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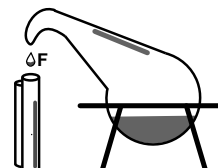
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The old adage "Time flies when you are having fun" is the most apt statement I can make about our annual conference and trade show. Just like a great dinner party, an awesome vacation or the occasional work day, time disappears in the blink of an eye when you are enjoying life. I am always amazed how a year's worth of planning culminates in a week that goes by so swiftly. And once again, the 2006 conference was no different. Sadly, it was over before I knew it!

It was a real pleasure for me to work with Lamar Houston, our conference host and founding father of NAOSMM. His skillful planning and diligence brought forth a smooth and successful conference in Savannah, Georgia. It was, in a word, just PEACHY! The tours, the meals, the evening events and the wonderful hotel staff were all top-notch and served to enhance the weeklong learning and interaction of members and vendors.

The trade show was also a winner as I heard from many members who were thrilled with the vendors who attended and the special discounts they were offering. Just a reminder...NAOSMM has negotiated exclusive discounts for our members with Sigma-Aldrich, Research Organics and our newest partner, Carolina Biological. Visit our website and click on "Member Exclusive Discounts" to get all the information on these money-saving offers from our partner vendors.

One of the highlights of the annual conference is the announcement of the Manager of the Year. This award was created in 1983 to honor those members who have distinguished themselves on the job and in their service to NAOSMM. These select few have shown a dedication and commitment to their employers, customers, students, communities and NAOSMM that goes above and beyond the rest of us. I am delighted to congratulate this year's honoree, Paulette Lynch, from Vanderbilt University. You can read more about Paulette and her accomplishments elsewhere in this edition of the *Newsline*.

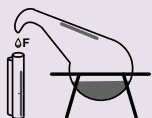
And so, as we wrap up the 2006 show, it is already time to start thinking about next year's conference in Cleveland, Ohio! Jeff Your, our host for 2007, has laid the groundwork for tours and evening events. The Program Committee is also hard at work, taking ideas and comments from this year's attendees, so that the sessions are more suited to our needs. Vendors have also shown their level of commitment by securing their booths for next year.

You too can begin plans for 2007. Start by talking to your supervisor. Let her know how important ongoing training in safety and technology is to our profession. Explain how networking with your peers can provide the support and answers you need in your daily job. Show how much money you can save by getting exclusive discounts from vendors and NAOSMM. If your employer can't provide travel funds, then apply for one of our travel grants (look for more info in the Winter *Newsline*). And keep on eye on our website for advance information about program and other conference news as the New Year begins. Like I said, "Time flies..."

Joanne Brown
President

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NEWSLINE DEADLINE

The next deadline for materials to be published in the Winter issue of the *Newsline* is **November 28, 2006**. It is essential that any material to be included for that issue be in my hands by that date. *Articles received after that date will appear in the Spring 2007 issue.* Articles should be submitted in Microsoft Word via email whenever possible. JM.

NAOSMM MANAGER OF THE YEAR FOR 2006

Paulette Lynch, Chemistry Storeroom Supervisor at Vanderbilt University, was presented the NAOSMM 2006 Manager of the Year Award August 3, 2006 at the 33rd Annual Conference and Trade Show held at the Marriott Riverfront Hotel in Savannah Georgia. The presentation was made by Jerry Clark, Kimble Kontes Southeast Regional Manager, who offered some thoughtful insight about Paulette and her 37 year career at Vanderbilt.

Paulette's tenure at Vanderbilt University began in 1969 as staff assistant for the budgetary office in the Department of Physics and shortly thereafter she was promoted to a new position in the Chemistry Department. She assumed various administrative roles of increasing responsibility and, early on, developed a chemical inventory and commodity purchasing system in anticipation of federal regulations concerning academic use and storage of chemicals. The chemistry storeroom inventory is state-of-the-art and the volume of business is immense—serving not only chemistry but also other departments at the university. Sales in the chemistry storeroom have gone from a modest \$13,500 per year in 1980 to \$244,000 in fiscal year 2005, not including major equipment purchases, during her tenure. Many vendors have consulted with Paulette on trends within the teaching and research realm of chemistry. She has the ability to understand the requirements of the staff and to translate that knowledge into procuring the necessary products.

Paulette has been a decade long member of the REPAS Committee (Campus and Medical School Purchasing Committee) and has been a member of the University Staff Council representing Vanderbilt's science departments. She initiated design of the new chemistry storeroom and storage. Paulette works with many vendors and has distinguished herself as a person of integrity who is dedicated and committed to providing her customers with the best possible service.

Paulette is Chair of the Membership Committee for NAOSMM and was instrumental in transferring the hardcopy membership directory over to an ever changing and constantly updated database. She has been a loyal member attending our conference regularly for the past twenty years.

Over twenty letters of recommendation were sent in support of Paulette's nomination for the NAOSMM Manager of the Year Award. Attributes mentioned in support were her organizational skills, integrity, compassion, work ethic, friendliness, fairness, honesty, but most of all, professionalism.

Congratulations, Paulette, on your selection as the 2006 Manager of the Year for the National Association of Scientific Materials Managers.

Submitted by Kevin Mautte



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THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took the time to write a reference letter in my behalf for the Manager of the Year Award. I would especially like to thank Ed Graham for nominating me and thank my daughter Teri for working so diligently getting letters of recommendation from my colleagues at Vanderbilt.

I was deeply touched by receiving the award. NAOSMM is a great organization with many deserving people for an award like this, it was a total surprise to me and I feel it is an honor to receive this prestigious award.

Last but not least I would like to thank Kimble-Kontes for making this award possible. The piece of Frabel glassware is beautiful as is the Manager of the Year plaque presented at the banquet.

Thank you,
Paulette Lynch
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Paulette joins an elite group of distinguished individuals – Managers of the Year.



*(l-r: Ed Graham, Lamar Houston, Vicki Thompson, Lori Keen, Dennis Clark
Shirley Buchli, Paulette Lynch, Glen Thornley, Kevin Mautte, Jeff Your)*

NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS MANAGER

I. Eligibility

- A. Must be a regular member of NAOSMM
- B. Shall have a record of achievement unquestionable and sustained, of one or more of the following types:
 - 1. A contribution to the advancement of the profession.
 - 2. Distinguished operational, educational, or administrative activities.
 - 3. Participation in NAOSMM meeting programs or service on NAOSMM's board or committees.

II. Sources of Nominations may include:

- A. Immediate supervisor or administrator
- B. Other NAOSMM members
- C. Co-workers

III. Support material

- A. Nominator must convey clearly and completely in writing to the committee the qualifications of the nominee or nominees.
- B. A brief written job and activities list must be submitted for each nominee.
- C. Support letter from Supervisor at nominee's place of employment.
*NOTE: The successful application will include a **minimum** of 4 letters from the workplace (i.e. boss, supervisor, peer, employee, "storeroom user", department head, PI, safety director, etc.)*
- D. Support letters from NAOSMM members, Sales Representatives, and/or other persons who may know the nominee (**minimum of 2** such letters).

IV. Evaluation

- A. The committee will evaluate the nominations based on the materials supplied under Section III and how this material fits into the role and scope of the Association. The evaluation will be made in a fair and equal manner, based on the merits of each nomination.

V. Additional Rules

- A. May not be applied for or proposed by a member for himself or herself.
- B. Nomination Applications must be "postmarked" by **May 25** of each calendar year.
- C. **Nominations are good for 2 years.** At that time if the Nominee has not received the award, a new nomination may be submitted.
- D. The award will be presented at the NAOSMM banquet held each year at the Annual Conference.

NOTE: How can I get nominated when my supervisor doesn't even know about it? If I hand my supervisor the Criteria, am I nominating myself? The answer is NO.

Since most of your supervisors do not see the *Newsline*, you may make a copy of the criteria and letter to supervisors, set up a meeting and explain the award to your supervisor OR, you can contact the NAOSMM secretary and have her send material to your supervisor.

The deadline will be enforced!

MANAGER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

LETTER FOR YOUR SUPERVISOR

Many of you are aware that each year your NAOSMM honors one of its members as the Outstanding Scientific Materials Manager of the Year. Historically, nominations have been made by other NAOSMM members. While some members have first-hand knowledge of the work performance, skills and accomplishments of other members, for most of us, the people who are best able to assess our worthiness to be nominated are our supervisors and co-workers "back home."

With this in mind, the Board and the Awards committee would like to offer a letter that you can present to your supervisor or other person you designate. We ask you to determine the best manner to do this. The Awards committee suggests the following approaches:

- For those who like to take the direct approach- show this letter to your supervisor and ask him/her to consider nominating you if he/she feels you merit nomination.
- For those who prefer a more subtle approach- place this *NEWSLINE* or the letter itself in your supervisor's mailbox.
- For those who prefer complete anonymity- provide Janice Westerling, NAOSMM Secretary or Linda Perez, Awards Chair, with the name and address of your supervisor, and she will mail a copy of the letter.

Many of us find it hard to "toot our own horns"- but maybe your supervisor or fellow employee is waiting for an opportunity to do it for you!



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CHEMICAL SPILLS IN THE HOOD – HOW TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE DRAIN

Established in 1995, The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania initiated an environmental self-audit program that enabled member institutions to be covered by the the “amnesty umbrella”³ provided by the EPA policy.

Laboratory managers have recently become acutely aware of chemical hygiene compliance, especially in the enforcement of the Clean Water Act of 1972, the federal mandate that established the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States¹, as many institutions are subject to inspection by the Environmental Protection Agency or are anticipating a self-audit. Of major concern to chemistry departments is the concentrated effort to enforce the Clean Water Act of 1972, the federal mandate that established the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States¹.

An EPA audit policy established in 1995 provided procedures to encourage regulated entities to voluntarily discover, disclose, and correct violations of environmental protection laws. Colleges and universities were usually inspected for one component such as air or water and, most often, after a reported violation. The majority of imposed fines was less than \$50,000.00. Inspections held after 1997 were “multi-medial” resulting in many fines reaching almost \$1,000,000.00.² In 2000, the EPA revised its policy

(FRL-6576-3) in order to clarify the original compliance incentives.

Established in 1995, The Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania initiated an environmental self-audit program that enabled member institutions to be covered by the the “amnesty umbrella”³ provided by the EPA policy. King’s College took part in the program during the past summer. One of the findings of the inspection team was the lack of adequate drain protection in hood sinks.

The chemistry labs are equipped with Fisher Hamilton SafeAir Fume Hoods that have 3”x 6”oval cup sinks in the rear corners. They contain spill protection mats that were considered enough safeguard against chemical spillage, especially since most experiments have been microscaled. The inspection team, however, made us aware that other sink protection was necessary in order to stop any spillage from entering the public sewer system in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

A search of several lab supply company catalogues yielded only a sink plug which was not appropriate for our need. Since the sinks are used for vacuum filtration, we needed something that would form a dam to keep spills out of the sink yet allow water to run through the drain. A search of several lab supply company catalogues yielded only a sink plug - not meeting our need. A discussion ensued involving lawn edging – too high to fit the back of the sink where the baffle would interfere with placement, too rigid to contort bend into the shape required, and lacking a way to securely connect the two ends. The department chair, Dr. Frederick Sauls, developed a relatively cheap and easy solution using tubular vinyl gasket and glass rods.

Vinyl gasket, is used for sealing windows and doors, and can be found in any hardware store. We used the brand name Frost King that is package-labeled as Nail-On Permanent 1/2” Tubular Vinyl Gasket. It comes in rolls of 17 feet and is 1/2” inch wide and 1/4” inch thick. It is easily cut into any length and the ends joined with a piece of 5 mm glass rod. The tubular seal sits on the top of the edgelip of the cup sink with the flange inside. A piece of 5 mm glass rod connects the two ends together. The seam is placed at the back of the sink; any spill can be noticed and cleaned up before chemicals can penetrate the seam.

CHEMICAL SPILLS IN THE HOOD – HOW TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE DRAIN (CONTINUED)

Because it is easily removed, any uncontaminated water spill can be directed to the sink by removing the gasket. It is also low enough to remain below the lip of the hood floor should any condenser leaks occur. The material is inexpensive should replacement be necessary.

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Submitted by Janine Alexis, Laboratory director Director for of the Department of Chemistry & Physics at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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NAOSMM 33RD ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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Note: On Monday, July 31, 2006, a short business meeting was called to order by President Joanne Brown at 8:00 am. President Brown appointed Sue Viglione and Karen Grubb as auditors. No objections were made. Motion by Shirley Buchli to close the business session was seconded by Kevin Mautte and approved by the membership. Meeting closed at 8:05 am.

The 33rd annual business meeting of the National Association of Scientific Materials Managers was called to order by President Joanne Brown at 1:36 pm, Thursday, August 3, 2006, at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront in Savannah, GA. Glen Thornley was appointed parliamentarian. Motion to approve the minutes of the 32nd annual NAOSMM business meeting minutes as printed in the Fall, 2005 *Newsline* was made by Shirley Buchli, seconded by Mary Ann Stoll and approved.

Auditors' Report: Karen Grubb reported that she and Sue Viglione had reviewed all transactions for the period of August 2, 2005 through August 2, 2006. They found the records to be up to date, balanced and in line with approved procedures.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Aldridge reported that for the fiscal year 2005, income was \$112,186.63 and expenses were \$92,172.32. The gain for this period was \$20,014.31. The end balance was \$90,400.35. There was also a summary of the costs/expenses of the last five NAOSMM Conferences. Kathryn Quashnock made a motion to accept the auditors' and treasurer's reports, with a second by Jeff Your, and approved by the membership.

No old Business.

New Business:

A packet of all NAOSMM Committee Reports was made available to the members to read. President Brown requested that select Committee Chairs make brief comments:

2007 Conference, Host, Jeff Your. Jeff reported that the 2007 NAOSMM Conference and Trade Show would be held in Cleveland, OH, July 30 through August 3, 2007 at the Renaissance Hotel. Jeff emphasized that there is a wide variety of things to see and do in Cleveland. Public transportation from the airport is inexpensive and direct to the hotel. There is a daily fee for parking a car. Ed Glumac emphasized that there are travel funds available to NAOSMM members who apply to help defray the cost of travel to Cleveland.

Nominations, Claris Cupido: Claris introduced her committee: Virginia Sari, Mike Princer and Carlos Cabello. All four board positions are up for election in 2007: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The committee will be talking to members about stepping up into these leadership positions. They welcome members coming to them to volunteer to become candidates. The elections will be held at the 2007 Annual Business Meeting.

Site Selection, Kevin Mautte: Kevin reported his findings for the 2009 site selection process. He has visited Spokane, WA, Boise, ID and Lincoln and Omaha, Neb. These represent secondary sized cities which have the advantage of cost savings as compared to a primary, large city like Philadelphia, PA. Within a few weeks Kevin hoped to firm up information from each site and consult with the board about the final site selection. Noted: 2008 will be in San Antonio, TX at the Crown Plaza hotel July 21 through July 25, 2008. In 2010 the NAOSMM Conference will probably return to the northeast.

Marketing and New Member Recruitment, Kevin Mautte: Marketing via an informational post card on NAOSMM was fairly successful. The number of new members almost balanced out the loss of non-renewals (due to retirement or change of job). Renewal is a critical issue to retain and increase our member base.

BUSINESS MEETING (CONTINUED)

Program, Mary Ann Stoll: Mary Ann announced the winner of free registration for attendance at the 2007 conference. The winner was Teresa Arnold. This was a contest in which NAOSMM members could answer a series of trivia questions on the current conference.

CEU, Shirley Buchli: Shirley announced the availability of the CEU cards which would have a value of 1.15 units for attendance at the conference. A slightly higher rate, to be determined would be given for those who attended either or both of the safety training seminars in addition to the conference.

By-Laws and Constitution, Lori Keen: Lori noted that forming a mission statement as requested by the NAOSMM board is a daunting task. There are no known archived mission statements for NAOSMM. It is impossible to do this long-distance. Lori will be working with a small group of members to begin designing a one-sentence mission statement in the future. Once the one-sentence mission statement is formulated, then a broader one or two-page document of goals would be formed.

Motion to close the business meeting was made by Heather McCollor, seconded by Jo Wagoner and approved by the membership. Meeting closed by president Joanne Brown at 2:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice A. Westerling, CSMM
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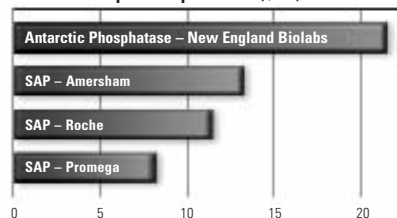
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Applications are being accepted for the 2007 Manager of the Year. The criteria are listed in this *Newsline* and on the NAOSMM website. Each member is worthy of this honor. For more information, contact Linda at liperez@nmsu.edu.

Certification: Ed Graham & Lori Keen, co-Chairs

Anyone interested in certification should contact one of the committee members to get started. Check out the winter issue of the *Newsline* or the NAOSMM website for more information.

Internet: Phil Waite, Chair

Exciting changes are in the works and will be presented at the 2007 conference. Please review your personal information in the directory and send any changes/ corrections to Phil at waite@denison.edu.

Nominations: Claris Cupido, Chair

It is time to once again hold elections for the Executive Board. The positions open are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for one of these offices, let Claris know at lcupido@mail.barry.edu. Biographies of the candidates will be published in the spring issue of the *Newsline*.

Program: Gypzy Lindh, Chair

Work on the 2007 program is underway. Ideas for topics and potential speakers are being collected. If you have an idea you would like to see at the conference, contact Gypzy at glindh@chem.byu.edu.

Site Selection: Kevin Mautte, Chair

The search for the location of the 2010 conference and trade show has begun in the Northeast region. Any member in this region interested in hosting, contact Kevin at kemnefl@yahoo.com.

SAVANNAH WAS A PEACH – CLEVELAND WILL BE A PLUM!

Jeff Your, CSMM – 2007 host

Wasn't Savannah grand? I have some pretty big shoes to fill after Lamar's great job this year. I will try my best to bring the professionalism that is the hallmark of our organization to the table, now and throughout the next year. I ask you to join me in this attitude of respect and understanding.

For those of you who didn't hear my host progress report, here's a brief reprise. How would the early arrivals like to spend an evening at the Blossom Music Center? It is the summer home of the Cleveland Orchestra who perform orchestral Pop music under the stars in an acoustically perfect natural bowl forming the lawn around the pavilion. Feedback from our members will determine if this is going to happen.

"Lolly the Trolley" has been scheduled for opening Sunday afternoon historic guided tours of the city.

I'm hoping we will be able to spend an evening at the Rock Hall with complete run of the museum after dinner. Imagine five stories of rock memorabilia plus the Hall of Fame itself. I'd love to see us take a dinner cruise or spend an evening at the ballgame. Jacob's Field has the perfect venue for our group, including scoreboard recognition, and a picnic pavilion for private parties.

I distributed flyers on Cleveland to all booths on Wednesday morning and had even more materials available to our members at the NAOSMM booth. Many vendors are really excited about coming to Cleveland.

After investigating Friday educational tour opportunities around the metro Cleveland area, I settled on Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics. The plant is located about 45 minutes south of the hotel in Akron OH. I toured several other firms' facilities and found them lacking a certain "Wow!"-factor that our members have come to expect. As an added attraction, I thought that we would spend the afternoon at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. This tudor-style mansion was the home built by rubber tire baron Frank A. Sieberling for his family in 1912. He founded The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in 1898, the first firm of its kind in the US. You'll be impressed by the 23 fireplaces, hand-carved oak paneling and 21,000 panes of glass. You can also stroll through the Japanese Garden, the Lagoon, the Great Meadow and the Rose Garden. The tour includes the conservatory and greenhouse.

Companions will have numerous opportunities for side tours. Some of my committee has offered to help shuttle them around northeast Ohio. Possibilities include:

- Winery tours
- Cedar Point Amusement Park (14 coasters!)
- Amish country
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- Science Museum
- NASA Glenn Lewis Space Center
- The Emerald Necklace – a ring of metroparks that surround the city with numerous activities
- Cleveland Indians professional baseball within walking distance of hotel
- Playhouse Square Center – largest performing arts complex west of NYC
- Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum showcases 200 unique antique cars and aircraft



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- U.S.S. Cod – a working submarine with public tours every day, also next to:
- William B. Mather Steamship – a floating museum of steel ore transportation
- The Flats – Cleveland’s former industrial district surrounding the Fiery Cuyahoga River is now the city’s hottest entertainment destination for nightlife.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is another one of Cleveland’s most popular attractions. Exhibits include tributes to Pink Floyd, Jefferson Airplane, Elvis Presley and the Beatles. There’s a large gift shop and a cafe that serves lunch and snacks. Admission is \$15 per person. Nearby is a smaller version of Columbus’s COSI, the Great Lakes Science Center. Here you can catch an eyeful at the Omnimax Theatre, a six-story-tall theater that makes you feel like you’re part of the film. The science center’s interactive modules, optical illusions, historical artifacts and hands-on experiments are guaranteed to entertain you.

Cleveland is also renowned for University Circle, a cultural park 5 miles east of downtown, where there are many museums, cultural gardens, beautiful churches and institutions of higher learning.

Despite global warming, the weather here in Cleveland in the summer is remarkably temperate. Days may be sunny and 85°F with a light breeze off the lake. Evenings might be a little cooler, although it’s not unknown for the city to radiate the warmth of the day well past midnight. Members will be reminded to bring a light jacket for some evening functions, but to pack for a warm summer trip. The weather is changeable, especially near the lake. Lake Erie is the shallowest of the Great Lakes and acts like a giant heat sink for the coastline. Springs are cooler and autumns are warmer than just a few miles inland. By late July the lake can attain a temperature comfortable enough for swimming (70°-75°). Generally, these dog days of summer are hot and dry with little chance of rain.

I’m really looking forward to welcoming our members to “the best location in the nation” – Cleveland, my home town!

Jeff

Some websites of interest:

<http://www.plastics.saint-gobain.com/>

<http://www.rockhall.com>

<http://www.stanhywet.org>



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