

# Memorandum

**To:** ACS Committee on Nomenclature, Terminology and Symbols

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**Subject:** Progress Report on Wiki for Nanotechnology Terminology

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During our last meeting, held in Boston, this project received favorable review by members of the Committee and several excellent suggestions were made by members of the Committee on how to proceed with this project.

Following the Committee meeting, I contacted Sarah Tegen, Senior Acquisitions Editor of the new ACS Publications initiative called "Nanotations." We met in the Boston exhibition and she told me of their plans for a web site accompanying the new ACS Nano publication. Moreover, they were within weeks of bringing up the web site and it was to include a wiki. Although they had an academic editor they were searching for an editor for the wiki. Amazing!

As Sarah Tegen and I discussed the plans it was clear to each of us that my suggestion for Dr. Peter Hartwell to be the editor of the wiki was timely. The proposed duties of the editor were parallel to what Dr. Hartwell and I had discussed. The Nanotations wiki was planned to be open to all contributors. This was not my original plan but it really meant accelerating the development to that point and the staff was very comfortable with it.

Following this very successful conversation in Boston I brought the parties together and things developed rapidly over the next few weeks.

Today, the web site, [www.acsnanotations.org](http://www.acsnanotations.org) is available with its wiki and among the biographies is that of Dr. Peter Hartwell.

So, mission accomplished. Still, there is much more to do in terms of awareness of the ACSNanotations wiki. One possible activity is for our Committee to sponsor a symposium in the Philadelphia ACS National Meeting [August 17 – 21, 2008] to report on the progress over the first year of the project. Ideally, this could be joint with the Division of Chemical Information [CINF] and Division of Chemistry & the Law [CHAL].

My personal thanks to members of the Committee and to our Staff Liaisons for encouragement and contacts.