



American Chemical Society – Detroit Local Section Education Committee

Mission: The Education Committee of the Detroit Local Section of the American Chemical Society exists to improve the practice and process of chemistry education in the Metropolitan Detroit Area.

The means by which the Committee realizes this mission includes, but is not limited to the following:

- § Acting as a liaison between the ACS, college, and high school community, especially through the Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA), the Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association (MDSTA) and the Southeastern Michigan Chemistry Teachers Organization (SEMCTO).
- § Fostering professional growth in chemistry through sponsorship of professional development activities and funding independent teacher development initiatives.
- § Promoting the study of chemistry through the local Chemistry Olympiad Exam.
- § Acting as a clearinghouse for chemical information and events in the Metro Detroit area.
- § Rewarding and recognizing excellence in chemistry education.

Meeting Agenda for Thursday 3 January 2008

1. Ed Committee Website – Jeff Finnan
What should be on such a site? (PTEG, membership, meetings, etc.)
2. Academic/pedagogical topic discussion of the month – **Chemical Heritage Foundation**
3. Nomination for the Central Regional Award in High School Chemistry
SEMCTO asked for suggestions – Amy Zitzelberger (for 2007 – Br. Xavier Pankovits? Mary Johnson?)
Application due 31 December 2007
4. USNCO 2008 – Final Dates
Training Session = Saturday 15 March (Jeff, Jamie, Peg, Kitzmann, others?)
Local Section Exam = 19 March, National Exam = 17 April
New Local Section rule raises “varsity” test-takers per school to 15 and 5 “JV”
5. Winter 2008 Professional Development Day
Saturday 2 February **morning**, Ford Rouge Tour with “Green” angle – RSVP ASAP!
6. MSTA 6-8 March 2008, Radisson Hotel and Lansing Center, Lansing
Who would like to sign up for free admission? (Mio will not be able to go)
Distribute ACS freebies (Jeff, Victoria, Mark B, Meghann)
7. Upcoming Conferences/Meetings
SEMCTO – 10 Jan at Hazel Park High School
Central Regional ACS – 10-14 June in Columbus, OH
BCCE – 27-31 July at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN
ChemEd – 2011 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI
8. Other items?
9. Next Meeting – 7 February 2008, 7 PM, Mio House