

**Ames Open Forum
October 11, 2011
Iowa State University**

After a light dinner and social interaction, Tom Beattie, Chair of the Local Section Assistance & Development Subcommittee and a member of the ACS Committee on Local Section Activities, opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. with a welcome to the attendees (see attached list) and introductions from each attendee starting with Beattie and Cheryl Brown.

With 18 in attendance, discussion followed and the three issues were identified as being top priorities for the section: Community involvement; student involvement, and ACS member involvement.

Ames currently has an Olympiad program that was started this year under the direction of Tom Holmes. He also volunteered, utilizing the YCC group, to participate in NCW this year.

Selina Russell and Jakoah Brgoch have volunteered to serve as Programming Chairs to explore possible activities for the section. Tom Holmes has volunteered to help and Beatrice Collet might be willing to assist.

The following activities were suggested:

1. Organize a Science Café – Toshia Zessin
 - a. Possible topics:
 - i. Plastics from soybeans
 - ii. Global warming
 - iii. Alternative energy sources
2. Partner with industrial members as possible speakers using an IPG grant to attract that demographic to section activities.
3. Encourage grad students to organize 5 or 6 talks that would be of interest to them specifically on topics such as industrial careers, self-development, alternative career paths, patents, etc.
4. Utilize an IPG grant to invite grad students and undergrads to participate in the weekly ACS webinar program possibly using the grant to subsidize lunch for attendees.
5. Possibly invite Dr. Dan Schectman, the newest Nobel Laureate, who is on the Iowa State Campus four months a year (February-May) to give a seminar to the Chemistry Department and local community on his ground-breaking work.
6. Begin to address a section celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the Ames section.

Additional Assignments:

1. Review the Section's Bylaws and update – Tom Holmes

2. Enhance website and update – Selena Russell with the assistance of Tom Holmes' staff

Dr. Beattie and ACS staff member, Cheryl Brown, encouraged the section to send at least one representative to the ACS Leadership Institute being held in Ft. Worth, TX, January 20-22, 2012. An announcement will be sent to the section officers and councilor in the next week, and registration opens November 15.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 6:30 p.m. with a social followed by a follow-up on a discussion from this meeting. Members were encouraged to bring colleagues. Burnett will arrange and lead.

ACS Resources

- [Get Involved/Stay Involved](#) ACS Website
- [ACS Grant Information](#)
 - Science Cafes
 - [Innovative Project Grants](#)
 - [Local Section Sustainability Programming Grants](#)
- [ACS Leadership Institute](#)

Summary of Action Items:

ITEM	WHO	WHAT	WHEN
1.	Holmes	Utilizing YCC group, plan a NCW event	ASAP
2.	Holmes	Review section's bylaws and update	ASAP
3.	Russell/Brgoch	Enhance section's website and update. Contact Kate Sellar (k_sellar@acs.org) for assistance	ASAP
4.	Holmes/Burnett	Organize the November 15 meeting and send a notice to location	November 1