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Nominations for 2021 Section Officers and Councilors

The Section's Nominating Committee has selected a slate of candidates to run for the Detroit Local Section 2021 officer election. Nominations may also be made by petition. Section members interested in running for an office can submit a Petition to the Section Secretary stating the office for which they wish to run. The Petition must be endorsed by 1% of the Section Membership (i.e., 13 members) and sent to the Section Chair, Shannon Timmons, postmarked on or before July 31, 2020. For more information or for help in obtaining the necessary endorsements, please E-mail the Section Chair, Shannon Timmons at her E-mail address: stimmons@tu.edu

Slate of Nominees for Fall 2020 Election (2021 Officers)

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| Chair: | Amy Hamlin (current Chair-Elect) |
| Chair-Elect: | Matt Smith |
| Treasurer: | Sue White |
| Secretary: | Cassie Ward |
| Councilor: | Mark Benvenuto |
| Alt. Councilor: | Michele Williams-Harry |

A Tribute to Ed Havlena

Written by Felix Schneider

Dr. Edward J. Havlena, or Ed, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at age 88. Ed was a dedicated member of both the Detroit local section of ACS and Anachem for over 60 years. He will always be remembered as the consummate volunteer. Whatever needed to be done he would do it or help and advise. This extended to the community as well as ACS and Anachem.



Ed in the middle (dark blue shirt) receiving the 1st Anachem Lifetime Service Award in 2007.

Ed received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in chemistry from Wayne State University. His Ph.D. was under the direction of Dr. David Boltz in the analytical division. This no doubt led to his interest and support of both ACS and Anachem as Dr. Boltz was an active member and supporter. He spent his working career as an analytical research chemist with Detroit Edison (now called DTE) and over the years recruited many of his colleagues to become active members of both organizations.

As an elected officer and member of the Executive Board of the Detroit local section of ACS he was a strong supporter of the monthly programs. He especially looked for opportunities for onsite visits to various local labs and industries so we could become acquainted with the activities of our fellow chemists. He supported many ACS outreach programs by developing handouts for our presentations ranging from chemical word puzzles to instructions on the proper disposal of batteries and prescription drugs. He was also responsible for the long association between the Detroit ACS Section and Anachem in hosting joint programs and seminars by serving as the liaison. In his service to Anachem he was their representative in the formation of FACSS, a national organization of analytical and spectroscopy groups. He oversaw registration for three national FACSS meetings hosted by Anachem at the TCF convention center.

His longest serving activity was as the Editor and Publisher of the section's newsletter, the Chemist. Not only did he edit the Chemist, he coordinated the printing and mailing in the days before email. This was a major job as we have averaged around 1,500 members. His long-term goal was to provide the Chemist by email, which he was able to do for the Anachem monthly newsletter. His goal was achieved by Jim Landis who succeeded him as editor. Ed loved technology and he recognized the need for the section to join the digital age, thus he established our first website and managed it until 2010. Ed received the following awards in recognition of his service: Detroit Section ACS Distinguished

Service Award, the 2014 FACSS Distinguished Service Award, and the Anachem Fellow Award and the 1st Anachem Lifetime Service Award.

He and his wife Betty were long time supporters of Gleaners Food Bank and the Detroit Children's Library. Ed was also a recurring volunteer for the annual Detroit Science Fair. On a personal note if you wanted to find a good place to eat in the Detroit metro area just ask Ed and Betty as they recommended great restaurants that you never have heard of. Their favorite restaurant was Sindbad's in Detroit, which they had a regular table. If you wanted to go to Sindbad's you went with them for the special treatment.

Ed will be missed. We were fortunate to have him as a friend and a colleague for so many years.



Awards for the Detroit Section of ACS

Every May, the Detroit section of the ACS holds a banquet to for our distinguished ACS members and for our local students and volunteers for their year of hard work. Due to covid-19 situation, the usual Banquet was postponed. Despite the cancellation, we would still like to acknowledge our distinguished ACS members for their 50, 60, and 70 years of membership and to publicly announce our student and volunteer awardees. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work and dedication!

| ACS Detroit Local Section Distinguished Undergraduate Awards | | |
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| Sabrina Mateos Azpeitia | Lawrence Technological University | Chemical Biology |
| Kyle Dunap | Oakland University | Biochemistry |
| Kyle Hayes | Oakland University | Chemistry |
| Ali Humza | University of Detroit Mercy | Biochemistry |
| Hayden Cunningham | University of Detroit Mercy | Chemistry |
| Yasmeen Alcodray | University of Michigan – Dearborn | Biochemistry |
| Ruba Kassem | University of Michigan – Dearborn | Chemistry |
| Evelyn Gagnon | University of Michigan – Flint | Biochemistry |
| Nicholas Wills | University of Michigan – Flint | Chemistry |
| Nichole Cesca | University of Windsor | Biochemistry |
| Ariel Sotomayor | University of Windsor | Chemistry |
| Natalie Kelly | Wayne State University | Chemistry |

| Distinguished ACS Members | |
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| 70 Year Members | James Maurer Robert Miller |
| 60 Year Members | Ira Holcomb Edward Brown |
| 50 Year Members | Melvin Budzol Manher Parekh Paul Lessek |

| 2020 ACS Detroit Award Banquet Honorees | |
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| Distinguished Service Award | Shannon Timmons Lawrence Technological University |
| Past Chair Award | Denise Grimsley BASF Corporation |
| Salutes to Excellence | Joe Piechocki Piramal Pharma Solutions Cassie Ward Wayne State University |
| 2020 Outreach Volunteer of the Year Detroit Local Section | Sue White Wayne State University |