

CHEMunicator

January, 2012

Newsletter of the Rochester Section of the ACS

Steve Szatynski

2012 Chair of the Rochester ACS Section



Steve Szatynski of Eastman Kodak Company is originally from Niagara Falls, NY. He received an Associates Degree in analytical chemistry from Niagara County Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Rochester. At Kodak since 1979, Steve advanced through positions of increasing responsibility. Past assignments in Materials and Media Design Division include leading the group that developed and commercialized film formulas for the Aerial and Industrial Markets, Document Imaging, and Color Negative Films. Steve was also Worldwide Formulation Manager for Kodacolor films, providing him with the opportunity to travel internationally to support manufacturing facilities in Mexico, Australia, France and China. Steve's current assignment is Business Data Analyst in the Retail Systems Solutions Division to support Business Development, Marketing & Operations. Steve is married to Aileen and they have three children in their twenties, none (currently) at home.

For 2012, Steve will focus on building stronger relations with several associated groups and area institutions and reviewing long term strategy for the local section.

Steve can be contacted by Email: steven.sza@gmail.com

A Message from the Chair:

Greetings fellow ACS members. As I look back on 2011 and the Rochester Section's activities, I am very impressed with both quality and quantity. Many of those activities increased our outreach into the community like National Chemistry Week, and many celebrated our own members' accomplishments, as in the October Awards Dinner. Our Section is very active, with much to celebrate. That is a testament to the abilities and dedication of our members. Much credit and thanks are also due to our outgoing Chair, Deb Janes, and all those who preceded her. 2012 promises to be every bit as exciting, as we are slated to host the North East Regional Meeting (NERM 2012) and we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Section. NERM is a great opportunity for chemists, biochemists, science educators, and students to connect with each other and with chemical companies in the Northeast, and we are honored to host it. As for the anniversary...**WOW**, 100 years! That is an amazing run filled with rich history. Few professional societies can lay claim to that sort of longevity, and anyone looking at our activities calendar or perusing our Local ACS Section website knows we are not resting on our laurels. Our slogan for the anniversary is, "**100 Years Of Creating A Better Future Through Chemistry**". Watch the website for activities and information celebrating that history. While we are proud of our past, we are also excited about our future. Please note the Innovative Project Grant we are applying for is titled, "Celebrating The Past & Formulating The Future". This grant is intended to help support one of our planned activities this year, a workshop dedicated to long range strategic planning. I would welcome your thoughts on what the ACS means to you and how the organization at both a national and local level can best support you. I consider myself very fortunate to be chair in 2012 and hope to be as able a steward as those who have preceded me. Please feel free to contact me if you have thoughts on these activities, or others.

2012 Chemistry Olympiad

Each year the Rochester Section of the ACS participates in the Chemistry Olympiad. The Section can identify up to about 10 students to take the rigorous 4¾ hour 2012 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) exam on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at McQuaid Jesuit High School from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. The Section does a preliminary screening of students based upon recommendations from their teachers. Teachers send a one-page recommendation on school letterhead, explaining why (based upon grades, effort, attitude, class rank, SAT scores) they feel the student should be chosen to participate in the exam. Students must be U.S. citizens less than 20 years of age who will graduate no earlier than the spring of 2012. Up to two students per high school may be nominated. Recommendations are sent to **Brad Bovenzi, McQuaid Jesuit High School, 1800 South Clinton Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618**, by March 21, 2012. All students who participate will be recognized at the ACS Student Awards Nights. If selected, a student must be able to attend all sessions at the U.S. Air Force Academy (dates below).

Students competing in the USNCO are eligible to be selected as members of the United States team for the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO). As in past years, the U.S. will send a team of four students to compete against other nations at the IChO. This final team of four is chosen after an intensive two-week training camp (May 29-June 13) at the U.S. Air Force Academy attended by the top 20 U.S. students taking the USNCO exam. The team members participate in both theoretical (written) and laboratory examinations over several days. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded to the highest achievers. In addition, the IChO provides students with the opportunity to interact with their peers from other countries. The 2012 IChO will be held July 21-30 in Washington, D.C.

2011 Election Results

Last fall we had our usual elections, followed by a Run-Off Election for Member-At-Large since two of the candidates tied! The table below lists the **2012 Executive Committee** of the Rochester Section as well as their contact information. The Election results are indicated in **bold**. Congratulations to all of our newly-elected officers. There were no candidates for the office of Chair-Elect; if someone is interested in this position, he/she should contact D. Richard Cobb.

Name	Position	E-mail	Phone
Steve Szatynski	Chair	StevenSza@gmail.com	208-0945 (C)
Deborah Janes	Past Chair	Deborah.Janes@Kodak.com	722-3227(O)
Mark Heitz	Treasurer	mHeitz@brockport.edu	395-5586(O)
Elizabeth Burns	Secretary	meBurns04@gmail.com	
D. Richard Cobb	Councilor ('12)	DCobb4@rochester.rr.com	865-9291
Richard Hartmann	Councilor ('13)	rHartman0@zimbra.naz.edu	389-2585(O)
Todd Pagano	Alternate Councilor ('12)	tepnts@rit.edu	475-4539(O)
James Reynolds	Alternate Councilor ('13)	James.Reynolds@kodak.com	722-2361(O)
Frank DeLapa	Member-at-Large ('12)	faDelapa@gmail.com	737-7763
Mary Ann Mendel	Member-at-Large ('12)	mMendel70@aol.com	
Glen Labenski	Member-at-Large ('13)	gLabens0@gmail.com	451-1994(C)
James McGarrah	Member-at-Large ('13)	McGarrah@geneseo.edu	245-5699(O)
Ken Schlecht	Member-at-Large ('13)	kSchlech@brockport.edu	395-5585(V)
	Phone () Code:	Office, Voicemail, Cell, Home	



ACS
Chemistry for Life®

THE ROCHESTER SECTION *of the*
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY



rochesteracs.org

Thursday, February 2nd, 2012
Rochester Section Annual Dinner Meeting
Rick's Prime Rib House
898 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY

5:00 Social Hour (Cash Bar)

6:00 Dinner (Prime Rib \$27, Chicken French \$23 or Salmon Béarnaise \$28)

7:00 Meeting

7:30 Dr. Thomas Smith,

Sustainability – What is it to you?

ABSTRACT: Sustainability is the word, the idea, the catch-all concept that frames much of the discourse in social, political and ecological debate. What is it to you? As chemists, do we have an obligation to enter this fray in a more substantive way than merely being proponents of Green Chemistry? Let's talk.



Tom Smith is a Professor of Chemistry & Microsystems Engineering and Interim Academic Director of the Golisano Institute for Sustainability at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is a Fellow of the American Chemical Society and a Fellow of the ACS Division of Polymer Chemistry. He is a past Chair of the Rochester Section (1982), a recipient of the Rochester Section Award (1996) and was General Chair of NERM 25. Tom currently serves the ACS as a Member of the Society Committee on Education and Chair of its Higher Education Subcommittee. Prior to joining the faculty at RIT, Dr. Smith was a Research Fellow at the Xerox Corporation in Webster, NY.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: JANUARY 28.2012

Please make checks payable to "Rochester Section, Inc".
Mail your payment and Menu Choice to: Mark Heitz,
The College at Brockport, Department of Chemistry
350 New Campus Drive
Brockport, NY 14420-2971
mheitz@brockport.edu

Payments/ menu Choice may also be made by PayPal on the Rochester ACS Website at <http://www.rochesteracs.org>