



## ACS-KC SECTION

### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

## *Our Annual Holiday Networking Celebration!*



## Happy Holidays!!

**WHEN:** *Thursday, December 5, 2024; 5:00-8:00pm*

**WHERE:** *Boulevard Brewery's Smokestack Room, located upstairs in their Beer Hall, 2534 Madison Ave., KCMO*

**WHO:** *Everyone is welcome to join in the holiday fun!*

**MENU:** *Bountiful Platters of Appetizers included. Purchase drinks on your own.*



*Thanks for voting!!*

Welcome to our new Chair! Executive Officers are on the following page.

### **Chair: Dr. Bill Gutheil**

Dr. William Gutheil has been an ACS Member since 1982. Current Position: Professor, UMKC School of Pharmacy. EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science (1983), Biochemistry, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. Doctor of Philosophy (1989), Chemistry, University of Southern California; Postdoctoral Research Fellow (1989-1991), Harvard Medical School, Boston MA; Postdoctoral Research Associate (1991-1994), Department of Biochemistry, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston MA; 27 Career Publications. PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: American Chemical Society, 1982-present; American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1989-present; American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 1987-present; Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, 1987-present; American Society of Microbiology, 2011-present; American Society of Mass Spectrometry, 2013-present and Patents Committee of the Council. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: Treasurer, KC ACS, 2002-2005; Treasurer, Steering Committee for the American Chemical Society Midwest Regional Meeting, 2002-2005; Chairman Elect/Chairman, 2005/2006; Alternate Councilor for the Kansas City ACS section, 2008-2012; National ACS Committee on Patents and Trademarks, 2009-2016; Councilor, KC ACS, 2013-2016. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: I have served the local KC-ACS section in several capacities over the last 14 years and am interested in representing the local section as Councilor at National ACS Meetings. As our local section transitions to internet-based communications with our membership, it is my intention to use email to notify our members of issues and to solicit feedback on important issues confronting the American Chemical Society. A key concern to all members in the present economic climate is high dues, and I will endeavor to ensure that dues accurately reflect the value of ACS membership.

Please RSVP to Sarah Leibowitz:  
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by DEC. 2, 24.  
Thank you!



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## **PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW ACS-KC SECTION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 2025**

Thank you to our new Executive Officers for their willingness to serve our Section this year! Terms begin Jan. 1, 2025, and are 1-year terms except for the Councilor whose term is 3 years.

**\*Our thanks to Dr. Bill Gutheil who will serve as our new Chair in the coming year!**

### **Chair-Elect: Dr. Gary Clapp**

Dr. Clapp retired from his duties with Missouri Western State University in 2022 and received his B.S. (ACS) from Minnesota State-Mankato and his PhD in Physical Organic Chemistry from Oregon State University. He has been an active member of the American Chemical Society for the past 30+ years serving the KC section as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Chairman and Chairman for more than 20 years. Before joining the efforts at MWSU, Dr. Clapp spent 20+ years on contract pharmaceutical development and in aiding and guiding business start-ups. Dr. Clapp has a master's in business development, over one hundred publications and presentations, and eight U.S and International patents. He continues to assist local laboratories including CIA Labs and Green Orchard Labs as a contractor, keeping him current on today's laboratory technologies.

### **Treasurer: Dr. Jeff Woodford**

Dr. Jeff Woodford, Associate Professor of Chemistry, earned his B.S. in Chemistry from Carnegie Mellon University, and his PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He served as a professor at Eastern Oregon University before coming to Missouri Western State University in 2010. His research interests include computational studies of cyclic peroxides, conformational studies of natural products, and the pseudo-Jahn-Teller effect. Dr Woodford also served as the Chair of our section in 2021.

### **Secretary: Mr. Alex Marin**

Alex Marin is a Materials Engineer at Honeywell FM&T at the Kansas City National Security Campus. His areas of interest include polymer degradation, mechanical testing, and additive manufacturing. He studies Materials Science & Engineering at Georgia Tech and is also currently pursuing an MBA at UMKC. In his free time, Alex enjoys playing soccer, exploring the outdoors, and spending time with family.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Brainstorming Executive Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 25; 6:00pm at the The Arthur Mag Conference Center, 425 Volker Avenue, KCMO. Stay tuned for more info in January's newsletter. (There'll probably be pizza involved!)**

# ACS-KC Standing Committees & Chairs

Please consider volunteering on one (or more) of our committees!  
We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and contribution!

\*Please contact Gary Clapp ([geclapp424@yahoo.com](mailto:geclapp424@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in joining one of the committees. Thank you! We would appreciate it and we welcome your input and assistance!



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## COMMITTEES and CHAIRS

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