

## Younger Chemists Committee

### About YCC:

The Milwaukee section was solicited in 2008 as one of twenty local sections to start a local Younger Chemist Committee (YCC) section. Our new local section YCC began in January, 2009 with not only an energetic Chair but also a section objective of intentionally reaching out to the younger members in the section. We met this challenge by holding the First Annual YCC Poster Symposium held in October of 2009 (gratefully funded by a grant from ACS National). This event has established the local section YCC as a real value for younger chemists in our section. This past year, the YCC held two events: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual YCC Poster Symposium and the Chemistry Career Seminar 2010. Moving forward, the YCC will hold the Biennial YCC Poster Symposium in odd years (beginning this year with the 3<sup>rd</sup> YCC Poster Symposium) and the Chemistry Career Seminar in even years (with the next seminar planned for Fall, 2012).

### Upcoming events:

Biennial YCC Poster Symposium	October 21, 2011	UW-Milwaukee
Biennial YCC Chemistry Career Seminar	Fall, 2012	TBA

### Get Involved:

YCC can be a rewarding way to get involved in your local section! Consider joining the local section YCC to:

- meet others in chemistry in your region,
- take on a leadership role in your professional organization, and
- be a part of professional development activities.

Aside from becoming a member of the local section YCC, also consider taking a leadership role. The current YCC Chair is Jennifer Meifert (Essential Industries). Past leadership has included Cory Hawkins (UWM), Christine Carlson (UWM), Joe Ulicki (UWM), Erin O'Connell (UWM), and Alaknanda Patel (UWM). We welcome *anyone* interested in joining the board this year or in the future. You can be from anywhere in the local section and at any point in your career.

### Board Positions:

**Chair:** The YCC Chair coordinates and oversees the YCC group as well as plans the yearly event. This includes:

- Runs and plans local section YCC planning meetings as needed
- Oversees the event and all planning for the event
- Delegates tasks to other YCC members and board members
- Maintains the budget and authorizes expenditures
- Completes non-delegated tasks including maintaining the website and working with the venue
- Obtains nominations for YCC board for the following year
- Submits a final report to the local section

**Publicity Chair:** The YCC Publicity Chair (formerly the Liaison) is in charge of publicity, membership and sponsors. This includes:

- Event publicity:
  - Obtaining and maintaining sponsors and partners
  - Gathering advertisements and generating program advertisements
  - Marketing of the event
  - Web content
- Maintaining membership (through outreach such as Facebook)

**Program Chair:** This newly created position focuses on the importance of generating a meaningful program for the event. This includes:

- Abstract solicitation for the Poster Symposium (in odd years) or Career participant solicitation for the Career Event (in even years)
- Organizing the program
- Soliciting for judges and/or speakers (judges only needed for Poster Symposium)
- Assembling program
- Maintaining a list of attendees to the event

***Interested in joining YCC or becoming part of the leadership of YCC?***

***Please contact Jennifer Meifert ([jmeifert@essind.com](mailto:jmeifert@essind.com)).***

**Check us out on Facebook and join our group: Milwaukee YCC**

