



## *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 6 November 2008**

1. Ed Committee Website: [acsdetroitchemed.com](http://acsdetroitchemed.com) – Jeff Finnan  
post pictures of Committee events on website (no specific ACS policy aside from safety glasses)
2. Academic/pedagogical topic discussion of the month – ?
3. Nominations for the ACS Central Regional Award for Excellence in Teaching High School Chemistry  
Any news from SEMCTO?  
Application due 31 December 2008
4. USNCO 2008 – Final Dates  
Training Session = Saturday 14 March; Local Section Exam = 18 March; National Exam = 23 April
5. MDSTA – how did the info table go?
6. MSTA 5-7 March 2009, Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center  
ACS freebies, PTEG info sheet, Project SEED info sheet, sign up for High School Chem Clubs  
ACS/NCW banner borrow from UDM Chem Club  
Work table for free admission?
7. Ideas for the Winter 2009 Professional Development Day  
Motor City Brew Works brewery/winery, Alinosi's or Sweet Endings candy, Guernsey Dairy,  
BASF, HFCC/SCC culinary, Gayle's Chocolates (Dawn Gafa, Doc Choc from EMU),  
Geochemistry, pop bottling tour, Thai restaurant (high temp cooking), FDA, Praxair, Henkel, 3M,  
Canadian Club, Mortuary Science at WSU, Zug Island (water treatment plant)
8. Upcoming Conferences/Meetings  
Central Regional ACS – 20-23 May 2009 in Cleveland, OH  
Chem Ed – 2-6 August 2009 at Radford University in Radford, VA
9. Other items?  
Chair interested in Chemists Celebrate Earth Day poetry contest for local section
10. Next Meeting – 4 December 2008, 7 PM, Mio House