

Section of Teachers of Chemistry - Communications Committee Report

AACP rescinded website editing privileges while security concerns were investigated. The planned overhaul of the section website was indefinitely suspended until webmaster editing privileges are restored. Such notice has not yet been received to date.

Participation (desired or undesired) with the chemistry listserv continues to be a challenge. Some individuals who would like to participate are not subscribed to the chemistry listserv while others who do not wish to participate actually are subscribed. In October 2007, chemistry section membership was compared with those subscribed to the chemistry listserv. Several "active" chemistry section members (those frequently attending the annual meeting) absent from the chemistry listserv enrollment were identified. As a result of this study, each AACP chemistry section member not subscribed to the chemistry listserv in October 2007 was provided with information on how to update their AACP membership information in order to subscribe to the chemistry listserv. To ensure participation with the chemistry listserv, each member should update their online AACP membership profile annually when submitting their annual dues.

The section listserv was utilized for just a few discussions since the Orlando meeting. The most extensive exchange of messages was the recent discussion of the integration of chemistry and other disciplines in selected courses at various institutions. Chemistry listserv participants appear to utilize very good judgment in limiting postings to important section issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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