



## *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 4 September 2007**

1. Ed Committee Website: [acsdetroitchemed.com](http://acsdetroitchemed.com) – Jeff Finnan
2. Notes from 07-08
  - post pictures of Committee events on website
  - for info tables at conferences - conglomerate pictures into powerpoint display; get high school lab safety and disability freebies from ACS; PTEG info sheet; Project SEED info sheet; periodic table of disabilities; sign up for High School Chem Clubs ACS/NCW banner purchase for the Committee
  - PTEG in 09 more specific e-mail with link from SEMCTO
3. Academic/pedagogical topic discussion of the month – Chemical Education Foundation: “You Be the Chemist” Challenge
4. Nominations for the Central Regional Award in High School Chemistry
  - Suggested names for this year – Br. Xavier Pankovits (who will write?)
  - Applications due December 2008
  - Open to SEMCTO for suggestions? Nominations? Packet of rules/app requirements?
5. Updating the member and e-mail list for 2008-2009
6. Calendar of events for 2008-2009
7. MDSTA 18 October 2008 at Lawrence Technological University
  - Huron Valley Local Section applies for Innovative Activities Grant
  - “provide info about ACS, NCW, USNCO to science teachers at MDSTA”
  - funds would be made available to our section
8. Ideas for the Winter 2009 Professional Development Day
  - Motor City Brew Works brewery/winery, Alinosi’s or Sweet Endings candy, dairy, BASF, HFCC/SCC culinary, Gayle’s Chocolates (Dawn Gafa, Doc Choc from EMU), Geochemistry

**9. MSTA 5-7 March 2009, Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center – dates vs. USNCO?**

**10. Upcoming Conferences/Meetings**

**Central Regional ACS – 20-23 May 2009 in Cleveland, OH**

**Chem Ed – 4-8 July at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand**

**11. Other items?**

**Chair interested in Chemists Celebrate Earth Day poetry contest for local section**

**12. Next Meeting – 2 October 2008, 7 PM, Mio House**