



American Chemical Society Western Michigan Section April, 2020 Newsletter

Executive Committee Meeting

The executive committee met on April 04 via Zoom and some of the highlights of past and present events are detailed below. Spring speakers have been cancelled due to the Corona virus but we did discuss possible speakers for this fall.

New Committee Members

Kevin Eggebeen has agreed to be the next chair once our current chair (Nate Stern) vacates the position. Kevin's wife, Meagan, had agreed to be the Public Relations contact, a position currently held by Kevin. Thanks to both of you!

Links for You to Stay Connected

Two links are given here to keep you connected to our local ACS chapter. Please use them to get updates on some of our activities.

New website:

<https://communities.acs.org/community/society/component-websites/western-michigan-local-section>

Section Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ACSWesternMI/>

Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW, 4/19 – 4/25)

CCEW will be held from April 19 through April 25 with the topic of sustainability. The theme is "Protecting Our Planet through Chemistry". Please check out the link to an event page for CCEW (4/19- 4/25) with an illustrated poetry poster contest for kids in grades K-12. There will be a \$25 gift card prize for each age group's first prize local winner. This can all be done online.

Local winners move on to the national contest where the prize is \$300 for first prize in each age group and \$150 for second place in each age group.

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/outreach/ccew/plan-an-event/illustrated-poem-contest.html>

Also, on our event page, under the discussion tab is a link to the web version of the ACS *Chemistry Matters* magazine that includes fun games as well as educational materials. There is a chemistry catcher print out and chemistry coloring pages with more content to be added. Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/692494644890509/>

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Some fun Earth Day experiments that can be found on You Tube can be done at home.

<https://youtu.be/uGUhVJ5iOQo>

<https://youtu.be/KAi7CyByInM>

<https://youtu.be/RGnG-S6naUw>

National Chemistry Week, 2020 Update

The Western Michigan Chapter of the ACS plans to celebrate National Chemistry Week (NCW) this year at Woodland mall in Grand Rapids. Chemistry week is October 17-23 and the date for our event at the mall will be Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10AM until 2PM. The topic this year is Reaction Rates and the theme is “Fast or Slow...Chemistry Makes it Go!”



The executive committee is working on a Covid contingency plan and the possibility of doing demos, etc. on Facebook. Time will tell.

Covid Relief Donation?

Our ACS local section has approved making donations to a Covid relief non-profit agencies. Red Cross will receive \$500 and Kids Food Pantry will receive \$1000. The following information was received from National ACS:

A local section that is a 501(c)(3) organization can give money to another 501(c)(3) organization when that donation advances the local section's tax-exempt purpose or objects (found in the local section's bylaws). The donor local section has to ensure that there is:

No conflict of interest

No violation of donor restrictions

No misuse of the donated charitable resources by the receiving non-profit

No question that donating funds will in any way imperil the donor local section's financial health.

Such transactions have to be appropriately disclosed in the local section's Form 990 reporting as applicable. And, any decisions to make donations should be documented in the organization's Board minutes.

Items for the Newsletter may be submitted to James Krikke (GVSU) at krikkeji@gvsu.edu