org/p/philadelphia

or by calling the Philadelphia Section Office (215) 382-1589.

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