

# The Minnesota Chemist



## Chair's Corner

We are looking forward to several opportunities for MNACS members to gather in person! Please join us for a networking dinner on October 29th at Wildfire in Eden Prairie, the Chemistry Job Fair at Metro State on November 19th, and save the date for an end of the year gathering on Tuesday, December 16th. Stay tuned for details forthcoming!

We are looking forward to welcoming new energy and ideas with our upcoming election of new MNACS officers. The ballot for 2026 positions will arrive at your inbox on November 1 and the elections will conclude by November 15.

Sarah Dimick Gray  
Chair 2025



## ACS MN Local Section Meetings

### Networking Dinner Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Come join MNACS on the west side of the metro for a dinner at Wildfire at Eden Prairie! Get to know chemists in the area from academic and industry spheres.

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday, October 29, 2025  
6 - 9 PM

**Location**

Wildfire, 8251 Flying Cloud Dr. #3020, Eden Prairie, MN 55344

**Cost**

\$18 / \$8 students

**RSVP**

Register by October 27, 2025 at <https://www.mnlocalsectionacs.org/event-info/mn-acs-october-networking-event>

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**Chemistry Job & Recruiting Fair  
Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

The Chemistry Job and Recruiting Fair will be held from 4-6 pm on November, 19th, 2025 at the Science Education Center of Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, MN.

Past companies and organizations that have attended the career fair include: Aerotek, Apex Life Sciences, Experis, H.B. Fuller, Medtronic, Pace Analytical, Land O'Lakes, WuXi AppTec, Sherwin Williams, University of MN Department of Medicinal Chemistry, University of MN Environmental Health Sciences, University of MN M.S. in Patent Law

This event is an opportunity to meet with technical recruiters from the Twin Cities area and is open to professionals and students from chemistry and related fields. Sophomore and junior chemistry majors are also encouraged to attend to inquire about internships.

**Day & Time**

Wednesday, November 19

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Meet with recruiters

**Location**

Science Education Center of Metropolitan State University, 644 6th St E, St Paul, MN 55106

Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

**RSVP**

Please RSVP on the [MN ACS Local Section website](#) by November 13th.

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**Save the date!  
End of year party  
Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

MNACS is planning an end of year celebration for Tuesday, December 16th. Save the date and watch for upcoming details!

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## **ACS MN Local Section News**

### **Ballot will open for local offices on November 1**

The ballot for the 2026 election will arrive in your inbox on November 1, and voting for the offices listed below must be completed by November 15. Thank you to all the volunteers who have come forward to possibly serve MNACS!

The following positions will be listed on the ballot:  
Chair Elect (from academia) – 3-year term

Secretary – 2-year term

Councilor – 3-year term

Nominations Committee – 3-year term

We are also looking for a MN Chemist Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in taking on this role and helping spread the word on all of the amazing things the MN ACS Local Section does, please contact the Section's Chair and current Interim Newsletter Editor, [Sarah Dimick Gray](#).

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### **Northwestern Society for Coating Technology (NWSCT) Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

The NWSCT is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the science and technology of coatings—including paints, varnishes, lacquers, printing inks, and their raw materials—by supporting research, technical standards, and the practical application of

scientific knowledge. It promotes educational activities and idea exchange among professionals and the public, facilitates the dissemination and discussion of industry-relevant information, and encourages environmental responsibility by advocating for improved manufacturing practices that reduce waste and pollution. Additionally, NWSCT actively collaborates with other public and private organizations to achieve these goals.

NWSCT host local events and presentations throughout the year. Please consider attending the next technical presentation. Watch the [NWSCT website](#) for details.

#### **Day & Time**

Tuesday, November 11

10:30 am - 11:30 am Board Meeting

11:30 am - 1:30 pm General Meeting

#### **Location**

Cortec Corporation, 4119 White Bear Pkwy, St. Paul, MN 55110

#### **RSVP**

Please watch the [NWSCT website](#) for details regarding RSVPs.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Chemists in the Library

Watch the Minnesota Local Section ACS website for details about upcoming events. If you are interested in helping as a volunteer, please get in touch with [Phil Buhlmann](#); he would be grateful to hear from you. No preparation before events is required, and no commitment has to be made; volunteers can sign up for one event at a time.

#### **Chemists in the Library Events 2025**

15 Nov, 1:30 PM: Excelsior

6 Dec, 1:30 PM: Eden Prairie



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### Volunteer Opportunities - Get Involved!

Are you looking to enhance your leadership, project management, and networking skills? Volunteering for the Minnesota Local Section of the ACS is a fantastic way to grow professionally while making a meaningful impact!

We are currently seeking a **newsletter editor** to help spread the news about the exciting events and opportunities happening in the local section.

We are currently seeking passionate leaders for the following committees:

- **Younger Chemists** – leads initiatives to support, engage, and connect early-career chemists and students within the Minnesota Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS).
- **National Chemistry Week** – responsible for leading efforts to promote and coordinate activities related to National Chemistry Week, an annual outreach event organized by the American Chemical Society (ACS).
- **Public Affairs** – serves as a bridge between the chemistry community and policymakers, advocating for science-related policies and engaging the public on key issues.

- **Government Affairs** – plays a key role in advocating for science policy and fostering relationships between the chemistry community and government officials.
- **Minority Affairs** – plays a key role in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) within the Minnesota Local Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS).

If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to [Sarah Dimick Gray](#) to explore these opportunities.

Take the next step in your leadership journey—get involved today!



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