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ACS Syracuse needs YOU!



Call for Nominations!!!

ACS Syracuse needs you, all of our officer positions are up for election this year and we need you! Please think about running for election and/or nominating someone for a position. Here's how!

Send Nominations to: Paul Bertan at paulbertan@peoplepc.com AND Sally Mitchell at sbmitchell2@gmail.com .

Nominations should include the full contact information for the person being nominated and the position for which he/she is being nominated. Upon receipt of the nomination the Nominations and Elections Committee will solicit biographical information. Self-nomination is welcome and encouraged, please send your nomination to Paul AND Sally and include a brief biography suitable for publication in the next Syracuse Chemist.

All Nominations MUST be received by, October 9, 2011 in order to give the committee enough time to get biographical information and confirm candidate eligibility and interest. Nominations received after 10/9/11 will be held on file until next year's elections

Elected positions available this year include:

- Section Chair
- Chair-Elect (would be Section Chair in 2013)
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Councilor and Alternate Councilor
- Four Delegates

Appointed positions include: Education Committee Chair and Editor Syracuse Chemist

Want to know more about what you need to do in these positions? Read on!

So you are interested in being an officer? Here's what they do!!

All of the positions except Councilor and Alternate Councilor are open to members or student members of ACS; only members (not student members) may be Councilor or Alternate Councilor. Holders of these positions all become members of the Executive Committee of the Syracuse Section. That committee must meet at least four times during the calendar year to plan activities and carry out the business of the section.

Self-nominations (that is, volunteers) are welcome. Nominations of other members are also welcome. Only candidates who consent to serve shall appear on the ballot. Please send nominations (including self-nominations) to Paul Bertan at paulbertan@peoplepc.com AND Sally Mitchell at sbmitchell2@gmail.com by October 9, 2011, or to any member of the Nominations and Elections committee. Descriptions of the terms and duties of these positions follow.

The **Chair-Elect** serves the Section for three years: one year as Chair Elect, the next year as Chair, and the following year as immediate Past Chair.

Typically the **Chair** calls meetings of the Executive Committee, runs meetings of the section (dinner meetings or other programs), appoints members to other committees, and coordinates Section activities. The Chair is also responsible for an annual report to national ACS staff on Section activities during his or her year as Chair.

The **Chair-Elect** has an opportunity in January to attend (at ACS expense) a weekend ACS Leadership institute with other section officers from around the country. The Chair Elect also plans section activities for his or her Chair year. Both the Chair Elect and Past Chair assist the Chair in coordinating Section activities. The Chair Elect, Chair, and Past Chair also serve as members of the Nominations and Elections committee. Because the position of Chair Elect is currently vacant, **we must elect both a Chair and Chair Elect this fall.**

The **Secretary** takes minutes of Executive Committee meetings, reports election results to the national ACS, and is generally responsible for formal communications on behalf of the Section. The term of the Secretary is one year, and the Secretary may be re-elected.

The **Treasurer** is responsible for budgeting, handling the Section's funds, and paying its bills. The term of the Treasurer is one year, and the Treasurer may be re-elected.

The **Councilor** represents the Syracuse Section at national meetings of the ACS Council. The Councilor is part of the governance system of the national organization and is also a member of the Section's Executive Committee. Typically the Councilor attends the national meetings (at ACS expense) of ACS to attend the meeting of the Council and other governance meetings.

The **Alternate Councilor** is a member of the Section Executive Committee, and he or she attends the national Council meeting if the Councilor cannot. **Councilor and Alternate Councilor are separate lines on the ballot;** this is a change in our new bylaws from past

practice, in which the Alternate Councilor was the runner-up in the election for Councilor. The term of the Councilor and Alternate is three years (2012-2014).

The Executive Committee has four **Delegate** positions without specified duties other than to participate as voting members in deciding Section business and to assist in tasks as needed. In order to encourage participation from all areas of the Section, two delegates must live or work **outside Onondaga County**; the other two may be from anywhere in the Section. Delegate is an entry-level position in Section governance and service. Under the new Section bylaws, delegate terms are two years (with re-election possible), and two Delegates would be elected each year. In order to get the Delegates in place, all four Delegate positions are up for election this year: two for two-year terms (2012-13) and two for one-year terms; one of each must be from outside Onondaga County.

Appointed Positions

Chair of the Education Committee is appointed for a one year term and is responsible for organizing and oversee all of the Sections events that are geared toward the youth in the section including but not limited to: National Chemistry Week, Chemists Celebrate Earth Day, and most importantly the new Benjamin P. Burt Chemical Education Series. Since this is an appointed position, self-nominations only will be accepted and the official appointment will be made by the new Section Chair in January of 2012. This Chair holds a position on the Executive Committee.

Syracuse Chemist Editor is an appointed position and is responsible for publishing the Chemist and for communicating directly with the membership. In the past this position has also held the responsibility for protecting the email and snail mail lists and keeping the number of mailings to the Section membership to a minimum. Since this is an appointed position, self-nominations will only be accepted and the official appointments will be made by the new Section Chair in January of 2012. This position holds a position on the Executive Committee.

From the Nominations and Elections Committee:

- Paul Bertan, Chair Nominations and Elections Committee
- Michelle Boucher, Past Chair
- Carmen Giunta
- Sally Mitchell, Section Chair
- Art Stipanovic