

Committee on Chemical Safety
Partnerships Subcommittee Report
Saturday, March 27, 2004

Attending: Joseph Antonucci, Cherlynlavaughn Bradley, Jean Delfiner, Ken Fivizzani (CCS chair), Larry Funke (ACS staff liaison), Eric Talley, Wayne Wolsey, and Al Hazari (subcommittee chair)

1. Al Hazari (upon Cherlynlavaughn Bradley's recommendation) will officially invite Wayne Collins (BP safety officer) to become an affiliate of the subcommittee.
2. Members (Erik Talley, Al Hazari, Wayne Wolsey) reported on their efforts to seek organizations to partner with the subcommittee to possibly create / disseminate publications informing chemists of both biological and radiological hazards in the work place.

Jean Delfiner will explore teachers' and other organizations' safety practices as far as "special needs persons" is concerned.

3. The subcommittee discussed ideas / issues that could possibly be included in the ACS policy priorities document for 2005-06. Our response to Diane Schmidt's request for comments is as follows.
 - Promote policies that increase awareness of chemical safety in education to better prepare ALL students in their professional and personal lives.
 - Promote the use of performance-based standards (instead of prescriptive-based standards) in environmental regulations to enable users to embrace greener chemistry approaches.
 - Promote increased chemical security in the work place without hindering innovation.
4. The subcommittee considered several ways to publicize the availability of the new lab safety guide entitled, Safety for Introductory Chemistry Students. Appropriate routes include sending information to teachers' organizations (NSTA, NEA, AFT), local ACS sections, ACS councilors, etc. Web links will also be considered.
5. Jean Delfiner shared articles on "safety concerns" and CCS resources used by the New York area teachers' organizations and educational institutions. The subcommittee agreed to look into the possibility of creating a CCS web clearinghouse-type page of such information from all over the country.
6. Al Hazari reminded everyone of a meeting of the ACS Task Force for Safety in the Chemistry Curriculum which will be held on Sunday, March 28, 4-6 p.m. in 203-A Convention Center. Four CCS members (Al Hazari, Jean Delfiner, Rubye Torrey, and Dan McDonald) are members of this task force.

The subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Submitted by Al Hazari, Subcommittee Chair