Great Lakes Region
Call For Action

Dear Local Section Leadership:

As 2019 begins its second half, the 2019 Regional Meeting in Lisle, IL, is history, and the Minnesota section has begun planning for the 2021 Regional Meeting. I, as Great Lakes Region Board chair, personally want to invite you to let your Local Section members know of the importance and accessibility of Regional Meetings, as well as to invite you and your members to consider participating, and at some point agreeing to host or co-host a Regional Meeting.

You are likely aware that in addition to the 6 voting Districts to which ACS members are assigned, there also are 10 Regions to which local sections are distributed. The Regions were historically developed during the time of war when travel to National meetings was difficult. Today, Regional meetings are still held by local sections in venues that are more accessible to graduate and undergraduate students, younger faculty members as well as to those in industry who may have modest travel support. In addition, they provide valuable networking possibilities to all participants.

Twenty local sections officially belong to the Great Lakes Region (GLR), governed by a Board of Directors to which each Section has a designated representative. Please ascertain that you have an active representative! We meet either in person at a Regional meeting, or at a National meeting, or by teleconference at least once each year, so please ask for a report from your local section representative.

The GLR Local Sections are asked to host or co-host Regional Meetings every other year in an odd-numbered year. In 2015 the Kalamazoo Section (GLR) co-hosted a meeting with the Western Michigan Section (Central Region); in 2017 we were in Fargo, ND, with the Red River Valley Section acting as host; 2019 found us in the Chicago area with the Chicago and Joliet Sections (both in the GLR) as co-hosting sections, and in 2021 the Minnesota Section has offered to be the hosting section.
At the moment the East Central Illinois Section (Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign) has offered to co-host our 2023 meeting with the St. Louis Section (Midwest Region); our Central and Northeast Wisconsin sections have extended an invitation as cohosts of the 2025 meeting; and in 2027 our Purdue Section will join forces with the Indiana section (Central Region)…

Attendees are not limited to Region membership! These meetings are open to anyone whose interest is piqued by the program content, and any interested ACS member is encouraged to enrich the offerings. Abstracts/presentations at these meetings are included in the ACS abstracts database along with those presented at National Meetings!

Thank you for being involved in your local section. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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