

### What Does the WCC Do?

The Women Chemists Committee serves the membership of the American Chemical Society. Our mission is to be leaders in attracting, developing and promoting women in the chemical sciences. There are four goals designed to fulfill the mission statement:

- > Attract women to a profession in the chemical sciences.
- > Take an advocacy position within the ACS on issues of importance to women in the chemical sciences.
- > Provide leadership for career development opportunities for women in the chemical sciences.
- > Promote and recognize the professional accomplishments of women in the chemical sciences.

If you are involved with planning WCC events at a Regional Meeting and are interested in presenting a "Thriving in the Workplace RoadShow" please contact the WCC Local and Regional Subcommittee Chairperson for more information:

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## **Women Chemists Committee**

### **Regional Programming**



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ACS Regional Meetings are organized by ACS Local Sections and Regional Boards and reflect the diverse professional interests of their geographic regions. These meetings generally feature excellent multi-day technical programs, poster sessions, and networking socials.

### **What Can the WCC Do to Help with Regional Programming?**

PROGRESS (Project--Partnerships, Reflection, Openness, Grants, Resources, Education, Site Visits, and Successes) was a short-term ACS project designed to test, develop, and evaluate programs that promote the full participation and advancement of women chemists and chemical engineers. Several of these programs have been continued through the Women Chemists Committee including the "Thriving in the Workplace RoadShow".

RoadShows are prepared slide show presentations with note pages to help guide the presenter through the talk. The WCC can help you identify potential presenters in your region.

There are currently two RoadShows available: 'Networking: How Chemists Make New Bonds' and 'Advancing in Your Career Through Mentoring'. Please contact the WCC Local and Regional Subcommittee Chairperson for more information if you are interested in presenting a RoadShow at your upcoming Regional Meeting.



### **Tips for Planning Successful Regional Programming**

#### **Symposia**

**Symposia can feature technical talks (on a particular technical theme, leaders of the future, memorial symposia, etc) or career related talks (balancing career and family, tips for career success, etc).**

- Confirm the symposium times and location with all speakers. Be sure they know what time they will speak and that this fits their travel plans.
- Ask symposium speakers for a biographical sketch. Consider writing introductions if you aren't comfortable doing them from memory.
- Don't hesitate to ask someone to speak or to recommend potential speakers. Most of us love to be asked to speak! Many women are flattered that their story may be of interest to others. In fact, the stories of successful women chemists who have faced the work/ life/family balance are especially educational for students and younger chemists.

#### **Panel Discussions or Poster Sessions**

**You may also want to consider a panel discussion or poster session instead of a symposium format for more informal interactions.**

- Confirm the times and location with all presenters.
- Be sure that the arrangements have been made for set up of the room especially for poster sessions. Remember to arrange for poster boards and plenty of push pins!

### **Luncheon or Dinner Events**

**If you are planning a luncheon or dinner event, consider different types of programming. You may want a speaker to address a specific topic of interest for women in the sciences. Another possibility is to have an overall theme where individual tables can discuss a specific topic and report out on various viewpoints.**

- Provide a small thank you gift for your luncheon or dinner speaker. This could be something special from your region or the host city.
- Consider a printed program for your luncheon or dinner. This will list the activities as well as the speaker's biography. It also provides a chance to thank sponsors.
- Consider who will sit at the head table for a luncheon or dinner. Will you ask any ACS dignitaries to sit there? (Presidential Succession, Members of the Board, Executive Director, General Chair, etc). Most will be happy to have you ask them to sit someplace special. They enjoy unassigned seating, too, since it gives them the chance to talk with attendees they might not meet otherwise.
- Requests for funding to help defray the cost of your WCC Regional Event should be sent to the WCC Local and Regional Sub-Committee Chairperson.

You can also find ideas for other Local and Regional Meeting programs on the WCC Website at:

<http://membership.acs.org/W/WCC/>