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Philadelphia Section Volunteering Event at Devon Horse Show & Country Fair
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Join ACS Philadelphia in volunteering on June 1 & 2
Contact Melissa Cichowicz (mcichowicz@wcupa.edu) to participate

ADVANCE NOTICE

JUNE MEETING
Monday, June 10, 2024

50-, 60- and 70-Year Member Appreciation Luncheon with
Michelle Francl
Frank B. Mallory Professor of Chemistry
Bryn Mawr College

Wyndham Alumnae House, Bryn Mawr College

Additional details to be shared on our website, https://www.phillyacs.org/, and in the June issue of the Catalyst
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Dear Members and Friends of the Philadelphia Local Section,

As spring blossoms, I want to take a moment to reflect on recent activities and extend an invitation to our upcoming events.

At the recent YCC Spring Poster Symposium, the quality and depth of research presented by our young chemists were impressive, highlighting the strength and potential within our Section. This gathering not only showcased current work but also paved the way for future collaborations and scientific progress.

Looking forward, we have a unique opportunity to blend our passion for science with community service. We invite you to join us on June 1st and 2nd at the Devon Horse Show & Country Fair, where we will volunteer in support of Bryn Mawr Hospital. This event is a testament to our Section’s spirit of giving back and I encourage you to be a part of it. To participate, please reach out to Melissa Cichowicz at mcichowicz@wcupa.edu by May 15th.

Additionally, mark your calendars for our 50-, 60- and 70-Year Member Appreciation Luncheon on June 10th. We will be holding this year’s event at the Wyndham Alumnae House at Bryn Mawr College. It’s a special occasion to honor the enduring dedication of our long-standing members. We’re delighted to have Michelle Francl, the Frank B. Mallory Professor of Chemistry at Bryn Mawr College, join us. Stay tuned for more details on this event.

Let’s continue to share our love for chemistry and contribute to our society’s vibrant fabric. Your involvement is what makes these events so enjoyable.

With warm regards,

Dr. Matthew Irwin
Chair, ACS Philadelphia Local Section

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NEWS ATOMS—Alan Warren

The CAS division of ACS announced the 2024 Future Leaders to recognize PhD and post-doc candidates and early-career scientists. They will meet at CAS headquarters in Columbus, Ohio in June and will be invited also to the Fall ACS meeting in Denver. Kunyu Wang of the University of Pennsylvania is one of the 35 selected for this year’s program.

DEATHS

Richard G. Alexander, retired chemical engineer, January 30, 2024 at 98. He was a 70+-year member of ACS.
759th ACS Philadelphia Section Board of Directors Meeting

May 9, 2024
Via Teleconference

CODE OF CONDUCT
As members of the Philadelphia Section of the ACS, we shall abide by the Chemists’ Code of Conduct which states in part that “Chemical professionals should seek to advance chemical science while striving for the highest standards of scientific integrity. Chemical professionals should treat others with respect and will not engage in discrimination, harassment, bullying, dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation, coercive manipulation, censorship, or other misconduct. Such actions apply to all professional, research, and learning environments.”

AGENDA
(Meeting will convene at 7:00 PM and end promptly at 8:00 PM.)

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
III. Officers’ Reports:
   a. Chair – Matt Irwin
   b. Immediate Past Chair – Graham Dobereiner
   c. Chair-Elect – Wei Guo
   d. Secretary – Andrew Devany
   e. Treasurer – Wei Wang
   f. Chair of Council Affairs – Anne DeMasi

IV. Committee Reports
   a. Budget & Finance – Vic Tortorelli
   b. Career Services – Jim Murray

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:

By Internet: register by following this link:
https://american-chemical-society.zoom.us/j/86436282837?pwd=STlwTy9pgE5WSt1Myd2ZX0k4wSHV1dz09
Zoom Meeting ID: 864 3628 2837
Password: 568816

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Devon Horse Show & Country Fair Volunteer Event  
Supporting Bryn Mawr Hospital

Join us at the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair, a cherished local tradition blending excitement, community, and philanthropy.

Quick Facts:

📍 The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair (https://www.devonhorseshow.net/)

🏥 Supporting Bryn Mawr Hospital

📅 Volunteer Days: June 1 & 2

🎠 Classic equestrian events & country fair fun

We’re assembling an ACS group to volunteer on the final days, June 1 & 2, when the fair’s spirit is at its peak!

Reach out to Melissa Cichowicz (MCichowicz@wcupa.edu) by May 15 if you would like to join our group.

Let’s make our presence felt for a good cause!
A Wicked Smaht Choice!

Looking for a Spring 2025 meeting closer to home? You’ve found it. Pittcon 2025 | Boston, March 1-5

Submit Your 2024 Proposal - Submission Deadline July 1, 2024
We are now accepting proposals for Invited Symposia and Organized Contributed sessions that align with our program tracks.

The Pittcon Program Committee is looking for key things:
• Research and innovations that are timely and relevant
• Diverse speaker lineup (industry, government, academia, entrepreneurs, experienced scientists, rising scientists, gender, racial, ethnic, etc.)
• Emphasis on fundamental and/or applied research while avoiding sales pitches.

The session descriptions that more strongly make the case in these three areas will have the best chance for a high-profile spot in the technical program.

For inquiries and proposal submissions, please visit pittcon.org/call-for-participation
Delaware Valley Enzymology Club Meeting

May 7, 2024, 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Roy and Diana Vagelos Dept. of Chemistry, University of Pennsylvania

4:30-5:30 PM: Poster Session & Networking Hour

5:35-6:00 PM: Graduate Student Presentation by Sarah Gardner (abstract)

6:00-6:50 PM: Keynote by Dr. Eli Wenger (abstract)

7:00-8:30 PM: Dinner at White Dog Cafe (RSVP & Self-Pay)

Whether you're a seasoned scientist or an enthusiastic beginner, come and share your passion for enzymes with fellow enthusiasts!

Interested in presenting a poster? Submit your abstract by May 2.

Register now to secure your spot! https://bit.ly/4albvnS

Questions? Contact us at delvalenzymology@gmail.com
758th ACS Philadelphia Section Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, 03-14-2024  
Teleconference Meeting

Present: Catherine Bentzley, David J. Cichowicz, Melissa Cichowicz, Deborah H. Cook, Anne DeMasi, Graham Dobereiner, Wei Gao, Sharon Haynie, Matthew Irwin, Christine McInnis, James K. Murray, Wei Wang, Andrew Devany

Excused: Ivona Sasimovich, Victor Tortorelli, Michael Castaldi, Ann Rowley, David Salas-de la Cruz, Ann Valentine, Sr. Rose Mulligan, Isabella Goodenough, Rick Ewing, Steve Fleming, Judith Currano, Ella Davis, Amy Brown, Kathleen Shaginaw,

The 758th Board Meeting of the Philadelphia Section, ACS, was called to order at 7:00 PM and Matthew Irwin read the ACS Code of Conduct.

I. Roll Call
Roll was taken, a quorum was present, and the meeting began.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
The March 8, 2024, 757th BoD meeting minutes were approved with amendments.

III. Officers’ Reports:
- Chair – Matthew Irwin
  - The Edgar Fahs Smith Lecture at the University of Pennsylvania has no set date as there is no confirmed speaker, but it might be held on March 12th.
    - It was mentioned to make sure this event will not compete with any other events.
  - Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) of the Philadelphia ACS Spring Poster Symposium is on April 11th from 5pm to 8pm at the Nobel Laurate Hall University of Pennsylvania.
    - Presenters can sign up at http://tinyurl.com/YCCPoster24. Abstract submission deadline is April 5th.
    - Those interested in judging can contact Isaac Choi at yccphiladelphia@gmail.com
    - This session features presentations given by undergraduates, graduates, post doctorates, and potentially early career scientists.
    - There was expressed concern that the Pit is not big enough to hold everyone comfortably. Other venues could be the University of Sciences or Temple University.
  - The Teaching and Student Awards was scheduled for April 16th but will be rescheduled and will be held at Phillips Memorial Building at West Chester University.
    - Tickets will be $30 and the Eventbrite registration is opening soon.
    - Some food and meal accommodations may need to be made because Passover begins the evening of April 22nd and runs through April 30th.
  - The 50-, 60, and 70-year member luncheon will be held in June, but there is not a set date nor venue.
    - There is an idea to invite a speaker and have the luncheon potentially in Villanova or Bryn Mawr.
  - The motion was approved to move the April 11th BoD at 7 PM to April 18th at 7 PM.
Immediate Past Chair—Graham Dobereiner

- The annual report has been submitted.
- The nomination committee is now looking for volunteers for next election.
- There is also an upcoming strategic planning retreat which offers the chance to set goals and review or change previous goals.

Chair-Elect – Wei Gao

- Thanks to Ivona for participating at the Dow RISE Seminar and Casual Lunch on February 22nd at the Collegeville site. Attendees included DOW researchers and future volunteers for ACS.
- The Lunar Banquet event on February 15th included members from the CACS, CACA, ACS Delaware, ACS Trenton, ACS Shanghai chapter. In total 32 people attended.
  - The financial balance was achieved with help from the following sponsors:
    (a) Waters/ Wyatt Technology
    (b) Chinese American Chromatography Assoc.
    (c) DOW Asian Diversity Network
  - Big thank you to Treasurer and Chair on testing Zelle Payment. Learnings from this found that too much time and effort was required to match the list. In the future Eventbrite should be used.
  - Thank you to volunteers: Wenxuan Li and Kunyu Wang
- All board members need to follow ACS Philadelphia Section on LinkedIn if they have an account. The link is provided here: https://www.linkedin.com/company/american-chemical-society-philadelphia-section
- There was a proposal for a co-sponsoring of the Global Innovation Grant Proposal for the 2nd ACS Smart Material and Engineering International Summit on October 2, 2024 in Dalian China.
  - It was mentioned that the Philadelphia ACS does not fund other local sections but is happy to suggest speakers.
  - Will need to check with the IAC if it will be counted toward total number of grants that local section can have per year.
  - Not asking for grant to support this, but asking for co-sponsoring if approval is needed.
  - Will discuss further details in the future and will vote next meeting on more clear proposal.
  - Contact Wei with any other concerns or questions
- Below are some suggestions captured around what the local Philadelphia section could do in support of the event:
  - Stream part of the event in Philadelphia.
  - Involve a technical division that focuses around engineering or material science.
  - Advertise in newsletter to share with other members.

Secretary – Andrew Devany

- No report.

Treasurer – Wei Wang

- Treasury report has already been submitted.
- Forms need to be submitted to Edwards Jones before deadline.
Chair of Council Affairs – Anne DeMasi

Met with Vic and Wei via web meeting (link at ACS.org/Councilors) to discuss reimbursements for the expenses associated with ACS Spring Meeting.

- Individuals will submit expenses for registration, hotel, transportation, meals, and nothing else.
- It could be more reasonable and cost effective to give each councilor $2,000 to spend per meeting.
- There will be a subcommittee formed to discuss with the board of directors how best to allocate left over funds.
- The subcommittee will come up with guidelines on how to handle excess funds.
  - It was suggested that the left-over money should be allocated to support the representative(s) who need to attend more meetings, conferences, etc.
- A reminder will be sent out to remind councilors to provide receipts and any other information.

Gave update on 125th Year Anniversary planning committee.

- Will need more information regarding IPG grant approval before making and planning any definitive decisions.
- Currently searching for venue, meal prices, and funding through sponsors.
- The anniversary is looking to have up to 150 people.

For future reference, it would be good to promote and publicize individuals who are giving talks at ACS conference meetings.

Committee Reports

Career Services – Jim Murray

On April 2nd the Career Services and Career Chemist Committee are meeting at The Science History Institute.

- Need to check with surrounding universities to see if Spring breaks dates will collide with this.
- For future events, will need to look more carefully at local section calendar.
- New members to the Philly ACS local section are very interested in Career Services Committee.

Philadelphia Area Chemistry Competition, PACC - Catherine Bentzley

- No Report.

MARM - Judith Currano

- No Report

Budget – Victor Tortorelli

- No Report.

Next meeting, Thursday. April 18, 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Andrew Devany
OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER

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 Choi at:
yongsuk.isaac@temple.edu

MARM 2024

The 52nd 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. Registration is now open; Details at: https://sites.psu.edu/marm2024/

ACS CAREER CONSULTANTS

Would you like to speak to a local ACS Career Consultant? The Philadelphia Section career consultants can provide one-on-one career advice, resume reviews, or mock interviews. Please send an email request to acsphillycareerservices@gmail.com to set up an appointment.
CHEMICAL CONSULTANTS NETWORK MEETING
MAY 08, 2024
THINKING BEYOND YOUR DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS
Orlando M. Rivera, JD
(CEO & Founder, ASPIRA Business Brokers)

DATE & TIME: Wednesday May 08, 2024, 6:30 PM
Click here to register

Location: Online via Zoom

Abstract: In this webinar, Orlando will offer a novel thought to your consulting business. He will challenge you to think beyond your day-to-day business concerns and to think bigger about what you are building as your legacy. Whether you are a new or seasoned consultant, you will benefit from the webinar. A few of the topics that we will touch on include:

1. Financial Freedom through business ownership.
2. What type of business are you building?
3. Is your consulting business sellable?
4. How much could your consulting business sell for?
5. What is involved in selling it?
6. When to prepare for the exit?
7. What are the valuation drivers?

You may contact Orlando at orlando@aspirabroker.com for specific questions you have.

Biography: Orlando M. Rivera, JD is the CEO and founder of ASPIRA Business Brokers, representing individuals and organizations in the sale or purchase of privately held businesses. For over a decade now, Mr. Rivera has been deeply involved in business brokering, advocating for entrepreneurs of all backgrounds to create wealth through business ownership. Mr. Rivera has been featured in various publications and has been a guest speaker at multiple Chambers of Commerce, podcasts, TV shows, and radio programs. Known for his resilience and creativity, he remains committed to assisting small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs. Mr. Rivera offers specialized services to guide small businesses through the intricate process of buying and selling privately held enterprises, providing expertise typically reserved for larger corporations.

Click here to the event. This session is FREE.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Being a part of one of our teams can help you develop organizational and meeting skills as well as help you to network with people from the largest area companies. Public Relations, such as sending out meeting notices and press releases, can help you to develop a network and help you get noticed!

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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