



**2006**

**Opportunities for Active Participation in Your Local  
Section,  
The Northeastern Section of the American Chemical  
Society**

What follows is a list of some of the many committees that work together to carry out the diverse activities of your local ACS section. Each of these committees has expressed an interest in identifying new members who would like to have a more active role in the ACS and its local activities. If you are interested in joining a committee, simply contact the Chairperson of that committee. If you don't see an area listed but have a specific interest in mind, please feel free to contact one of the section officers listed on the back page of this brochure. We will be happy to assist you.

#### **Board of Publications (BOP)**

Chairperson Mary A. Mahaney

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The BOP is responsible for the section's publications: The NUCLEUS, the NESACS website, the Directory, and other occasional publications of the Northeastern Section. The Bylaws specify three voting members, one to be appointed each year for a three-year term. Non-voting members include the Business Manager and the Advertising Manager, each under annual contract, the editor of *The Nucleus*, the webmaster, and invited consultants

Frequency of meetings: The BOP meets monthly or as needed.

Method of meeting/working: in person, via e-mail, and telephone

The BOP welcomes volunteers for both *The Nucleus* and the website. *The Nucleus* can use additional writers, proofreaders, and others interested in helping with the various aspects of developing and maintaining an attractive webpage, [www.nesacs.org](http://www.nesacs.org).

The NESACS web team seeks volunteers to analyze hits, work on layout, help maintain the website's relevance, optimize the use of space, increase the site's value, and incorporate new site technologies

#### **Budget Committee**

Chairperson James Piper

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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 held in person. The number of members (5) is defined by the Bylaws, and members are appointed by the Section Chair.

#### **Continuing Education**

Chairperson Alfred Viola

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The Continuing Education committee organizes technical presentations on a variety of subjects which were not parts of most curricula 5-10 years ago. These presentations are intended to help section members stay current in their fields.

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

New committee members would help with advertising, local arrangements, and hospitality.

No special skills are required.

Members will have an opportunity to hone their organizational skills and network with other chemists. Free admission to all course offerings is an additional benefit.

#### **Education Committee**

Chairperson Ruth Tanner

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The Education Committee supports and promotes academic program activities at both the high school and college/university levels.

Frequency of meetings: if and when necessary. The committee meets/works through meetings, the internet via e-mail, and telephone

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

The 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 Affiliate programs, the high school student affiliate organization, the Northeast Regional Undergraduate Day, the Northeast Student Chemistry Research Conference, and the Student Exchange Program with Germany.

Committee members have an opportunity to be involved in a broad range of activities and programs important to the education of students K-16. All committee members have a background and some experience in chemical education.

### **Fund-raising Committee**

Chairperson Dorothy J. Phillips

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Description of committee function/activities: The primary functions of the fund-raising committee are to sponsor, and coordinate NESACS fund-raising programs. In addition, the committee should be aware of fund-raising activities sponsored by other committees in NESACS.

Frequency of meetings: The committee meets as needed for a given function but at least quarterly. The committee works in person, using internet, e-mail, and telephone.

New committee members warmly welcomed!

New members would help define, organize and publicize fund-raising activities. No skills are required but previous solicitation, marketing or program planning experience would be helpful. Committee activities will strengthen members' team, organization and people skills.

### **Government Relations Committee**

Chairperson Doris I. Lewis

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The Government Relations Committee is the Section's ears and voice concerning chemistry and science policy with our state and nation's government.

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

New committee 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, 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 governmental officials.

### **Health and Safety**

Chairperson James Kaufman

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The health and safety committee works to promote the health and safety of NESAC members and others in our section area.

Frequency of meetings: To be established as we are just reconstituting the committee.

Method of meeting/working: To be decided by the committee members

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

What specifically would they do? To be decided

What skills might they need? Committee members will have an opportunity to learn and teach more about health and safety.

### **High School (HS) Education Committee**

Chairperson Steve Lantos, Chemistry Teacher Brookline HS

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Description of committee function/activities: The High School Education Committee is primarily responsible for administering the annual Avery Ashdown Chemistry Exam Competition and the US National Chemistry Olympiad Exam. We are also involved in organizing the annual Connections to Chemistry Event for area HS teachers and Chemistry Clubs, sponsored by the ACS.

Frequency of meetings: several times in the spring, around the local and national exams

Committee works using meetings and e-mail correspondence

New committee members warmly welcomed!

New members would help coordinate the exams.

Useful skills new members might need include working with kids and fellow chemistry teachers, and experience in exam administration.

New members will also have an opportunity to gain experience in the above skills.

New members need good written and oral communication skills New members will identify industries, communities and schools that desire speakers and recruit volunteer speakers.

New committee members will develop good organization management skills

### **Hospitality**

Chairperson Mary Burgess

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Committee duties include (1) working with NESACS Secretary Marilou Cashman regarding dates which are determined by the Chair-elect; (2) working with the Esselen Secretary, Karen Piper, on arrangements for Esselen Award Night; (3) arranging monthly meeting details at the site on the date of the meeting with hotel administrator or other responsible people at the location, welcoming attendees including special guests, setting up a registration table for sign-in of attendees

Frequency of meetings: Committee doesn't hold meetings and does its work at the monthly meetings.

Method of meeting/working: Generally, by telephone

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

Interested members should be pleasant and personable in greeting individuals. No special skills are needed just warmth and patience.

Members have an opportunity to learn and hone their hospitality skills, and to network with local area chemists and special guests attending the monthly meetings.

### **The James Flack Norris Speaker's Bureau**

Chairperson Jin Ji

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The James Flack Norris Speaker's Bureau is a service provided to industries, communities and schools by the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society. We serve as a knowledgeable resource of the importance of chemistry in our everyday lives while facilitating conversations between scientists and the public.

The committee meets once a month or as needed.

Method of meeting/working: mainly through e-mail and phone and meeting in person when necessary.

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

New members would identify industries, communities and schools that desire speakers and recruit volunteer speakers.

New members need good written and oral communication skills  
New committee members will develop good organization management skills

### **Medicinal Chemistry Group**

Chairpersons Raj Rajur

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The Medicinal Chemistry group seeks to share new developments in modern medicine and biology with the local academic, biotech and pharmaceutical scientist by conducting cutting edge research symposia.

Frequency of meeting: Three times per year

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

New members will work with current members to identify symposia topics, publicize and assist at meetings.

Interested members need only a knowledge of and interest in chemistry and medicinal chemistry in particular

Members have the opportunity to learn how to organize and put on professional meetings and to network with other medicinal chemists

### **Membership Committee**

Chairperson Michaeline Chen

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The function of the membership committee is to welcome new members to the Society.

Frequency of meetings: This committee holds meetings infrequently at least once each year.

Method of meeting/working: Work on this committee can be done at your home at your convenience.

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

No specific skills are required. You just need to be a "people person."

New committee members will help recruit more members and help stuff, stamp, label, and mail "welcome new member letters." These letters need to go out each month.

Committee members will have an opportunity to meet other chemists in the region (networking) and develop their people skills.

### **National Chemistry Week**

Chairperson Christine Jaworek-Lopes

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The National Chemistry Week 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.

Generally the committee meets 3—4 times each year (in person) with members of the Brauner Committee. Most information is disseminated via e-mail; the frequency of e-mail increases between August – October.

New committee members will be warmly welcomed!

New committee members will help coordinate the National Chemistry Week events and aid in the publicity of the K-12 NCW Poster Competition.

Interested members need only an enthusiasm for chemistry, people, and some basic organizational skills.

Members will have an opportunity to share their love of chemistry with the public and especially youth, to develop their organizational and leadership skills and to network with other chemists within the section.

### **Nominating Committee**

Chairperson Amy E. Tapper

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The purposes of the Nominating Committee are to nominate candidates for election to the various offices of the Northeastern Section, and to ensure that the ballots are prepared and mailed to the membership of the Section. As described in the constitution sections printed below, 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.

The committee meets once a year.

Most of the work is accomplished via e-mail correspondence.

Individuals interested in working on this committee must be elected.

Committee members gather a list of candidates for the various leadership positions within the section and then contact those people to see if they would run for election.

No special skills are required.

Members have an opportunity to network with other chemists within the section.

### **Professional Services**

Chairperson Mukund S. Chorghade

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Professional Services committee assists section members in identifying and obtaining good career opportunities in chemistry and chemistry related fields. Assistance is provided to scientists newly out of school and to experienced professionals in career transition.

Workshops are conducted on diverse topics such as Targeting the Job Market, Writing a Winning Resume and Cover Letter, "Basic Interviewing Skills etc; mock interviews are also conducted. Extensive literature is available for the benefit of members.

The committee does not meet on a prescribed schedule, rather, meetings are on an as-needed basis. Usually the workshops are conducted as part of a Career Services event or by special invitation to company or university sites.

Methods of meeting/working include internet via e-mail, in person, and by telephone

New committee members will be warmly welcomed. In particular, the committee 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. If interested, such presentations will be made at national ACS meetings.

New members will gain networking skills and develop the ability to better target the job market.

### **Programming Committee**

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The programming committee attends to the gamut of activities involved in setting up successful monthly meetings. Site selection, meeting logistics, and menu selection are all part of the action. A pivotal role of the committee is to identify and select distinguished speakers from the strategic triad of government, academia and industry to deliver the evening's lecture.

The committee does not meet on prescribed schedule rather meetings are on an as-needed basis. Methods of meeting/working include internet via e-mail, in person, and telephone

New committee members will be warmly welcomed.

New members will receive training and will gain from the networking opportunities

New members will help with the logistics of arranging meetings.

Interested members do not need to have any specific skills simply a love for people and an interest in and a willingness to learn.

### **Public Relations Committee**

Chairperson Stephen Doherty

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The Public Relations Committee seeks to promote actively the public relations of the Northeastern Section and to see that the proper publicity is given to the activities of the Northeastern Section and of the ACS.

New committee members will be warmly welcomed.

New committee members likely speak and correspond with local press, draft press releases about section activities, etc. Interested members only need an enthusiasm for chemistry, people, good people skills and good writing skills. Members will have an opportunity to share their love of chemistry with the public, to develop their organizational and leadership skills and to network with other chemists within the section.

### **Senior Chemists Circle**

Chairperson Charles Bardsley

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We are attempting to determine whether there is interest in developing a Senior Chemists Circle within the NESACS. The fundamental idea is to provide senior chemists within the section a means of socializing with each other and for organizing and holding other activities that might be of common interest to the group.

Method of meeting/working: to be determined by the group

Interested senior chemists will be warmly welcomed!

No special skills are needed.

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