

Chair's Report

Greetings Orlando Local Section,

I wanted to send a brief newsletter with the election results and a few other pieces of information. Please share with us your ideas for programming that you would like to see in the Central Florida area – our contact information is below! We will have more information about section activities in the next couple months as the executive committee plans for the next couple years.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
Laura B. Sessions



Fall Activities

Election Results

November 21, 2017

Election results are in! Many thanks to Dr. Darlene Slattery for serving as Nominations and Election Committee Chair and Dr. Mike Hampton for serving as teller.

2018 Officers

Chair	Laura Sessions	lsessions@valenciacollege.edu
Chair-elect	Thorsten Schmidt	thorstone9@gmail.com
Treasurer	Jim Bellows	jcbellows2@aol.com
Secretary	Ardell Thurow	athurow@cfl.rr.com
Councilor	Darlene Slattery	dslattery1@cfl.rr.com
Alternate Councilor	Laura Sessions	lsessions@valenciacollege.edu
Immediate Past Chair	Luke B. Roberson	luke.b.roberson@nasa.gov

ACS Orlando Section Annual Awards Banquet 2017

The Annual Awards Banquet for the Orlando Section of the American Chemical Society was held December 2, 2017 at the Big Fin Seafood Kitchen in Orlando. Sixty chemists, friends, and family gathered to recognize local students and teachers in the field of chemistry – seven awards totaling \$1,800 were given.

Awards	Awardees	Affiliation
The Eileen Tulley Award for Outstanding High School Student	Philip Monsees	Edgewood Jr./Sr. High School
Outstanding Two-year College Student	Sun Hong	Seminole State College
Outstanding Two-year College Teacher	Dr. Vasudha Sharma	Valencia College
Outstanding Four-year College Student	Franklin Thornburgh	Florida Institute of Technology
Outstanding Four-year College Teacher	Dr. Joel Olson	Florida Institute of Technology
Outstanding Graduate Student	Tianyu Zheng	University of Central Florida
Outstanding Chemist	Dr. Yi Liao	Florida Institute of Technology

Additionally, five of our 50- and 60-year members were celebrated at the banquet.

Fifty-Year Members

Dr. Stanley Mitchell
Dr. Glenn Cunningham
Mr. Edsel Fickey
Dr. Chris Clausen
Mr. George Kenney

Sixty-Year Members

Dr. Raymond Mayer
Mr. Michael Marino
Dr. Erich Blossey
Dr. John Meisenheimer
Dr. Frederick Noe

Thanks to Dr. Candice Bridge, Assistant Professor in the University of Central Florida Chemistry Department and the National Center for Forensic Science, for an engaging talk on current topics in forensic science at the banquet. Congratulations to all our awardees for representing chemistry so well in our area!

You can see a few photos below and more on our website: <http://orlando.sites.acs.org/apps/photos/>. Thanks to Mr. Ken Slattery for his photography skills.

Annual Awards Banquet Pictures



Dr. Candice Bridge spoke about forensic science in a talk entitled 'Oh the places you'll go'.



Dr. Glenn Cunningham, 50-year member (left) with Orlando Section Chair Dr. Luke Roberson.



Dr. Stanley Mitchell, 50-year member (left) with Orlando Section Chair Dr. Luke Roberson.



Mr. George Kenney, 50-year member (left) with Orlando Section Chair Dr. Luke Roberson.

Annual Awards Banquet Pictures



Dr. John Meisenheimer, 60-year member (left), with Orlando Section Chair Dr. Luke Roberson (center) and Incoming Treasurer Dr. Jim Bellows (right).



Dr. Raymond Mayer, 60-year member (left), with Incoming Treasurer Dr. Jim Bellows (right).



Chair Dr. Luke Roberson, NASA, passes the gavel to Incoming Chair Dr. Laura Sessions, Valencia College.

Spring Activities

Chemistry Conclave

Jan. 27

The Third Annual Chemistry Conclave will be held at the **Florida Institute of Technology on January 27th, 2018 from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm** with a theme of Symposium for Materials Chemistry this year. It is a new and improved version of the conclave designed to grow ACS chapters and non-ACS STEM clubs together by encouraging networking among peers and Florida professionals, as well as encouraging Chemistry education on the topic of Materials Chemistry and its broader impacts. There is no charge for participation, but students should register through the link below.

You can find more information and registration on the website: [http://floridatech.orgsync.com/org/fitacssa/Third Annual Chemistry Conclave](http://floridatech.orgsync.com/org/fitacssa/Third%20Annual%20Chemistry%20Conclave)

Should anyone have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Wheat President of Florida Tech ACS Student Affiliates at rwheat2014@my.fit.edu.

Pittcon

Feb.26 - Mar 1

As you may know Pittcon 2018 is taking place in Orlando next month. This is the largest science conference in the world - with attendees from all over the world. For those at our local colleges and universities, the student registration fee is reasonable. Thursday attendance is free. You can find more information on the website: <https://pittcon.org/register/>.



Chemistry Olympiad

March 2018

The ACS Orlando Section continues to sponsor students from high schools in the seven county Orlando Section area to participate in the 2018 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO). The primary goals of this program are to stimulate interest and achievement in chemistry among high school students throughout the United States and to provide recognition of outstanding young chemistry students, teachers, and schools.

Students competing in the USNCO are eligible to be selected as members of the United States team for the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO). For the past thirty-four years, the United States has sent a team of four students to compete with nations around the world at the IChO. The students participate in

both theoretical and laboratory examinations over several days. Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded to the best performers, and the IChO provides students the opportunity to interact with their peers from other countries. This year the international event will be held in Bratislava Slovakia and Prague Czech Republic, July 19-29, 2018.

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad.html>

The first round of exams will be given in February with the second round of exams given in April for high scoring students at UCF. Please contact Mary Roslonowski if you are interested in having your high school students participate at mroslonowski@hotmail.com.



Outreach Chair Needed!

Harry Price has served as the Outreach Chair for the Orlando Section for many years, and we thank him. He has stepped down, so we need a new Outreach Chair. The section has had a strong working relationship with the Orlando Science Center, and has had a table at the Central Florida Earth Day Event and March for Science in Lake Eola Park each year. UCF students in the ACS Chapter there have provided essential support for these events for many years. Please contact Laura Sessions if you are interested in serving at lsessions@valenciacollege.edu.



Stay tuned for more activities coming this spring!