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DETROIT SECTION, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY ELECTION NEWS



It is November and time for the annual election of Detroit Local Section Officers, Councilors and Alternate Councilors. No petition candidates were nominated. If you are a member of the Detroit Section of the American Chemical Society and eligible to vote, you will receive an issue of the November Detroit Chemist by first class U.S. Mail. The list of eligible members was provided by the national office of the American Chemical Society. The election this year is again a hybrid-election, allowing you to vote either via a paper ballot or alternatively to vote electronically using the URL provided on page 7.

Those nominated for this year's ballot are:

Chair-Elect:	Denise Grimsley
Secretary:	Amy Hamlin
Treasurer:	Matt Smith
Councilor:	Mark Benvenuto
Alternate Councilor:	Shannon Timmons

Voting instructions (including URL for electronic voting) may be found on page 3—4.

Biographical sketches of the candidates, listed alphabetically, may be found on pages 4—6.

Volunteers Needed for Chemistry Day

What: Chemistry Day

When: Saturday, November 18, 2017

Where: First United Methodist Church of Troy

6363 Livernois Avenue, Troy, Michigan

Time: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

The Detroit Section of the American Chemical Society is partnering with the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan for the 13th Annual Chemistry Day. The Girl Scouts will be participating in an art project and other activities while learning about the fun of chemistry. They will learn about chemistry by doing hands-on experiments and participating in a career game. Through these activities, the Scouts will each earn a National Chemistry Week patch. This will be a large program both in terms of Girl Scouts (200 expected) and in terms of volunteers participating (25+).

The chemistry aspect of the day includes hands-on experiments. We will have several experiments set up on tables. They will include polymer cross-linking (making Gloop), Slime!, and dry ice experiment. Our audience will consist of the Junior Girl Scouts.

We have a Chemistry Day Committee to organize the event each year. We will need ~20 - 25 additional volunteers to participate in demonstrating the experiments and overseeing the art project. Our participation is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

If you are interested in joining some of your fellow chemical professionals in a fun morning of community service, please contact Denise Grimsley at denise.grimsley@basf.com. A continental breakfast and lunch (pizza) will be provided.

DETROIT SECTION, AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY - INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

This year you have two options for voting. You may vote electronically via the Internet or by a traditional paper ballot. Please vote by one method only. Instructions for the two methods are given below. To vote by either method, you will need to provide your ACS member number. Your member number may be found on your membership card, your annual membership statement, or in the upper left corner of the address label on your hardcopy of Chemical & Engineering News. Member numbers will be used only to ensure that one member/one-vote is maintained.

PAPER BALLOT – To vote by paper ballot, cut out the ballot printed in this issue of the Detroit Chemist on page 4 and mark your choices. Enclose the ballot in an envelope; clearly write your member number in the upper left hand corner on the outside of the envelope, and mail the envelope to:

Jim Landis
131 Arthur Drive
Troy, MI 48083-1704

In order for your ballot to count, it must be postmarked on or before **Thursday, November 30, 2017**.

ELECTRONIC BALLOT – To vote electronically via the Internet, please go to the following URL:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G2Z77TV>

Voting will be closed at midnight on Thursday, November 30, 2017. You will be asked to supply your ACS member number. Then click on the “done” button. As mentioned above, member numbers will only be used to ensure one-member/one-vote.

Ballot for paper copy continued on page 4.

2017 Officer Election

Chair-Elect:

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Secretary:

Amy Hamlin

Treasurer:

Matt Smith

Councilor:

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Alternate Councilor:

Shannon Timmons

Candidate Biographies (in alphabetical order)

Mark Benvenuto

Mark Benvenuto is a Professor of Chemistry and Department Chair at the University of Detroit Mercy, where he has been employed for over 20 years. Prior to this he did post-doctoral research at Penn State from '91 - '93, received his PhD from the University of Virginia in late 1991, spent four years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army from 1983-87, and graduated with a BS degree from the Virginia Military Institute in 1983. If re-elected, he will try to be open to any and all suggestions from members of the Detroit Section on how to improve the activities of the section, as well as on how to communicate the section's needs to the national headquarters. He will also continue to represent the Detroit section to the ACS Council and vote that member dues be kept as low as possible.

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Denise Grimsley

Denise Grimsley, a longtime member of the Detroit ACS, is currently serving her first term as the Section's Secretary and also serves as a co-chair of the Section's Kids and Chemistry group and has chaired the Section's National Chemistry Week and Chemists Celebrate Earth Day for over fifteen years. From 2013 – 2014, she served as the Detroit Local Section Treasurer. She received a BS degree in chemistry (Univ. of Michigan -Dearborn) in 1980. She works at BASF Corporation where she has 25 years of experience in analytical chemistry. Denise was honored with the Detroit Section ACS's Distinguished Service Award in 2009 and the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2014.

Amy Hamlin

Amy Hamlin received a BS in Chemistry from the University of Detroit Mercy in 2009 and a PhD from the University of California Berkeley in 2014. She is currently working as a Senior Scientist at Ash Stevens. During her undergraduate career she was involved with the ACS student affiliates at UDM holding various leadership positions and she often volunteered with the Detroit Local Section events. As a graduate student, she was appointed to the ACS's Graduate Education Advisory Board from 2011 to 2014 where she worked with committees within the ACS to help better serve graduate student members. She has also contributed several articles to inChemistry magazine, the ACS's undergraduate publication. Since returning to the Detroit Area, she has rejoined the Detroit Local Section and is currently volunteering with the CERM planning committee.

Matthew Smith

Matthew Smith received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan in 2006, where he was an active member of the ACS student affiliates at the university and served as the chapter's vice president in 2005-2006. Matthew also received his Master of Science in Chemistry from Michigan State University in 2008.

Currently Matthew is employed by Lumigen, Inc., a Beckman Coulter company, as a Reagent Manufacturing Scientist II where he, among other things, synthesizes novel chemiluminescent compounds for use in life science research and medical diagnostics since joining in 2010.

Since late 2014, Matthew has been an active volunteer for the Detroit Local Section, and is currently serving as both the section's Photographer and as its Social Media Chair on the Communications Committee.

In his spare time, Matthew enjoys hiking, camping, reading and spending time with his family and their three dogs and three cats.

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Shannon Timmons

Dr. Shannon Timmons is an Associate Professor of Chemical Biology in the Department of Natural Sciences at Lawrence Technological University. She greatly enjoys both teaching undergraduate courses and supervising a wide array of research projects. She has a keen interest in the chemistry and biochemistry of natural products and their application in drug discovery research.

Dr. Timmons is a native of Canada and received her B.Sc. in Chemistry from Acadia University in Wolfville, NS and her Ph.D. in Chemistry from Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS under the supervision of Dr. David Jakeman with a specialization in medicinal chemistry. Dr. Timmons completed her postdoctoral studies in carbohydrate-based drug discovery under the supervision of Dr. Jon Thorson at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before beginning her career at LTU. She has previously served the Detroit Local Section as Secretary (2013-2014) and Treasurer (2015-2016) and wishes to continue to serve in the role of Alternate Councilor in 2018.

Calendar of Upcoming Events



Second Tuesday of the Month: Detroit Section Exec. Committee Meeting – held at Lawrence Tech 7:00 PM.

Third Tuesday of Every Month: Brewing Chemistry. Please see <http://brewingchemistry.com> for information on upcoming topics.

November 2: ANACHEM/SAS Symposium

November 18: Girl Scout Chemistry Day

November 21: Brewing Chemistry at TJ&S

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