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## Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society

### Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERM) Implementation

**Foreward:** The Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS) officers have amended this document in order to specify how the Regional Award for Volunteer Service (RAVS) is to be implemented in our region. Parties interested in RAVS implementations in other regions should consult with their Region Board or with the ACS Awards Office at (202) 872-4408 or [awards@acs.org](mailto:awards@acs.org).

**Purpose:** To recognize the volunteer efforts of individuals who have served the American Chemical Society, contributing significantly to the goals and objectives of the Society through their Regional Activities.

**Nature and Establishment:** The award consists of a plaque to be presented at each 2006 regional meeting (specifically SERMACS 2006) by ACS President E. Ann Nalley as part of her presidential initiative acknowledging the contributions of Society volunteers. Travel reimbursement for the recipient (up to \$200) is available, if needed, through the office of the president. The SERMACS Board will provide an additional \$300, if needed, bringing the total available travel allowance for the awardee to \$500.

**Rules of Eligibility:** A nominee must be a member of the American Chemical Society residing in a local section within the Southeastern region, and will have made significant contributions to their Region of the American Chemical Society. The volunteerism to be recognized may include a variety of activities, including but not limited to the initiation or sponsorship of a singular endeavor or exemplary leadership in the region. Past and present members of the ACS Board of Directors, ACS staff, and members of the SERMACS Awards Committee are ineligible for this award.

**Selection of Recipient:** Nominations will be solicited from individuals using the form posted at <http://membership.acs.org/s/serm>. Forms for preparing letters of support for nominees are also provided at the same web site. All nomination and supporting materials for the 2006 award must be received by **September 1, 2006**. The Awards Committee of the Southeastern Region Board will select the recipient. The Award will be presented at SERMACS 2006 in Augusta, Georgia (November 1-3, 2006).

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