



# American Chemical Society

## Nebraska Section Newsletter

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## From the Throne

The names of the Local Section Officers are listed on the front page of this newsletter. Please send us your ideas for serving the needs of our industrial members, academic members, graduate students, and undergraduates. Some ideas are already listed in the "Opportunities Await" section.

In this issue, there are articles about...

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## Desiree Wineland, 2013 ACS Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Desiree Wineland, our Local Section Alternate Councilor, for being selected as an ACS Outreach Volunteer of the Year. Jim Takacs, the Past Chair of the Local Section, nominated her based on her work to reintroduce a Science Day at Cambridge Elementary School. Send her an email to let her know how much you are basking in her reflected glory. Congrats Desiree!

## Local Section Bylaws Vote in December

REMEMBER THIS DATE—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12—because that is when Local Section members will convene to vote on the Bylaws Revision. The exact hour and place have yet to be determined. The Local Section Executive Board cleverly chose to meet at the same time and place as the UNL Phi Lambda Upsilon (PLU) Holiday Party in Lincoln. At this meeting, Mark Griep, Local Section Chair, will collect your votes on the bylaws changes.

Our current bylaws require that any changes to the bylaws must be approved by two-thirds of the votes of the members present. In addition, the Executive Board wanted to ensure that a significant number of our members voted. After an examination of several possibilities, we settled on a concurrent meeting as the PLU Party. And, yes, PLU knows about our cunning plan to encourage attendance at their Party by the Local Section Executive Board Members but also to invite other Nebraska Local Section members to this meeting.

The major changes to the bylaws were outlined in the previous newsletter and sent to you by email a few weeks ago (it is now available on our website).

Note that our current bylaws can only be voted on by "the members present," which excludes absentee but not proxy votes. A proxy vote is when you give another member the power to vote on your behalf. If you can't attend the December 12 meeting, please give your proxy vote to one of the Executive Board Members by email or in writing. Griep would also appreciate a note from you to indicate who has your proxy so that he can keep track while collecting the votes.

## 2013 Nebraska Section News

### Local Section Website Is Now Active

Macduff Okuom, Local Section Secretary, has revamped our ACS-sponsored website. You will find funding opportunities, newsletters, bylaws, and Officer addresses among other things at <http://www.nebraska.sites.acs.org/>

### 2013 and 2014 Local Section Meetings

In 2013, we began the transition to a system in which one local section meeting is held at each college or university during the academic year. We've had great attendance at every meeting and experienced only a few bumps. Now that each place has settled on a month for their meeting, 2013 Chair Elect Griep will begin setting up the 2014 schedule

Month	2014 Tentative	2013	2012
January	Union College		
February	Hastings	Hastings (but moved to March because of storm)	Hastings
March	Doane	Doane	
April	Concordia; Nebr Wesleyan	Nebr Wesleyan; Concordia	UNK
September			
October	Wayne State; UNL	UNL; Wayne State	UNL
November			
December		Coincides with PLU Holiday Party	

# Opportunities Await

The changes to the funding opportunities are highlighted in red. The travel grants are now set to \$750 maximum and are now also open to faculty.

**A. Outreach Grants (Download the Application Form from the website):** Beginning in 2013, the Local Section is offering \$400 outreach grants to the Chemistry Clubs of the colleges and universities within our Local Section. Departments and Industries are eligible for \$600 outreach grants. The activities must relate to the ACS-sponsored Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (every April) and ACS-sponsored Nebraska Chemistry Week (in October). For those Chemistry Clubs without any ACS members, we will accept submissions from ACS member sponsors on their behalf. Submit your application to the Nebraska Local Section Chair Mark Griep at [NEACSCChair@gmail.com](mailto:NEACSCChair@gmail.com). The request includes:

1. Applicant's Name (must be a member of the Nebraska Local Section; or sponsored by a member)
2. Email Address (for communication) and Mailing Address (to receive the check)
3. Institutional Affiliation (Chemistry Club at XYZ; Faculty Member at ABC; other)
4. Who is your outreach target (Middle School; High School; the Public; other)
5. What sorts of activities you will do (gather ideas from the ACS website or local section members)
6. Approximate Date of the Event
7. Location of the event (at JKL School; in the HYD Mall; other)
8. How will your outreach target learn about the event (we'll coordinate with teacher Smith; we'll contact Principal Gonzales; other)
9. Promise to have at least one planning meeting two days prior to the event to discuss the entire plan with all helpers. Discuss: Who will bring the materials; Who will do which activity (be sure to Practice the activity); Who will clean up [It helps to give helpers a T-shirt both as a gift and as a way to distinguish helpers from the participants during the event]
10. Within a few days after the event, send a thank you to all helpers. Remind them to put this volunteer activity on their resume. Within one month after the event, send a short summary to the Chair of the Nebraska Local Section (how many helpers, how many participants, any feedback or thoughts). These will be edited for publication in the Nebraska Local Section Newsletter.

**11. Upon your return, you will be reimbursed when you send your itemized receipts.**

We will have a rolling deadline so you can submit any time you are ready.

**B. Guest Speakers:** As of 2012, the Local Section is offering up \$600 reimbursement for a presentation by a guest speaker to your academic department or industrial institution. The funds can be used to pay for speaker travel and room accommodation and/or nosh for those attending the presentation. Each department and institution can apply for funds once a year. Submit your application to the Nebraska Local Section Chair Mark Griep at [NEACSCChair@gmail.com](mailto:NEACSCChair@gmail.com) with:

1. Applicant's Name (must be a member of the Nebraska Local Section)
2. Email Address (for communication) and Mailing Address (to receive the check)
3. Academic Department or Institution
4. Name of guest, affiliation, and possible lecture title
5. Approximate Date and location of the Event so the Local Section can advertise it
6. Promise to send a short summary of the presentation to the Chair of the Nebraska Local Section (how many helpers, how many participants, any feedback or thoughts). These will be edited for publication in the Nebraska ACS Local Section Newsletter.

**7. Upon your return, you will be reimbursed when you send your itemized receipts.**

We will have a rolling deadline so you can submit any time you are ready.

**C. Travel Awards (Download the Application Form from the website):** As of 2012, the Local Section is offering \$750 travel awards to assist your travel to give presentations or posters. Priority will be given in the order of **undergraduates, graduate students, postdoctorals, faculty at 4-year colleges, and then others** at the colleges and universities within our Local Section. We have reserved \$4000 total per year for the travel awards. The awards are for attendance at a regional or national ACS meeting to present research results. Submit your application to the Nebraska Local Section Chair Mark Griep at [NEACSCChair@gmail.com](mailto:NEACSCChair@gmail.com) with:

1. Applicant's name and contact information (must be a member of the Nebraska Local Section),
2. A brief summary of the proposed research presentation (poster or talk),
3. The regional or national ACS meeting and why you should attend,
4. A summary of other available travel funds, and
5. A proposed budget of \$750 or less.

**6. Upon your return, you will be reimbursed when you send your itemized receipts.**

## From the Vault...Our First Minutes Book

As the seventh founded ACS local section, we have a long and illustrious history. We were the first local section to have a female member and we were the first local section west of the Mississippi. In fact, Rachel Lloyd and Rosa Bouton were the first two regularly admitted women members to ACS were both Charter Members of our Local Section. In the next few issues, we'll share a few of the Local Section's most treasured artifacts.

The next item from the vault is our first Minutes Book (see photo, on page 2), in which the meeting minutes were recorded between 1895 and 1937. This period cover our 1st to 170th meetings. On page 1, the Charter Members of the Nebraska Local Section are listed in the following order. I've indicated the positions each one held in 1895, where U of N means University of Nebraska.

H. H. Nicholson	U of N Chair of Chemistry; Director of the Ag Experiment Station
T. L. Lyon	U of N Adjunct Professor of Agricultural Chemistry
Rosa Bouton	U of N Adjunct Professor of Chemistry
Rachel Lloyd	U of N Professor of Analytic Chemistry
John White	U of N Instructor of Analytic Chemistry
H. A. Senter	U of N Chemistry Undergraduate
Elton Fulmer	U of N Instructor of General Chemistry
Edward E. Nicholson	U of N Chemistry Graduate Student; Assistant Agriculturalist at the Ag Expt Station
Jesse B. Beecher	U of N Chemistry Graduate Student
R. S. Hiltner	U of N Chemistry Graduate Student; Assistant Chemist at the Ag Expt Station
P. L. Hibbard	U of N Chemistry Graduate Student?
F. F. Tucker	U of N Chemistry Undergraduate
W. H. Baird	Norfolk Beet Sugar Factory Analytical Chemist
W. S. Robinson	Chemical Assayist in Omaha

If you have items relating to the Local Section history, send them to Mark A. Griep at [mgriep1@unl.edu](mailto:mgriep1@unl.edu). Send old newsletters if you have them.

