



## *American Chemical Society – Detroit Local Section Education Committee*

**Mission:** The Education Committee of the Detroit Local Section of the American Chemical Society exists to improve the practice and process of chemistry education in the Metropolitan Detroit Area.

**The means by which the Committee realizes this mission includes, but is not limited to the following:**

- § Acting as a liaison between the ACS, college, and high school community, especially through the Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA), the Metropolitan Detroit Science Teachers Association (MDSTA) and the Southeastern Michigan Chemistry Teachers Organization (SEMCTO).
- § Fostering professional growth in chemistry through sponsorship of professional development activities and funding independent teacher development initiatives.
- § Promoting the study of chemistry through the local Chemistry Olympiad Exam.
- § Acting as a clearinghouse for chemical information and events in the Metro Detroit area.
- § Rewarding and recognizing excellence in chemistry education.

### **Meeting Agenda for Thursday 2 October 2007**

1. Ed Committee Website: [acsdetroitchemed.com](http://acsdetroitchemed.com) – Jeff Finnan  
post pictures of Committee events on website
2. Calendar of events for 2007-2008 mailed on 17 Sept.
3. USNCO 2008 – Final Dates  
Training Session = Saturday 14 March; Local Section Exam = 18 or 19 March; National Exam = 16, 23, 30 April
4. Info tables at conferences: MDSTA 18 Oct. (at LTU), MSTA 5-7 Mar. (at RenCen)  
conglomerate pictures into powerpoint display; get high school lab safety and disability freebies from ACS; PTEG info sheet; Project SEED info sheet; periodic table of disabilities; sign up for High School Chem Clubs  
ACS/NCW banner purchase for the Committee
5. Academic/pedagogical topic discussion of the month – ?
6. Nominations for the Central Regional Award for in Teaching High School Chemistry  
Any news from SEMCTO?
7. Ideas for the Winter 2009 Professional Development Day  
Motor City Brew Works brewery/winery, Alinosi's or Sweet Endings candy, dairy, BASF, HFCC/SCC culinary, Gayle's Chocolates (Dawn Gafa, Doc Choc from EMU), Geochemistry, pop bottling tour, Thai restaurant (high temp cooking)
8. Upcoming Conferences/Meetings  
Central Regional ACS – 20-23 May 2009 in Cleveland, OH  
Chem Ed – Summer 2009 at Radford University in Radford, VA
9. Other items?  
Chair interested in Chemists Celebrate Earth Day poetry contest for local section
10. Next Meeting – 6 November 2008, 7 PM, Mio House