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It's Time to Make Your Voice Heard!

The slate of candidates for 2012 is listed below, and biographies start on page 4. Read them carefully, then make your selections when the electronic election begins in October.

Chair –Elect - Keith R. Vitense

Secretary - Susan M. Schelble

Member-at-large (2)

- o Jean Delfiner
- o Wasiu A. Lawal
- o Thomas R. LeBon
- o George W. Ruger
- o Uzma Zakai

Councilor - Lynne Greenblatt, Diane G. Schmidt

Alternate Councilor - Linette M. Watkins



Chair's Comment

Christopher J. Bannochie

The Division of Professional Relations had a tremendous showing in the Class of 2011 ACS Fellows. Twenty-two division members were named as fellows this year, and this number represents twice as many fellows as any other ACS division when normalized to the number of division members. For the first time, the division

sponsored two members for elevation to the rank of fellow, Dr. Barbara Moriarty and Dr. David Chesney, both of whom were inducted in Denver. The other 20 division members were nominated by individuals, local sections, other divisions, or committees. Please join me in congratulating all these members for their accomplishments. Each of them will serve as an ambassador for the Division of Professional Relations.

2011 Division of Professional Relations Fellows

- Ronald D. Archer
- David Warren Ball
- Roger Frank Bartholomew
- Janet L. Bryant
- David J. Chesney
- Donald D. Clarke
- Catherine E. Costello
- Jean Delfiner
- Laurence James Doemeny
- William Durrell
- Alan M. Ehrlich
- Lynne P. Greenblatt
- Thomas Holme
- N. Bhushan Mandava
- Barbara E. Moriarty
- Connie J. Murphy
- Lyle H. Phifer
- Theodore Provder
- Patricia Ann Redden
- Diane Grob Schmidt
- Joseph P. Stoner
- Ruth Ann Woodall

The national meeting in Denver this past August, while attendance was impacted by Hurricane Irene, was once again a very busy meeting for the division. At our annual business meeting we made appointments of 2012 subdivision chairs-elect for those divisions not yet holding independent elections, approved the appointment of a division consultant to the Younger Chemists Committee to further strengthen our ties to this important Society demographic, approved a draft

2012 budget, appointed a Henry Hill Award Committee, and a Tellers Committee. The subdivision of younger chemists put on a well-attended program entitled, On the Tenure Track: Was That in My Job Description. The subdivision on minority affairs put together an excellent program entitled, Empirical Studies of Women of Color in STEM. The division also organized a Presidential Event symposium entitled, Globalization: The ACS and You. The division's Town Hall Forum experienced some scheduling confusion regarding its location which impacted attendance, early information had it in one location, and the final program had it in a completely different location – we apologize to those of you whom were unable to find the forum.

Looking ahead, the division, in conjunction with the Division of Small Chemical Business, SOCED, and CEPA is organizing a symposium for San Diego addressing the need for business education within chemistry departments. The subdivision of women chemists and subdivision on ethics will also be programming in San Diego. If any division member would like to work on any of these programs, suggest speakers or topics, please contact our program chair, Dan Libby (rdlibby@cs.moravian.edu).

The division election is coming up in October. Please make time to cast your ballot. We have a couple competitive races this year that should be decided by the largest number of division members as possible. Take some time to review the biographical information contained in this newsletter and read the candidate statements. It is important that the division maintain its momentum into the coming years so that we can continue to improve upon the programs and services that our members desire.

If I can address any division issue for you, please do not hesitate to contact me (cj.bannochie@srnl.doe.gov).



Past-Chair's Comment: Volunteers Needed

John Crawford

As the Division of Professional Relations continues to grow and to expand its programming and networking efforts, now more than ever we have a need for ACS members to volunteer in our Division. This Spring and Summer we have been working to identify leaders to fill many of the new and existing roles. Have you thought about how you might activate your membership in the Division by volunteering? What unique skills and talents would you bring to DPR?

I encourage all DPR members to browse through the Governance tab of our website, www.acsprof.org. You will find that there are new roles including Public Relations Chair, Membership Chair and Mentoring Chair on the Officers webpage. These are the result of last year's strategic planning efforts. In addition, ACS has several existing committee, officer and subdivision roles that may match your interests and skills.

Succession planning is an important part of every organization, especially one that is volunteer based. Within all six subdivisions, volunteers are needed each year to fill Chair, Chair-Elect and Program Chair roles. The Chair, Chair-Elect and Program Chair serve with the Immediate Past Chair when that position becomes populated. Our subdivisions each manage programming within their specialty and work together with the Executive Committee to collaborate on common professional development topics. The Chair of each subdivision is also a member of the DPR Executive Committee and keeps the Executive Committee aware

of the activities of the subdivision. Our subdivisions are a great place to engage in leadership activities. Additionally, the subdivisions are a great stepping stone that may lead to broader leadership roles within the Division Executive Committee. Do you have an interest in programming? Might you be willing to serve as a Subdivision Program Chair? Please contact any of our Subdivision Chairs with your questions or for more information.

This newsletter contains candidate biographies and statements for the upcoming election. I thank each of these candidates for stepping forward and making the commitment to run in our election. Also, we are very pleased to announce that our Gay and Transgender Chemists and Allies subdivision has grown considerably and is now ready to transition from appointed leadership roles to elected ones. This fall the subdivision conducts its first Chair-Elect election. In the future, we would like to see the other five subdivisions transition in the same way from appointed to elected positions. Please help us make this vision a reality by considering where you might volunteer.

Within DPR, there are many opportunities to utilize your skills. Our talent pipeline will be critical in achieving the Division's goals. My challenge to each of you is to consider the benefits and rewards of volunteering within our Division. We need strong leaders with diverse capabilities. We have many opportunities that will develop, refine and put into practice your leadership skills. As we implement our professional development strategies within the Society, we need good people with new ideas to join our existing, committed volunteers on the Executive Committee. Please contact any member of the Executive Committee for more information.

A final note of thanks to each of you. I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know members at Division programming and activities. Having the opportunity to serve in the Chair succession has been a great experience for me personally. I am very pleased with the strong level of teamwork and collaboration among our Executive Committee and Subdivisions. Each of our subdivisions has experienced membership growth in recent years and they are all actively planning and hosting programming that is allowing us to expand the impact we have on professionalism within the ACS. This wonderful outcome has been tremendous for our Division. I am confident that DPR will continue

to serve as a champion for professional development issues within the ACS.

Chair-Elect's Comment:

George Heinze

With the waning months of 2011, we turn our attention to 2012 and our priorities for the new year. As the chair for 2012, I am committed to continuing the momentum established over the last two years by John Crawford and Chris Bannochie-- they have done a superb job of revitalizing the division. My goal for 2012 is to have the subdivisions fully functional by the end of the year. This involves continuing to recruit sub-division members, holding elections with full slates, programming focused on their mission statements, and providing support to their constituent membership.

As for PROF itself, since we profess to be the division that focuses on the professional welfare of chemists, we need to look at the issues facing presently employed (and unemployed) chemists, as well as those people becoming chemists-- which means helping our members cope with an increasingly globalized economy, as well as preparing those just entering the profession for the changing worldwide environment.

PROF needs to organize the knowledge and wisdom that resides in our membership and advocate for the changes necessary to equip chemists in the 21st century. Wearing another of my hats (as chair of the joint IAC-CEPA Globalization Task Force), PROF is a natural partner to enable a top ACS priority for the new strategic plan-- that of ACS supporting the basis for job creation in the US, such as public-private collaboration to enhance basic research and discovery. We recognize that the ACS, in and of itself, cannot create jobs, but we can forcefully advocate for those conditions that will foster job growth.

In order to keep advancing our goals in 2012, the executive committee needs your help. Your thoughts and ideas are invaluable in moving forward; please communicate with me (donnergeist@verizon.net) or any of the other officers with your suggestions or comments.

Jobs and skills for early career chemists

Benny Chan

Chair Younger Chemist Subdivision

The YC subdivision had two very successful symposia at the Denver 2011 ACS meeting, “How to find your first industrial job” and “On the Tenure Track: Is THAT in my job description?” We believe our first set of symposia as a subdivision were met with great success. The search for the first industrial job is always on everyone’s mind when we are in school and our ACS members can give lots of advice to our younger chemists. The success of such symposia ensures that our subdivision will offer these talks on a regular basis.

“On the tenure track” showed us that covalent (soft) skills, mentoring, and careful planning are keys to the success of our new faculty members in addition to the formal ionic (hard) skills we learn in research. Finding those mentors can be difficult and finding the wrong mentor can lead a new faculty member down the wrong road. Ethnographic research presented has shown that most grad students and post-docs are clueless about all these covalent skills we need as faculty members and many feel they will learn those skills on the job. Fortunately, ACS has leadership training and funding streams to attend the Leadership Institute. We hope that YC PROF can also help develop these skills.

I am helping to develop a formalized relationship with YCC so that we can continue to have excellent regional and national symposia. We have plans for other symposia and are thinking about San Diego and Philadelphia already! Since jobs are on everyone’s mind, look for a symposium on finding a job in the pharma industry outside of big pharma! We are also looking to do a best practices symposium to help our undergraduate members graduate with chemistry degrees, particularly those with high-risk backgrounds. We will be looking for speakers and posters at these symposia!

Many of our early career chemists cannot come to the national meetings as we rely on funding to attend meetings. In graduate and undergraduate programs, most cannot come unless they present work, which can be later in their education. Some of the skills we discuss need to be instilled early in our careers. Hopefully some of the regional meeting programming will help us reach more of our students.

In the meanwhile, our symposia in Denver were recorded so I hope to post the talks on our web site. We are also going to post slides on the website with the permission of the speakers. I believe our website, in time, will contain lots of the information we want to disseminate to our members. With contributions from our members, we can help each other!

Candidate Biographies and Statements

Chair –Elect

VITENSE, Keith R.

Wichita Falls – Duncan Local Section.

Cameron University, Lawton, OK.

Year of Birth: 1956

Academic Record: Black Hills State College, B.S., 1982; Oklahoma State University, Ph.D., 1988.

Honors: 2004 Chi Eta Sigma Chapter of PKP Distinguished Faculty Award; 2001 Cameron University Professor of the Year.

Professional Positions Professor, Cameron University, 1988-present; Faculty Intern, Halliburton Research Center, 2001.

Service in ACS National Offices: President’s K-12 Education Taskforce (2001); Associate and Member of the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (2004-2011); Chairman, CEPA Employment Services Subcommittee/Events, Volunteers, and Employment Services Subcommittee (2006-2011); Associate and Member, Ethics Committee (2006-present); Committee on Awards (2006-2008) Member PROF Executive Committee at-large member (2009 – 2010); Chair PROF Ethics Subdivision (2011).

Service in ACS Local and Divisional Offices: Member ACS since 1982. Wichita Falls - Duncan Section: Secretary Treasurer (1989), Chair-Elect (1990), Chair (1991), Alternate Councilor (1992-1998), Councilor (1998-present). Division of Professional Relations: Teller Committee (1992 – 1993)

Member: Phi Kappa Phi; Phi Lambda Upsilon. ACS Divisions: Professional Relations; Chemical Education.

Candidate Statement: The Division has undergone a tremendous change in the past few years, and I am proud to have had a small part in the transformation. As part of the Chair succession, I will foster the growth of the subdivisions, and continue the positive changes that I have seen personally over the past few years, to insure that the Division remains vital and dynamic.

Secretary

SCHELBLE, Susan M.

Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, CO.

Academic Record: St. Norbert College, BS in Medical Technology, 1971; University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, BS in Chemistry, 1985; Colorado State University, Ph.D. in Organic and Analytical Chemistry, 1994.

Honors: Colorado State University Teaching Fellowship, 1990; Syntex Fellowship Award for Excellence in Organic Chemistry, 1993; Gamma Phi Beta Favorite Professor Award, 1994; Alpha Chi Omega Favorite Professor Award, 1994; Community Resources of Denver, Inc., Special Recognition Award, 2000; Green Chemistry Student Affiliate Award, 2005.

Professional Positions: Metropolitan State College of Denver Chemistry Department, 2005-Present; University of Colorado at Denver Chemistry Department, 1998-2005; University of Southern Colorado Chemistry Department, 1995-1998; Colorado State University Chemistry Department, 1993-1995; Colorado State University, Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant, 1988-1993; Wausau Public Schools, Chemistry Teacher, 1984-1988; University of Wisconsin Hospitals, Clinical Chemist, 1972-1976.

Service in ACS National Level: Appointment to the ACS Ethics Committee, 2005-Present; Appointment to the Board Committee on Community Activities, 2003-2005; Member of the National Chemistry Week Task Force, 2001-2003; Judge in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chemagination Contest, 2004.

Service to Colorado ACS: Awards Committee Chair, 2003-Present; Councilor, 2004-Present; Past Chair, 2003; Chair, 2003; Chair Elect, 2001; Alternate Councilor, 1998-2000; National Chemistry Week

Coordinator, 1998-2000.

Related ACS Activities: Presentation of Ethics Workshops with ACS Colleagues at regional and national meetings, 2006-Present; Appointment to the ACS Examinations Institute Board of Trustees, 2008-Present; Member of the Diagnostic Undergraduate Chemical Knowledge (DUCK) Exam Committee, 2006-2008; Chair, ACS Organic Examination Committee 2004; Member of the ACS Organic Examination Committee 2002; ACS/Colorado Capital Day at the Statehouse, 2001.

Professional Memberships: American Chemical Society since 1982; Division of Chemical Education since 1990; Committee on Chemical Education Research (Friends, since 2002); Division of Professional Relations since 2008.

Candidate's Statement:

My activities in ACS have provided me with a multitude of experiences about the membership at both the local section and national levels. Through my work in local and national offices/committees I have gained a wealth of knowledge about how to serve the many fantastic chemists in this organization. If re-elected as secretary for PROF, I would plan to execute my duties in a timely manner, attend PROF meetings, and deepen the relationship that PROF already has with other committees (including Ethics) and Divisions of the Society. I would like to participate in any ACS activities that enhance the role of the professional chemist in the ACS and in the society at large.

Member-At-Large (vote for 2)

DELFINER, Jean Davis

New York Section; Westchester Chemical Society, Subsection.

Education: B.S., CUNY; M.A., CUNY; M.S., Vanderbilt University.

Positions Held: Chemistry Educator and Science Specialist (Retired), New York City Department of Education; Adjunct Professor, Seton School, Iona College; ChemSource Instructor, The College of New Rochelle; Chemistry Instructor, Peabody College for Teachers; Science Instructor, Meharry Medical

School; Abstracting Service Coordinator, School of Engineering, Vanderbilt University; Developmental Research Chemist, Merck, Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories; Analytical Chemist, Essential Oils, Inc.

ACS Activities and Awards, New York Section: ACS Fellow, 2011; Board of Directors, 1990–present; Director-at-Large, 1996; Councilor, 1997-2010; Alternate Councilor, 2010-2013; Westchester Chemical Society, (WCS), Co-chair 2003-08, Chair 1997, Director since 1990, WCS rep to the Hudson Council of Technical Societies; Founder and Co-chair, High School Teachers Topical Group (HSTTG); Chair of the Columbia University Scientific Literacy Group in collaboration with the HSTTG; Education Committee member; K-12 School Science Safety Committee Chair; CHAS Symposium, coordinator and presenter for pre-college science safety education; Nichols High School Teachers Jury Co-chair; Outstanding Service Award Jury, 2003-2006 and Co-chair for 2007; Co-chair Chemical Education Committee for 31st MARM; HSTTG presenter and award recipient at CTCNY, NYSUT, NSTA, SCONYC, UFT conferences; STANYS Fellow, 1997; Metrowomen Chemists Committee member; National Chemistry Week Committee member; Chemagination co-chair 2003; Polymer Ambassador for K-12 science; A Salute to Excellence Awards for NY and HSTTG, 2005 and 2009; Westchester Chemical Society Salute to Excellence Award, 2008; NY Section Science Cafe assistant to NY Section Chair Liddell.

National ACS Activities: Member of the following committees, divisions and taskforce: ACS MARM Committee (past and present); Chemical Safety Committee; Chemists With Disabilities Committee, Chemical Health and Safety Division; Chemical Education Division; Sigma Xi; Membership Committee of DivChEd; Environmental Chemistry Division; Agriculture and Food Chemistry Division; Agrochemicals Division; Professional Relations Division; Polymer Chemistry Division; Division of Polymeric Materials; Division of Chemical History; PolyEd Committee; 2001 Presidential Task Force for K-12 Science Education; HS Teacher Day Committee member and presenter at the 226th ACS National Meeting in NY; Polymer Ambassador for K-12 Science for NY.

ACS symposia organizer for: CHAS Symposium NY meeting; 13th and 14th Biennial Conferences on Pre-

college Chemical Education Symposia; 1991 National ACS Meeting, Pre-college education symposium. Presented at the 1992 International Conference on Chemical Education, pre-college, Bangkok. Presenter of the following ACS programs at a variety of meetings: ChemSource, Polymer Ambassador and Science Safety Education at the Division of Chemical Education Symposia at National ACS meetings; Biennial Conferences; ChemEd Conferences 1987-1997; National Association of Science Teachers Conferences; Science Teachers Association of NY State Conferences; Rockefeller University Teacher Outreach Program.

Related Professional Organizations: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); Sigma Xi; NSTA; STANYS; SCONYC; League of Women Voters (Chair of Safe Drinking Water Act National Education Project, 1996); Physics Club of NY; Chemistry Teachers Club of NY.

Candidate Statement:

Whereas the American Chemical Society is actively engaged in promoting the awareness of the contributions of chemistry to society and enhancing the public image of chemistry, the Division of Professional Relations helps the ACS achieve its goals by supporting the protection of the rights of all chemists in the workplace.

LAWAL, Wasiu Adedapo

Graduate student, University of Texas at Arlington.

Year of birth: 1979

Academic Record Lagos State University (Lagos, Nigeria) B.S., 2003; University of Houston Clear Lake, M.S. 2009

Honors: Welch Foundation summer research grant. (2009); University of Houston-Clear Lake Graduate Scholarship Award (2008) Chemluminary Awards (2008) New Local Section Younger Chemists Committee ACS YCC Leadership Development Workshop award (2007) National Youth Service Corps State Award for community development (2005)

Professional Positions: Adjunct Faculty Houston Community College 2010- 2011. Adjunct Faculty, Lone Star College-Cyfair Cypress, TX 2010 - 2011. Adjunct Faculty, San Jacinto College Pasadena, TX

2010.

Petroleum Lab Technician, Chevron Houston, TX 2006-2009. Corps Member and Chemistry Club coordinator. National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) Yobe, Nigeria 2004-2005.

Service in ACS Offices: Member since 2005. National: Younger Chemists Committee Associate (2010-Date)

Greater Houston Section: Younger Chemists Chair (2007-2011); Director (2008); Alternate Councilor (2010)

SWRM 2006: Volunteer

Other: Associate Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC). Lucca Leadership foundations course participant (2009) Africa Leadership Forum democratic leadership training workshop (2001)

Personal Statement:

The Professional Relations Division or “PROF” as many of us would like to call it is the one very unique entity of all the divisions given that it encompasses all disciplines, ages or social classes just as it serves a purpose that everyone can seriously relate to especially given the times in which we are living. It is this uniqueness and all inclusiveness that also sets me apart and makes me a perfect candidate for Member-At-Large.

As a son of immigrants who has spent many years outside the country and with a career that has gone from industry to academia and now research, I feel like I have a wide range of demographics to whom I can relate to especially when you also consider my work with my local section and the Younger Chemists Committee.

My main focus will be to help bring the division’s programming closer to people i.e. in local sections and the various regions by reaching out to them and engaging them more. This will make ACS membership even more beneficial to our members.

LEBON, Thomas R.

ITT Technical Institute, Adjunct Faculty.
Camino College, Compton Community Education Center, Adjunct Faculty

Year of birth: 1948

Academic Record:

1970 B.S. Biology, St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA.

1972 M.S. Biology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

1979 Ph.D. Biochemistry, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Professional Positions:

2011 – present ITT Technical Institute, Adjunct Faculty: Teaching Environmental Issues, Creative Problem Solving

2009 – present El Camino College, Compton Community Education Center, Adjunct Faculty: Teaching Anatomy, Anatomy and Physiology, and Environmental Biology

2009 – present Bioscience Trends and Drug Discoveries and Therapeutics – Two International Journals: English Language Editor

2009 – 2010 Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Adjunct Faculty: Taught Biology and Chemistry

2003 - 2008 City of Hope Graduate School, Associate Dean Student Affairs: Director of Student Loans,

Director of Student Housing, Co-Director of Student Records, Director of Student Visas, Member Graduate Oversight Committee, Admissions Committee, Curriculum Committee, Assessment Committee
Teaching: Biochemistry; Responsible Conduct of Research (Biomedical Ethics); Recent Advances in Biological Sciences, Scientific Writing

1993 – 2003 City of Hope Graduate School, Graduate Education Coordinator: Co-Founder CoH Graduate School Director of Student Loans, Director of Student Records, Director of Student Visas, Member Graduate Oversight Committee, Admissions Committee, Curriculum Committee, Assessment Committee

Teaching: Biochemistry; Responsible Conduct of Research (Biomedical Ethics); Recent Advances in Biological Sciences

1990 – 2008 Beckman Research Institute of the City of Hope, Assistant Research Scientist: Biomedical Research

1985 - 1990 Beckman Research Institute of the City of Hope, Molecular Genetics Department, Research Fellow: Biomedical Research

Service to ACS:

American Chemical Society Southern California Section 1996-present. Elected Chair Elect (2002, 2006) Chair (2003, 2007), Immediate Past Chair (2004, 2005, 2008). American Chemical Society National Ethics Committee (2005-present). Agnes Ann Green Award for Service (2008). Program Chair (2002, 2006). Elected Secretary (2000, 2004). Alternate Councilor (2002-2004, 2007-2010), Councilor (2005-2007, 2010-2012) Chemistry Week (96-present), Chair Membership Committee (98-99). California State Science Fair 1997-present Co-Director of Judging, Biological Sciences (2006-present) Board of Directors (2006- present) Category Judge (1997- 2005) Los Angeles County Science Fair Judge (2004-2005) Mayfield Senior School Academic Affairs Committee (2000- 2007)

RUGER Jr, George W.

Nice Pak Products, Orangeburg, NY

Year of Birth: 1974

Academic Record: Boston University, BA Biology 1999

Professional Positions: Nice Pak Products, Analytical Chemist, 2004-present

Service in ACS National Offices: Councilor Mid Hudson section 2011- date, Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs: 2011- date

Service in ACS Offices: Member ACS since 2008. Mid Hudson Section: Chair Mid Hudson YCC 2009-2010, Chair-Elect 2010, Chair 2011, Councilor: 2011 – date

Member: American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); ASTM Division E-15; Societe de Chimie Industrielle; ACS Division of Analytical Chemistry; ACS Division of Chemical Health and Safety; ACS Division of Professional Relations.

Candidate Statement: The Division of Professional Relations is the one Division that can truly represent all ACS members, regardless of whether they work in academia, industry, or government, and regardless of whether they work in a large corporation or in a small start-up. In my time as Chair of my local section, I have had the opportunity to see how members of industry organize their time and schedules differently from those

in academia. There is a balancing act, because both sides need to be represented and both sides have legitimate expectations and concerns. Add into the mix the student population and the needs of the group changes even more. I see this as an opportunity to learn how to balance the needs and expectations of several different groups who essentially are looking for the same end result, but with a very different way of getting there. The job expectations, long term career goals, and need for personal growth and development have to be addressed for all ACS members, regardless of where they start out or where they are going. That is one of the strengths of the Division of Professional Relations. As a Division, we represent everyone in the ACS, whether they are a member of our Division right now or even if they have not made that decision to join us just yet.

If I am elected by the members of DPR, I will work to represent all members of our Division. As a collective voice our Division can express the expectations and concerns of Chemists throughout the entire American Chemical Society.

ZAKAI, Uzma I.

Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin.

Year of Birth: 1980

Academic Record: Lenoir-Rhyne College, B.S., B.A. Magna Cum Laude, 2002; University of Arizona, Ph.D., 2007; Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2008-2011, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Honors: American Chemical Society Leadership Award (2010); NCI Imaging Camp Attendee (2010); Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow (2008-2009); Outstanding Teaching Award (University of Arizona, 2004-2005), National Dean's Award for Achievement in Graduate School (2004-2005); Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) travel award (2005); ACS Organic Division Travel Award to 230th National ACS Conference in Washington DC (2005); GPSC (Graduate and Professional Student Committee) Travel Award to Washington DC (2005); AXE (Alpha Chi Sigma) travel grant to 229th National ACS Conference in San Diego (2005); AAAS Southwest Regional Meeting Poster Presentation 1st Prize (2004); Fritz Science Medal (2002); American Chemical Society Scholarship (2002); French study abroad scholarship (2000).

Professional Positions:

Visiting Assistant Professor/Instructor of Organic Chemistry, Beloit College, Beloit, WI
Postdoctoral Research Associate
Organosilicon Research Center, Department of Chemistry, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Arizona, Tucson
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Dept. of Chemistry, University of Arizona, Tucson
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant
Department of Biology, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC

Service in ACS National Offices: National American Chemical Society (ACS) Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) Board Member, Committee of Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA), ACS International Affairs Committee (IAC).

Service in ACS Offices: Member ACS since 2005. Wisconsin Local Section: Attend and participate in local events.

Member: National American Chemical Society (ACS) Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) Board Member, Committee of Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA), UW-Madison/University of Arizona Chemistry Safety Committee, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE), ACS International Affairs Committee (IAC).

Community Service/ Related Activities: Involved in Wellness for the Community challenge; volunteer at a cancer center.

Candidate Statement

I seek your support to apply for a member-at-large position within the Division of Professional Relations (PROF) committee. As a member of the Younger Chemists Committee, I am committed to advocating for the voice of the young constituents of the American Chemical Society. Being a member of PROF would give me additional resources, groundwork, and a network of colleagues to help augment my existing efforts. This committee has been historically committed to promoting recognition, mentoring, networking, and diversity within the chemical society. I am looking to unite and strengthen the common goals between our committees and learn from the successful mechanisms

that have been used within PROF to advance these objectives. As a YCC liaison to the Committee of Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA), I would also like to strengthen the ties between PROF, YCC and the CCPA, highlighting the importance of public policy in any member's professional development. I organized a training workshop in this regard in Denver and hope to augment my activities in this pursuit both PROF and other committees that I am involved in. I hope to also grow as a leader via my service efforts.

Councilor

GREENBLATT, Lynne P.

Sewell, NJ and Waterside, NB, Canada

Year of Birth: 1953

Academic Record: Rutgers University, BA, 1973

Honors: American Chemical Society (ACS) Fellow, 2011.

Professional Positions: (for the past ten years) Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Wyeth Research (Acquired by Pfizer in 2010), 1973 – 2010, Principal Research Scientist, retired

Service in ACS National Offices: Committee on Chemistry and Public Affairs (CCPA): 2011 - present; Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA): 2004 – 2010, Chair CEPA Subcommittee on Public Policy, 2007 – 2009, Chair CEPA Full Committee 2010; Division of Professional Relations (DPR): Member-at-large 2007 – 2010; ACS Leadership Development System: Facilitator, 2007 – present.

Service in ACS Offices: Member ACS since 1992. Princeton Section: Councilor: 2003 – 2011; Government Affairs Chair: 2007 – present; Newsletter Editor: 1992 - 2001;

Member: ACS Division of Professional Relations.

Community Service/ Related Activities: Shepody Food Bank, Board of Directors, 2011 – present; Foods of the Fundy Valley, Board of Directors, 2011 – present; Freedom's Wings International – bringing the sport of soaring to people with disabilities, Board of Directors, 2004 – 2010.

Candidate Statement:

I am running for Councilor of the Division of Professional Relations (DPR) because I believe that now, more than ever, we, the Society, need to increase our attention to the economic and professional needs of our members. DPR has seen a resurgence of energy and activity in the past few years, and I am proud to have played a part in this renaissance. As Member-at-large (2007-2010), I was actively involved in updating the bylaws and drafting the Strategic Plan. We now have 6 subdivisions representing a diverse group of members. Our programming has addressed relevant hot issues, such as healthcare and age discrimination. Our membership has increased by over 30%, and the median age of our members has significantly decreased. We need to keep this momentum going, to grow the Division into a dynamic and effective voice for the chemical professional. I have served on the Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs (CEPA) for 7 of the past 8 years, including 3 years as Chair of the Subcommittee on Public Policy, and 1 year as Chair of the full Committee. During my tenure, my Subcommittee authored ACS Policy Statements on Retirement Security, Healthcare and Employee Non-Discrimination. I also organized many of the joint CEPA/DPR symposia at National Meetings. Given this experience, I am well positioned to represent the Division on the ACS Council. If elected, I will continue to champion the economic and professional interests of our members.

SCHMIDT, Diane G.

Cincinnati Section. The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Year of Birth: 1945

Academic Record: University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, A.B., 1967; University of Tennessee, Knoxville, M.S., 1969; University of Cincinnati, Ph.D., 1981.

Honors: Fellow, American Chemical Society, 2011; Fellow, ACS Chemical Health & Safety Division, 2004; ACS Scholars Program, Certificate of Appreciation, 2002-2010; Procter & Gamble Outstanding Contributions in the Development & Implementation of R&D IH&S Program, 1996-02; Procter & Gamble Excellence in Innovation, Emerging Technology

Achievement, 1996; Alumni Hall of Fame, Charter Inductee - Red Bank High School, 2000; Distinguished Alum, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1995; Outstanding Alumna for Contributions to Profession 1995, National Award, Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; Distinguished Scientist of Cincinnati by Engineers and Scientists of Cincinnati, 1994 (first woman ever selected for this honor); Sigma Xi (life Member); Iota Sigma Pi (life member); Beta Beta Beta; Gamma Sigma Epsilon; Sigma Pi Sigma; Distinguished Dissertation Fellowship; Procter & Gamble Fellowship; USDA Research Fellowship.

Professional Positions (for past 10 years): Procter & Gamble Company, Section Head, 1997 to date; Senior Scientist, 1992-97.

Service in ACS National Offices: Board of Directors, Director, District II, 2002-10; Councilor ex officio, 2002-10; Board Executive Committee, 2004-10; Board Committee on Public Affairs & Public Relations, 2004-09, Chair 2004-06; Board Committee on Professional and Member Relations, 2008-09, 2002-05, Chair 2009-10; Committee on Budget and Finance, 2006-11; Board Web Presence Advisory Group, 2005-09; Sustainability Stakeholders Steering Group [S3G], 2009-10, Chair 2009; Board Sustainability Working Group, 2008-09; Board International Strategy Group, Co-Chair, 2007; Board International Strategy Implementation Task Force, Co-Chair 2008; Board Global Presence Working Group, Chair, 2010; International Activities Committee, Board Liaison, 2007-10; Board Advisory Group on China, 2005-07; Board Retreat Planning Group, 2010, 2007-08, Chair 2010; Board Steering Team for Strategic Plan Workshop, 2007; Percy Julian Task Force, 2004-07; Board Committee on Planning 2004-10, Special Liaison, 2005-06, 2003; Board Goals Task Force, Chair 2005-06; American Chemical Society/American Chemistry Council (ACS/ACC) Collaboration Task Force, Chair 2005; Joint ACS/GCI Board Task Force, 2005-06; Board Contingency Planning Group, 2006; Program Review Task Force, 2005; ACS/AIChE Governance to Governance Task Force, 2003-05; Committee on Science, Consultant, 2004-05; Committee on Chemical Safety, 1998-04, Chair, 2001, Committee Associate, 1995-97, Consultant, 2002-06; Board Task Force on Strategic Alliances, 2004; Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, Career Consultant, 1994-04; Committee on Science, Consultant, 2004-05; Committee on Economic Status,

1991-93, Secretary, 1991-93, Committee Associate, 1988-90; Women Chemists Committee, Committee Associate, 1989; Board Task Force on Executive Compensation, 2003; Board Presidential Task Force on Division and Local Section Funding, 2002-2003, Chair, 2002-03; Presidential Task Force on Chemical Hygiene Officer Certification, 1994-97; Board Task Force on Pension Policy, 1990.

Service in ACS Offices: Member ACS since 1968. Division of Professional Relations: Chair, 1996; Chair-Elect, 1995. Division of Chemical Health & Safety: Chair-Elect 2012, Chair 2013, Immediate Past Chair 2014; Alternate Councilor, 2011-13, Councilor, 2001-03; Executive Committee 1997 to date; Member-at-large, 1997-00. Cincinnati Section: Alternate Councilor, 1992-98; Trustee, 1987-91; Chair, 1986-87; Chair-Elect, 1985-86; Membership Chair, 1983-84; Auditor 1981-84; Audit Committee, Chair, 1983-84; Spring Symposium Committee, 1986-87; Organic Discussion Group Chair, 1983-85. Regional Meetings: Central Regional Meeting, Flavors & Fragrances Symposium Co-Chair, 2004; CMACS Regional Meeting Organizing Committee, 2000 and 2007; CMACS Diversity Symposium, Co-Chair, 2000.

Member: Sigma Xi (life member); Iota Sigma Pi (life member); American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Industrial Hygiene Association. ACS Divisions: Chemical Health & Safety; Chemistry & the Law; Organic Chemistry; and Professional Relations.

Community Service/Related Activities: Journal of Chemical Health & Safety, Board of Editors, 2000 to date; Journal of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, Editorial Board, 1991 to date; University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Chemistry Department Industrial Board, 1999 to date, Vice-Chair of the Board 2011, Chair of the Board 2012; University of Tennessee-Knoxville, College of Arts & Sciences Board, 1996 to date, Vice Chair of the Board 2010-11, Chair of the Board 2012-2013; University of Cincinnati, McMicken College Alumni Advisory Board, 2006 to date; Miami Valley Investment Club President, 1985-86, Vice President, 1984; Society of Cosmetic Chemists, Ohio Valley Chapter Chair, 1989, Chair-Elect, 1988; Iota Sigma Pi-Radium Chapter President, 1980-81, Vice-President, 1979-80; Alpha Delta Pi Sorority National Scholarship Chair, 1987-89; Oak Ridge National Laboratory,

Research Associate, 1970-75; holds U.S. patents with accompanying applications and filings internationally; Author of scientific publications and technical presentations.

Candidate Statement:

The first responsibility of ACS is to its members.

The Professional Relations Division was born in the difficult times of the early 70-s when the term “unemployed chemist” became a reality in our profession. Then ACS President Alan Nixon introduced this slogan to direct the attention of ACS governance to members’ needs. Councilors of our Division were always vocal on the Council floor to keep this spirit alive. The Division during these years did an outstanding job of organizing various symposia to meet the professional needs of our members. While on the Board, I chaired the Professional and Member Relations Committee to support this goal. We cannot create jobs, but we must work toward creating an environment leading to jobs. We frequently hear that not enough students are choosing chemistry as their profession, while at the other end of the pipeline mid-career chemists are discharged, downplayed or even ignored. We have to “bite the bullet” and present a realistic picture of supply and demand in our profession. Chemistry is an exciting and rewarding profession, vital for our economy. Chemists, young and old, are very creative at making contributions that improve our life, but only if they have a job.

Alternate Councilor

WATKINS, Linette M. Texas State University-San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas.

Year of Birth: 1967

Academic Record: Trinity University, B.S. Biochemistry 1989; University of Notre Dame, Ph.D. Biochemistry, 1996, Texas A&M University, Post-doctoral 1995-1997

Honors: Texas State University Presidential Award for Service, 2003; Texas State University Office of Disability Services Faculty Service Award Named the Linette Watkins Faculty Service Award beginning 2010

Professional Positions (for the past ten years): Associate

Professor, Texas State University 2003-present; Assistant Professor, Texas State University 1997-2003; National Science Foundation Senior Discovery Corp Fellow 2006-2007; Research Faculty Fellow, University of Texas at Austin 2003-2005.

Service in ACS National Offices: Committee for Minority Affairs (CMA) (1999-2008), Chair-Committee of Minority Affairs (2006-2008), Chair-ACS Scholars Selection Committee (2006-present), Chair- ACS Scholars Subcommittee, Working Group on the Database on Women and Minorities in Chemistry (2002-2003), CMA Subcommittee on Local Sections, Awards and Regional Meetings (2002-2004), Chair- CMA 2YC subcommittee (2002-2006), Chair- CMA Education Working Group (2004-2006), CMA Subcommittee on Education (2006-2008), Guidelines for Chemistry in Two-Year Colleges Task Force (2005-2009), Working group on Minority Serving Institution Workshops (2006-2009), Advisory Board for data collection on 2YC faculty (2002-2003); Committee on Community Activities, formally NCW Task Force (2001-2006), Leadership Subcommittee (2001-2004), Developing Programs Subcommittee (2004-2006), Chair- Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Working Group (2004-2006), NCW Liaison to Local Section Assistance and Development Subcommittee (2001-2003); ACS Division Membership: Division of Professional Relations (2003-present), Member-at-large (2003-2004), Awards subcommittee (2004), Nominations subcommittee (2004), Alternate Councilor (2005- present), Chair- Minority Affairs subdivision (2011- present); Division of Biological Chemistry (1992-present); Division of Chemical Education (2010-present)

Service in ACS Offices: Member ACS since 1989. Central Texas Local Section: Local section member since 1997, Chair (2003-2004), Immediate Past Chair (2005), NCW coordinator (2003-2006), CCED coordinator (2004-2006), Nominations chair (2006-2007), Alternate councilor (2006-present); Southwest Regional Board (2007- present), General Chair SWRM2011 (2007-present)

Member: Division of Professional Relations (2003-present); Division of Biological Chemistry (1992-present); Division of Chemical Education (2010-present), Council on Undergraduate Research; Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native

Americans in Science

Chair-Elect, Gay and Transgender Chemists and Allies Subdivision

PRIEST, Owen P.

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

Year of Birth: 1965

Academic Record: Bowdoin College, B.A., 1987; University of Minnesota, Ph.D., 1996.

Honors: Distinguished Teaching Award, Northwestern University, 2007; Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2006.

Professional Positions: St. Johnsbury Academy, St. Johnsbury, VT, 1987-1989, Belmont Hill School, Belmont, MA, 1989-1991, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, 1996-1997, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY, 1997-1999, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2000- present.

Service in ACS National Offices: United States International Chemistry Olympiad, Organic Chemistry Mentor, 2007-2008; Journal of Chemical Education, Reviewer, 1997-present, Project ChemLab, 2003-present; ACS-LGBT Chemists and Allies subdivision, Executive Committee, 2010-present; ACS First Term Organic Chemistry Exam, Contributing Author/Committee Member, 2009-2010.

Member: National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Technical Professionals, 2008-present; ACS – 1991-present; ACS Division of Organic Chemistry; ACS Division of Chemical Education; ACS Division of Professional Relations.

Community Service/ Related Activities: Undergraduate Curriculum and Affairs Committee, Department of Chemistry, Northwestern University, 2002-present, Associate Master of Slivka Residential College of Science and Engineering, Northwestern University, 2006-2010, Master of Slivka Residential College of Science and Engineering, Northwestern University, 2010-present, Chicago Gay Men's Chorus, Chicago, IL, 2001-present.

Candidate Statement:

I think it is an exciting time to be a part of the American Chemical Society. While the ACS has been a leader in recognizing and promoting diversity among its membership for a long time, it is only recently that LGBT chemists have been officially recognized as part of the diversity that makes up the fabric of the society. The newly formed Gay and Transgender Chemists and Allies Subdivision of the Division of Professional Relations is in its infancy and there is much work to be done to grow and strengthen the subdivision. Among the many things to be done that are listed in the subdivision's mission statement, as chair I would prioritize growing the membership of the subdivision and working to determine how many members of the ACS consider themselves part of the LGBT community.

I am a 20-year member of the ACS who has worked to bring chemistry to the masses during all of those years. I started my career as a high school chemistry teacher for four years before pursuing my Ph.D. After obtaining my Ph. D., I taught at two liberal arts colleges before joining the faculty at Northwestern University, where I have been for the past twelve years.

RUSSELL, Cianán B.

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia.

Year of Birth: 1982

Academic Record: University of Iowa, B.S. with Honors and Distinction, 2004; Purdue University, Ph.D., 2008.

Professional Positions (for the past ten years): Georgia Institute of Technology, Associate Director of Freshman Chemistry, 2011 – date; Center for Workshops in the Chemical Sciences and Georgia Institute of Technology, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2008 – 2011; Purdue University, Graduate Research Assistant, 2004 – 2008.

Service in ACS National Offices: Division of Chemical Education (DivCHED) Younger Chemistry Education Scholars Taskforce, Chair 2010 – date; Division of Professional Relations Gay, Transgender and Allies Subdivision, Board of Directors: 2010 – date, Secretary 2010 – date; DivCHED New Members Committee: 2009 – date; DivCHED Chemical Education Research Committee: 2009 – date.

Member: NOGLSTP; Association of Gender Research,

Education, Academia, and Activism (AGREAA), Board of Directors: 2007-2009, Secretary 2007-2009; ACS Division of Chemical Education; Alpha Chi Sigma; National Association of Research in Science Teaching (NARST); ACS Division of Professional Relations; American Educational Research Association (AERA).

Community Service/Related Activities: Trans(forming), Treasurer: 2010; Indiana Transgender Rights Advocacy Alliance (INTRAA), Board of Directors: 2005-2008, Chair: 2006-2007.

Ruminations by a Ranting Chemist

Herb Golinkin

While reading the inaugural edition of the PROF Division electronic newsletter I came across the article that said ACS does this or ACS does that. I've seen similar statements in C&EN, heard this attribute on the floor of Council, in various governance committee meetings, at Division gatherings, and at the Local Section level. I keep wondering who this ACS is that does so much. In reality there is no entity called ACS that does anything. In actual fact that which is attributed to ACS is done by none other than US. It is US who does what needs to be done. The US that does these things are the individual members of the American Chemical Society as well as the individual staff members who work in Washington and Columbus. As the result of these workers the ACS has resources available to help in various aspects of a chemist's life.

We are the ones who need to do that which needs to be done. Chemists, as individuals, can't rely upon someone else even if that someone else is the phantom entity "ACS". If we, as individuals, don't step up and volunteer to do what needs to be done -- it won't get done. How do we get this point across to ACS members -- especially the younger members who don't think they have the time to invest? I keep hearing that the young, married chemists cannot afford the time away from their families to attend ACS meetings, to volunteer to help organize ACS functions, or can't afford to take the money from their families to even join the ACS. How did we do it? We were young once. We paid the dues to join the ACS and the divisions. Not all employers contributed; and as graduate students no organization helped with our dues or journal subscriptions. We attended local section meetings, regional meetings and national meetings. We volunteered to organize and work at various functions

sponsored by the ACS or one of its units. We became involved in ACS governance. How could we afford the time and cost while raising families while today's chemists can't? Indeed, financially today's chemists are much better off than we were. Postdoctorate stipends are much higher than there were fifty years ago, and their purchasing power is also greater.

Among the reasons given are 1) today the dues are more expensive, 2) today both husband and wife have to work to make ends meet, 3) today both husband and wife have to look after the children, 4) today there are more demands on our lives by our employers, 5) today employers do not support our involvement in ACS. I could probably list many others. But in the long run these are only excuses. If you want to find a reason for not doing something, it is very easy to convince yourself of the barriers standing in your way. It begs the question: "What is professionalism?" Is it merely collecting a paycheck for services rendered to an employer? Or is it much more? Perhaps the best statement initially appeared in the Charter of the American Chemical Society:

- (1) to encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the advancement of chemistry in all its branches;
- (2) to promote research in chemical science and industry;
- (3) to improve the qualifications and usefulness of chemists through high standards of professional ethics, education, and attainments;
- (4) to increase and diffuse chemical knowledge; and
- (5) by its meetings, professional contacts, reports, papers, discussions, and publications, to promote scientific interests and inquiry to foster public welfare and education, aid the development of our country's industries, and add to the material prosperity and happiness of our people.

Nowhere is it stated that it stops when you collect a paycheck. And no way is some nondescript, nonhuman entity going to provide these.

Unfortunately most of you who read this missive are those who understand, and who are committed to working through your volunteer efforts to enhance the science, the status, and the benefits of chemistry and chemists. The problem remains getting this message to others who don't hear it, and convincing those who don't care. We can't leave it up to the other guy to do

what needs to be done, and then complain that it wasn't.

Is "American Exceptionalism" perhaps Hypocritical when it comes to Employment Opportunities for our Nation's Highly-Educated Disabled?

David B. (Dave) Pushkin

Are you a fan of nostalgia? Do you keep a warm place in your heart for golden oldies, blasts from the past, and other reminders from previous eras? Well, I am. Give me a few hours of Beatles music to listen to, re-runs of my favorite movies on cable television, or old highlight films on the ESPN Classic Network. Reconnecting with your old memories, or the old memories of others, represents more than merely turning back the clock; it allows us to renew an appreciation perhaps not as fully developed years earlier. Sometimes memories are indeed sweeter the second time around.

As most CWD and PROF members well know, I may have loved teaching chemistry and physics for 25 years, but sports is my one true passion before I ever became a scientist and science educator, throughout my professional academic career, and now in this newest phase of my life. As a lifelong New York Mets fan since their bumbling birth, one of the simplest joys in life for me is to relax near a television or radio and listen to endless stories by Ralph Kiner during a baseball game. For those unfamiliar with Mr. Kiner, please let me give you a quick biography of his 10-year major-league career:

- Played 1946-1952 for the Pittsburgh Pirates, lead the National League in home runs every season
- Played 1953-1954 for the Chicago Cubs
- Played 1955 for the Cleveland Indians
- Retired after a back injury at age 32
- Hit 50 or more home runs (HRs) twice during career
- Knocked in 100 or more runs (RBIs) six times during career
- Lead the National League in slugging percentage three times during career
- Played in the All-Star game six times during his career
- Only player in MLB history to hit a home run in three straight All-Star games (1949-1951)
- 369 total HRs and 1,015 RBIs for ten-year career.
- Career average/percentage of 7.1 HR for every 100 at-bats second only to Babe Ruth
- Professional Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, 1975

Even if you are not a baseball fan you could surmise that Ralph Kiner was among Major-League baseball's most-prolific sluggers in history, no matter the era. However, what makes Mr. Kiner such a "golden treasure" to baseball is the historical era that he played in, following World War II. Think about it: Kiner played during the time of baseball's integration, which means he not only played at the same time as many of baseball's consensus greats, like Joe DiMaggio, Stan Musial, Ted Williams and Mickey Mantle, but he also played with and against great social pioneers like Hank Greenberg and Jackie Robinson when racial and religious bigotry were the norm and standard not only in baseball but in the United States.

Now 88 years young (he'll turn 89 October 27), Kiner has been a mainstay of the Mets broadcast team since 1962. Although his appearances and travel have decreased over the past two decades, Kiner can still captivate my attention with stories of baseball's "golden era", even if I've heard some of the stories a few times now.

Ever wonder why Kiner was traded from the Pirates to the Cubs during the winter of 1952? Way back then, the Pirates were not a very good team, operating on a limited payroll budget (okay, perhaps this sounds a bit too familiar to current long-suffering Pittsburgh baseball fans). The Pirates general manager, Branch Rickey (yes, the very same man who ran the old Brooklyn Dodgers during their heyday and who signed Jackie Robinson to break Major-League baseball's color barrier in 1947. Isn't it a small world?) called Kiner into his office to discuss salary for the 1953 season. Kiner, having just lead the National League in home runs for the seventh straight season, asked for a raise to an unheard of \$100,000.

Rickey, the legendary tightwad he was, asked Kiner where the Pirates finished during the 1952 season, which happened to be last place (the Pirates finished in either last place or second-to-last in five of Kiner's seven seasons in Pittsburgh). His point? The Pirates could finish in last place with or without Kiner and his "superstar" salary (indeed true, as the Pirates finished in either last or second-to-last place for the next five seasons), hence the trading of the Pirates best offensive player to Chicago's north side, where the Cubs are still seeking their first World Series title since 1908.

My point? Stories like this are what reminds us of baseball's long and colorful history, and thankfully we have people like Ralph Kiner still around to share and regale us in these stories and many more.

There's been a growing contingent of Mets fans over recent years who would rather see Mr. Kiner "put out to pasture" in order to "spare" younger audiences from having to "endure" the occasional three-inning stints he makes in the broadcast booth. However, the reasons are not that Kiner is soon to celebrate his 89th birthday or that many of his stories are older than the people listening to them on television and radio. No, the primary reason for wanting Kiner kicked to the curb is due to his speech being affected by a 1998 battle with Bell's Palsy. Even with rehabilitation and speech therapy, Kiner's words don't come out as quickly or smoothly as they did years ago, and many of today's baseball fans have the patience and attention span of a peach pit, no longer willing or able to tolerate or appreciate the vast volume of stories Kiner has told Mets fans for approximately fifty years. This isn't really a "new" story among New York baseball fans; folks have been griping about Kiner's diction for approximately a dozen years. Thankfully, the Mets organization continues to include Kiner each season for as much or as little as he feels he can handle.

Hopefully you now see where my story about baseball and nostalgia is leading us with regards to CWD, so allow me to indulge us with the following question: What if our employers wanted to get rid of any of us because our mouths struggled to speak the words our gifted minds were articulating?

To read the rest of this article, visit <http://prof.sites.acs.org/apps/blog/categories/show/758126-chemists-with-disabilities> .

Scenes from Denver 2011

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