



## *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 9 April 2009**

1. **Ed Committee Website:** [acsdetroitchemed.com](http://acsdetroitchemed.com) – Jeff Finnan
2. **Academic/pedagogical topic discussion of the month**  
<http://cem.msu.edu/~reusch/VirtualText/intro1.htm>
3. **MSTA Wrap-up – reimbursements?**
4. **USNCO 2009 Wrap-up**  
Training Session = Saturday 14 March  
Local Section Exam = Wednesday 18 March  
National Exam will be Thursday 23 April
5. **Distinguished Undergraduate Awards 2009**  
Will report to Local Section executive committee and Detroit Chemist newsletter  
Students be contacted by mail, invited to Detroit ACS/CIC meeting on 17 June
6. **PTEG 2009 – number of apps in hand = 2**  
Deadline for applications is Friday 10 April, budget for 2009 = \$2,000
7. **Upcoming Conferences/Meetings**  
SEMCTO – 5 May 2009 at Lawrence Tech, 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
Central Regional ACS – 20-23 May 2009 in Cleveland, OH  
Chem Ed – 2-6 August 2009 at Radford University in Radford, VA  
ChemEd – 2011 at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI  
Central Regional ACS – 2012 at University of Michigan-Dearborn
8. **Next Meeting – Celebratory Dinner: Where? When?**