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The Valchemist publishes information for members of the Connecticut Valley Section of the American Chemical Society.

We continue to solicit contributions from all corners of the section, and would particularly encourage electronic submissions, as follows:

1. Email: send (a) simple text, in the body of the mail message, or (b) using attachments to the email message, either in WordPerfect 6/7/8 or Word 97 or 2000. Macintosh documents must be converted to text before sending.
2. Fax: 860-344-1880 to the editor; please send cover sheet separate from copy.
3. Floppy disk: document format as in no. 1 above.

Graphics are best submitted as JPEG formatted items. For problem documents or graphics please telephone the editor: 860-344-1880 (machine always on, home); 860-347-6933 ext. 117 (work).

The John S. Burlew Connecticut Valley Section Award Highlighting Outstanding Contributions to Chemistry

Call for Nominees for 2006

The CVS Award Committee solicits nominations for the John S. Burlew Connecticut Valley Section Award to recognize an outstanding contribution(s) to chemistry. All members of the CVS are eligible. A nominee must have made an outstanding contribution to chemistry, be a member of the CVS, and must not have received an award from ACS or other technical or scientific organizations for the same contribution(s).

Please make a nomination consisting of a short letter describing the nominee's qualifications, a chemistry vitae, and names and addresses of two references familiar with the nominee's cited contribution. Self-nominations are encouraged. A request for further information regarding suitable nominees will be made, if necessary, to help the Committee in the final selection process.

Nominations should be sent by May 19, 2006 to the current chair of the Burlew Award Committee: Dr. Guy Crundwell, Chemistry Department, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT, 06050.

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ACS/CVS Chair's Message

I am Guy Crundwell, current Chair of the Connecticut Valley Section of the ACS. As I write this, I look back over the last three years that I've volunteered for the local section and ask myself... How did I get here? Why did I do this when I could be spending my free time getting those insurmountable tasks done at work or could be spending that little more free time with my wife and family?

Answers to both questions are simple. I've been an ACS member since I was a graduate student 13 years ago. I joined to browse job offerings in industry and academia since I had no clue on what I wanted to do once I obtained my doctorate. I knew that *C&E News* provided members with job listings and I did not want to miss out. I found and applied to a Camille & Henry Dreyfus Postdoctoral position via an ad in *C&E News* and I was lucky enough to be selected. Despite my postdoc salary, I kept my membership in ACS. I turned to *C&E News* when I looked for tenure-track positions. I clipped out the ad for CCSU and kept it in my wallet. Once I was hired, I decided to keep the piece of paper in my wallet until I got tenure. It's still in my wallet today and I'll be going up for Full Professor in a year or two. Perhaps I'll finally take it out!

Up until three years ago, I spent ten years renewing my membership to ACS just so I could call myself a member of the society and to receive *C&E News*. I wasn't really active, short of going to a few meetings and organizing a section at a national meeting. Then one day, Emeritus Professor Adrienne Kozlowski came into my office and suggested that I get involved in the local section. She said there were a lot of things for a guy to do... especially a guy who needed to show professional activity in his promotion and tenure file. So I ran for an open Member-At-Large position and was elected in a land-slide victory. (If I had actually run against somebody for the position, I am sure that he or she would have been crushed at first; but would have eventually gotten over it!)

After the first few Executive Board meetings as a Member-At-Large, I felt bad that I had never really noticed all of the things that local sections do in terms of service. I was so focused, career-wise, on myself that I never thought of volunteering some time and effort to promote chemistry to the general public. On the Board, I was surrounded by people who had been working extra hours for years to train the elementary, middle, and high school students that would fill our universities, go to our grad schools, then settle and work as chemists in our states. Board members worked on promoting the activities of the industries in our states and held career fairs to help chemists find employment. I still think about that a great deal and it makes the relatively little amount of time I spend on CVS-ACS duties a lot easier to justify. From organizing undergraduate research symposiums, to holding the Chemistry Olympiad, to organizing and distributing materials for National Chemistry Week, to printing and distributing the Section newsletter, to organizing local and regional meetings, the people that surround me are much more dedicated than I am; but I am trying. As I continue to rely on these members, I hope I can count on some of you to get involved in the local section because it really is time well spent!



CVS-ACS Student Symposium and Awards Banquet

**** Call for Papers ****

April 29, 2006, Wesleyan University

Deadline for Abstract Submission: April 17, 2006

The annual Undergraduate Student Research Symposium will be held at Wesleyan University, in the Exley Science Center, from 9:00 am to noon on Saturday, April 29, 2006.*

We encourage all undergraduate research students at colleges and universities in the Connecticut Valley Section of the ACS to submit abstracts for talks or poster presentations.

√ checking out exciting research being performed through out the section!

√ network with other local ACS Student Affiliate Sections!

√ \$1000 award for best presentation by a woman!

√ presenters eat for free at the Awards Banquet that follows the session!

The annual Awards Banquet will immediately follow the morning symposium. All attendees are welcome to attend the banquet (cost for non-presenters is \$12.00).

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Connecticut Valley Section Nominated for the 2005 Speaker Service Hospitality Award

Dear Local Section Officer:

Congratulations! This is to inform you that your local section has been nominated for the **2005 Speaker Service Hospitality Award** for outstanding performance while hosting an ACS Tour Speaker! Nominations are judged on how well the local section prepared for the speaker visit including, but not limited to, publicity efforts, local arrangements, communication with speaker, success of the meeting and follow-up.

Selected by a committee of current tour speakers, the awards will be presented at the Local Section Officers & Tour Speakers Reception at the ACS National Meeting in Atlanta on Tuesday, March 28, 4 - 6 p.m., at the Marriott Marquis, International Meeting Rooms 4 & 5. First Place receives an engraved trophy plus a gift certificate for a free tour speaker; Second Place receives an engraved trophy; Third Place receives an engraved plaque!

Kindly confirm by **Monday, February 13**, whether you and/or a representative from your local section will be present to receive the award should your section be selected as a winner. Please respond indicating the representative's full name and your local section. (You do not have to be present to be awarded).

Please let me know if any questions. Again, congratulations!

Deb McLaughlin
ACS Speaker Service

National Chemistry Week
October 22-28, 2006

**Theme: Your Home: It's All
Built On Chemistry**



Peter Anthony Leermakers Symposium
Challenges to Chemistry from Other Sciences

May 11, 2006

Wesleyan University, Exley Science Center Auditorium

Speakers:

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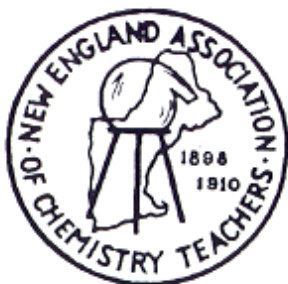
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For more details visit: <http://www.wesleyan.edu/chem/leermakers>

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Approximate cost for entire conference is about \$300/participant.

Obituaries

Clifford E. Amirault, 64, of East Granby, died on November 9, 2005. A native of Nova Scotia, he was a chemistry graduate of Central Connecticut State University, and worked for more than 20 years for Heublein, Inc. in Hartford. He served as chairman of the East Granby Wetlands Commission.

Dale Baker, 85, Chemical Abstracts Emeritus Director, died on December 11, 2005, in Columbus, Ohio. Baker joined Chemical Abstracts in 1946, became CAS director in 1958, and served in that capacity for 28 years, retiring from CAS in 1986. He received the ACS's Patterson-Crane Award and the Herman Skolnik Award.

Daniel Harrison Grantham, 74, of Glastonbury, CT, died November 26, 2005, after an extended illness. He graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1948 with a degree in chemistry; and received the PhD in chemistry in 1962 from Iowa State University. He was a research scientist at IBM, 1962-67, and was a research scientist at United Technologies Corporation, 1967-92. He was director, research and development, Optical Systems Consulting, Inc. in Storrs for the last several years.

Eileen Kostiner, 67, widow of University of Connecticut Chemistry Department head Edward Kostiner, died January 9, 2006, after a lingering illness. The Kostiners lived in Storrs until Ed's death, then Eileen moved to Bloomfield to live. She was a published poet, with two books of poetry to her credit.

Zheng-yu Peng, 45, researcher and faculty member at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, died on November 16, 2005, after a long illness. Dr. Peng was born in China and came to the U.S. in 1982, receiving a PhD in physics from Carnegie Mellon University in 1989. He became professor, Molecular, Microbial, and Structural Biology at the Health Center in 1995. He published more than 30 papers and received numerous grants, some from the American Cancer Society and the National Institutes of Health.

Yorke P. Phillips, 73, of Hampden, Massachusetts, died August 21, 2005, after a long illness. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he received a BS in chemical engineering from Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. After Korean War service, he joined Monsanto Chemical Co., and earned a business degree from American International College in Springfield. He worked in research and development as a group manager at Monsanto, retiring after 29 years; he later was employed by STR, Enfield, Connecticut, editing several plastics journals.

William E. Wallace, 88, of Cromwell, Connecticut, died January 24, 2006, after a brief illness. Born in Wichita, Kansas, and a graduate of Wichita State University (BS) and University of Illinois (PhD), he worked for GAF Corp. of Rensselaer, New York, as a research chemist for some 40 years. He retired in 1982 and moved to Connecticut in 2000.

Theodore Roosevelt Williams, 75, of the College of Wooster, Ohio, died on November 11, 2005. He received his bachelor's degree from Howard University, his master's degree from Pennsylvania State University, and his PhD from the University of Connecticut. Affectionately known as "Ted," he was nationally known for research as well as his commitment to make science more accessible to women and minorities. He received the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics & Engineering Mentoring in 2001, shortly after he retired. (Ted was your editor's lab instructor in John Stock's analytical chemistry courses at UConn in 1957-58; he was a fabulous instructor, much beloved by all who knew him.)

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2005

The meeting of the CVS/ACS Executive Board was called to order at 7:50 PM at St. Joseph College, West Hartford, CT with Ms. Jane Knox, Chair, presiding.

MEMBERS PRESENT: E. Anderson, R. Archer, J. Corbett, L. Craine, J. Douville, P.R. Douville, E. Fitzgerald, J. Knox, A. Kozlowski, R. Moyer, J. Smist, F. Torre, E. Turner, R. Wikholm.

I. INTRODUCTIONS. The Chair introduced Dr. Tyson Miller who will join the Board in 2006 as an Alternate Councilor.

II. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2005.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to accept the minutes. MOTION PASSED.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT. The financial report was distributed by the Chair (see enclosure)

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to accept the report. MOTION PASSED.

IV. OFFICER AND CHAIR REPORTS.

Chair - Ms. Knox: The ACS evaluation of the 2005 Annual Report was distributed (see enclosure). On the whole the report was very positive. Among the suggestions were (1) placing our awards on our Web Site and (2) encouraging more active participation, especially in leadership positions, from industrial sector members. The reports suggested some attention to long range planning.

With days before the deadline, she announced that 87 ballots have been received.

Alternate Councilor and Councilors need to complete bios for submission to ACS. This procedure represents a procedural departure from past years when bios were expected only from newly elected Councilors.

The job manual revision is not finished. Ms. Knox will send parts of the Manual to respective Board members for feedback. Individual comments will be called for at the 1st meeting in 2006. Drs. Wikholm and Moyer agreed to assist Ms. Knox with the revision of the Job Manual.

As part of taking a look at how the Section can respond to new educational opportunities she reported that Mr. Fitzgerald canvassed local high school teachers as to how the Section can help them. Several teachers contributed their suggestions. As a result a small committee consisting of Ms. Douville, Mr. Fitzgerald, and Ms. Knox will meet on December 1st at American International College to take under advisement these suggestions and recommend one new innovative initiative. A report will be made by the committee at the 1st meeting in 2006 (January). Plans are for submitting this initiative in a proposal for funding.

Another initiative that the Section can follow up on is encouraging chemists to get involved in chemical information technology.

Ms. Knox reported that the Section Award Committee has recommended Professor Marc Zimmer of Connecticut College as the recipient of the 2005 Section's Burlew Award. In addition, she reported that the High School Teacher Award Committee has recommended Mr. Robert Segall of the Greater Hartford Academy of Math and Science to be the recipient of the Section's 2005 High School Chemistry Teacher Award.

2006 Section meetings are expected to be announced for March and April. No firm commitments have been made so far. There is the possibility that the March meeting will be held jointly with the local chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Education - Dr. Craine and Mr. Fitzgerald. The 2006 CVS Chemistry Olympiad will be held on March 9, 2006 at The University of Connecticut and on March 21, 2006 at the University of Massachusetts.

National Chemistry Week - Dr. Anderson. She reported receiving approximately 27 requests for Chem Matters. She distributed over 1000 issues of the publication. Celebrating Chemistry was designed with younger students in mind. The chemistry exhibit organized by the Section at the Holyoke (MA) mall from 10:00 A.M to 2:30 P.M. was very well attended.

NERM - Dr. Smist. She reported that NERM is now incorporated in the District of Columbia. She announced that she was elected Chair of the Board of Directors. Each Section within NERM will have one representative on the Board. One of the first objectives of the Board is to raise money.

Ms. Knox reminded the Board that this meeting will be that last complete meeting which she will preside over. The Board registered their appreciation for her excellent service with a round of applause.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, at Springfield College in Springfield, MA, beginning at 7:45 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph O. Moyer, Jr.
Secretary
American Chemical Society, Connecticut Valley Section

**AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY - CONNECTICUT VALLEY SECTION
2005 FINANCIAL REPORT**

January 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005 (projected)

Norwich Savings Society "Super NOW" Account as of 01/01 /05	\$ 2,939.45
Cash Reserve CDs as of 01/01/05	48,261.61
TOTAL	51,201.06

YEAR TOTAL **'05 BUDGET**

RECEIPTS:

ACS Section Allotment	15,401.00	15,401.00
ACS Local Section Dues	7,631.00	8,200.00
ACS Member Commission	240.00	200.00
Interest	1,537.98	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Income		279.00

SUB-TOTAL RECEIPTS 25,580.00

Other Receipts:

Valchemist	
Section Meetings	2,108.00
Student Awards	
Section Awards	
Other	15,038.73

TOTAL RECEIPTS 41,956.71

TOTAL (Receipts plus Checking Bal. Forward) \$44,896.16

YEAR TOTAL **RETURNS** **NET DISB'D** **'05 BUDGET**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Board				
Meetings	758.12	120.60	637.52	900.00
Administration	60.89		60.89	200.00
Ballot	570.18		570.18	500.00
Travel Councilors	11,174.62	8,322.03	2,852.59	2,700.00
Travel Chair-Elect	275.00		275.00	600.00
Mailings	2,762.34		2,762.34	3,500.00
Student Awards				3,000.00
Section Awards				100.00
Section Awards Fund Endowment	3,052.40		3,052.40	3,280.00
Education	6,052.06	4,424.50	1,627.56	2,000.00
High School Teacher Travel	200.00		200.00	200.00
Valchemist	4,916.84		4,916.84	5,500.00
Publicity/Hospitality	40.00		40.00	200.00
Career Workshop	350.00		350.00	300.00
Section Meetings	45,389.16	2,108.00	3,281.16	1,500.00
National Chemistry Week	374.20		374.20	750.00
New Initiatives				100.00
SEED				250.00
Certificates of Deposit	1,537.98	2,171.60	(633.62)	0.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 38,231.86 17,146.73 21,085.13 25,580.00

CHECKING BALANCE	6,664.30
CASH RESERVE IN CDs	47,627.99
TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD	\$54,292.29

NOTE: We have an additional \$43,933.43 invested in a SECTION AWARDS Certificates of Deposit, and \$32,351.50 in the ANNA J. HARRISON AWARD FUND.

Arthur W. Dimock, Treasurer, CVS/ACS

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American Chemical Society
Younger Chemists Committee

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