

## **Committee on Community Activities (CCA) – Oral Report**

Mister President and fellow councilors, As I reflect on 11 years as a member of CCA and 3 years as chair, I am proud of the committee's accomplishments and excited about the future of ACS outreach. An ACS Presidential Outreach Event, titled "Exploring our World through Chemistry" was led by the Committee on Community Activities, CCA, and Local Section volunteers on Saturday, August 18 at the Boston Children's Museum. Many nearby organizations, such as the Museum of Science and Beyond Benign, hosted additional hands-on activities for the 702 participants who joined us over three hours.

CCA has completed and released for distribution the 2018 edition of National Chemistry Week's children's publication, *Celebrating Chemistry*. Copies of *Celebrating Chemistry* are available on the materials table today.

This year's theme is space chemistry and titled "Chemistry is out of this World!" CCA thanks the Local Sections who have already nominated National Chemistry Week coordinators, and encourages participation by all Local Sections and International Chemical Sciences chapters in National Chemistry Week 2018.

CCA honored outstanding outreach volunteers through the nine ChemLuminary awards bestowed by the committee on Tuesday, August 21. CCA again congratulates the award winners from the Binghamton,

Chicago, Midland, Northeastern, North Jersey, Pittsburgh, South Florida, and Virginia Local Sections.

CCA is pleased to announce that the ACS Chemistry Festival Series, which is also supported by the Committee on International Activities and the Society Committee on Education, was reauthorized by the Board of Directors at this meeting. CCA looks forward to this program's continued growth in support of science outreach and ACS Strategic Goal 4 around the globe.

This concludes my remarks.

Michael B. McGinnis, Chair