



# ACS-GHS January 2020 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

- January 18th - 2020 Kick-off meeting (am)
- January 18th - Career Pathways Retirement Workshop (pm)
- February 12th - IUPAC Global Women's Breakfast
- February 15th - Chemistry Olympiad Registration Deadline

[Check our website and below for details on these upcoming events.](#)

## ACS-GHS 2020 Kick-off Meeting

Greater Houston Section ACS members are welcome to the first meeting of the 2020 GHS Executive Board and associated volunteers. The goal of this meeting is to review strategic goals and annual plans, assign committee chairs and volunteers, and ensure a smooth transition between board members in new positions. This is a great opportunity for members to learn about the various GHS committees and discuss potential volunteer opportunities

**Saturday, January 18th**

**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

University of St. Thomas  
Center for Science & Health Professions  
Room SHP 251  
4100 Yoakum Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77006

Lunch and presentation of regional, section, and volunteer awards to those who could not attend the 2019 Awards Banquet and/or the ACS Southwest Regional Meeting to follow (12:00 - 1:00 pm).

## Skydiving Into Retirement: Enjoy the Ride and Land Softly

ACS members contemplating retirement or newly retired ( $\pm 2$  years) are invited to join us for a discussion about retirement with William Carroll, Jr. Please register to attend [here](#).

**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 - 4:00 pm**

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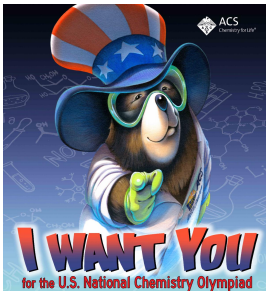
## Bad Science, Good Fun - BAHFest Houston 2020



Submissions for the 2020 Festival of Bad Ad Hoc Hypotheses (BAHFest) are open until **January 15th** - see <http://bahfest.com/houston2020/> for submission details. BAHFest is also offering a \$500 travel grant to bring in one non-local speaker, so speakers from outside of the Houston area are encouraged to apply.

BAHFest is a celebration of well-argued and thoroughly researched but completely incorrect scientific theory. Brave speakers present their bad theories in front of a live audience and a panel of judges with real science credentials, who together determine who takes home the coveted BAHFest trophy. And eternal glory, of course. Hosted by Kelly Weinersmith (Rice University), with keynote speaker Phil Plait (AKA the Bad Astronomer). The event will be held in Rice University's Grand Hall on the evening of March 8th.

# Chemistry Olympiad



The Greater Houston Local Section will participate in the 2020 United States National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) competition administered by the American Chemical Society (ACS). The local competition will take place on March 6, 2020 (Friday) evening at the Main Campus of the University of Houston. The registration deadline is **February 15, 2020** (Saturday). For further information and the registration form, please contact Dr. Jerry Yang at [acs.ghs.cho@gmail.com](mailto:acs.ghs.cho@gmail.com).

## ACS-GHS Election Results

Congratulations to our new ACS-GHS Executive Board Election winners!!

Chair-Elect - Dawn Friesen

Secretary - Kevin Ramirez

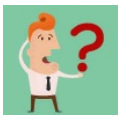
Treasurer - Sam Lewis

Councilor - Carolyn Burnley

Alternative Councilor - J. C. Kuo

Directors - Laura Smith, David E. Thompson, Eme Abu, and Kiresha Johnson

## Guess the Molecule



I am an aromatic hydrocarbon that contains no six-membered rings. I have a similar odor to naphthalene, but I am blue not white. What compound am I?

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