

**Red River Valley Section of ACS Executive Meeting – August 17, 2010 – 6:00 PM  
Mayville, ND**

Present – Matthew Picklo, William Shay, Leonard Cook, Roy Garvey, Tom Gonnella, David Mork

1. Upcoming events for Fall 2010. We have several activities:

Sept 11 – Leadership Institute at MSUM

Note: Spots are still open! The RRV Section will be covering registration costs.  
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Sept 17 – Robert Blackledge NCIS (ret) Seminar “Surface Modified Fibers” at Bemidji State Univ. This will also be a Science Café for which we obtained a \$300 grant from ACS.

Drago Bilanovic at BSU is doing a fine job of coordinating this event for the Section.

October 15 – ACS speaker Brian Strohmeier - UND

October 30 – ACS undergraduate research competition.

November 19 – ACS Speaker John Fortman – NDSU. This will also be a Science Café!

Information regarding exact times and places for the Leadership Institute and the Science Café at BSU will be posted on our website <http://redrivervalley.sites.acs.org/>

2. We will be having a **Graduate/Post-Graduate Research Competition** open to students and postdoctoral fellows presenting work at the Spring ACS meeting. The competition will be held at Mayville State University in February. Top work (one for graduate and one for postdoctoral) will be awarded an **RRV ACS Young Investigator Award (\$400 each) with a second place each of \$100**. More information to follow soon.
3. Elections. Our slate of candidates for the 2011 year will be decided upon by the end of October. We have several positions open for at-large members and officers including chair-elect. The growth of our Section and ability to host and fun activities depends on active members who are willing to lead and participate. If you are willing to promote Chemistry education and research please consider being a member of the Executive Committee for our Section!
4. Promoting community awareness of our activities. We support several science fairs through acting as judges and funding. We will be holding another Science Café in November. Starting this fall, we will contact high school science teachers regarding upcoming events. We hope this will encourage more interest at the high school level in Chemistry.
5. ACS undergraduate research competition October 30, 2010. The decision was made that the RRV section approve a \$300 contribution to the 6th Annual Conference for Undergraduate Research in the Molecular Sciences (URMS) general fund and fund two \$400 undergraduate research travel awards to one of the two national ACS meetings in 2011 (March 27-31, 2011, Anaheim, California or August 28 - September 1, 2011, Denver, Colorado). It was announced that the conference this year

will be held at Concordia College and a drive to have ACS members available to judge poster would be a good idea. The decision was also made to offer a Student Choice award for an ACS item (less than \$100).

Dr. Abrahamson informed me last night that the our ACS Red River Valley Section WON the 2010 ACS Chemluminary Award for LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT!!!! Dr. Abrahamson represented us at the National ACS Meeting in Boston.