

# WABASH VALLEY SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY



# FALL NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS

The Wabash Valley local section of the ACS is celebrating its 76th year!

The local section is here to help support chemical professionals in education and businesses in the Wabash Valley region. The American Chemical Society has a variety of resources during this time of COVID-19.

Upcoming events are listed on our new website. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact us.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- **October 15th - Nominations for officers for 2020 were due**
- **October 18-24th - National Chemistry Week, "Sticking with Chemistry" The NCW 2020 edition of *Celebrating Chemistry* and other online resources are now available.**
- **Nov 10th - Please join our regular meeting on November 10, 2020 via ZOOM for Dr. Joe Vinson's talk on the "Chemistry and Biochemistry of Chocolate: A Guilt-Free Food?".**
- **Nov 30th - Ballots are due**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELECTIONS

Elections will be coming up in November for positions starting Jan 1. Nominate yourself or a friend by October 15th by sending an email to Stephanie Poland:  
[poland@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:poland@rose-hulman.edu)

### NEW WEBSITE

Our website is up and running, please see the URL at the bottom of this newsletter.

### SAVE THE DATE

The next Great Lakes Regional Meeting is in Minnesota 2021...more to come on this event.

<https://communities.acs.org/community/society/component-websites/wabash-valley>  
<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/covid-19.html>

We are saddened by the loss of our friend and colleague Edward Mottel.

Dr. Edward Mottel specialized in inorganic chemistry and computers in chemical education throughout his 39 years on the Rose-Hulman faculty. He also helped educate Vigo County school teachers in how to incorporate chemistry concepts into their classroom activities, and coordinated Chemistry Olympiad events for local middle-and high-school students. Dr. Mottel was a faculty advisor for the Rose-Hulman Triangle fraternity chapter.

In the last hour of his final day of teaching chemistry on campus, Ed Mottel was in his office helping a student earn extra credit for a recent quiz about chemical nomenclature, a set of rules that generate systemic names for chemical compounds.

"It's what we do at Rose-Hulman, helping students succeed", says the retiring professor. "really, it was a simple request. He had the correct answer, he just needed some reassurance that he was on the right track."

Mottel has been contributing to the success of Rose-Hulman students for 39 years. Along the way, he helped develop the innovative integrated first-year curriculum that emphasized collaboration between science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and co-authored a general chemistry course manual that was used on campus for more than 30 years.



Excerpts are from the Rose-Hulman website.

<https://www.rose-hulman.edu/news/2019/Mottel-Mixes-Right-Educational-Chemistry.html>