



## Green Mountain Local Section of the American Chemical Society

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### Officers 2013

Chair..... Heather Bean  
Chair-Elect..... Richard Milius  
Secretary..... Senthil Natesan  
Treasurer..... Beth Medeiros  
Councilor..... Willem Leenstra  
Alternate Councilor..... Jeffrey Byers

### Committee Chairs

PR/Web Master..... Senthil Natesan  
Awards..... Sandra Lynch  
Gov't Affairs..... Sarah Locknar  
K-12 Outreach..... Scott Gordon  
Newsletter Editor... Willem Leenstra



### Upcoming Events

A number of events have been planned by Chair Heather Bean. Please come to the Holiday Party to hear about them, and to suggest other meeting themes that we may pick up during 2014.



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# Green Mountain LS December 2013 Newsletter

## *“Holiday Party”*



**What:** Holiday Party/Reception  
Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres  
One Drink / Cash Bar Afterwards  
Good Company

**Where:** Swift House Inn  
25 Stewart Lane  
Middlebury, Vermont

**When:** Wednesday, December 11, 2013  
6:00-9:00 p.m.



**RSVP:** If you would like to join us, please try to RSVP by **December 6**, to Beth Medeiros at 802-353-5548 or via e-mail to [bethmed@yahoo.com](mailto:bethmed@yahoo.com).

## Annual Elections of Officers

As has been our custom, the final meeting of the year will also be the time to vote for officers for the upcoming year, 2014. The GMLS Executive Committee has put together a proposed slate of candidates for the open offices. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted. The Chair will then conduct the vote. The following constitutes the slate of candidates:

### **Chair: Richard Milius**

The Chair's position is automatically filled by the Chair-Elect (an elected post) when the previous Chair vacates the office. Dick Milius was Chair-Elect this past year, and thus will succeed Heather Bean. Dick received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Northeastern University, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School in the departments of Radiation Therapy and Radiology. Following that, Dick joined Research Biochemicals, Inc. Six years ago, Dick and his family relocated to northern New England. He is currently Lecturer in Chemistry at Norwich University. He has served as Chair of the medicinal chemistry group of the Northeastern ACS section and is faculty advisor to the Norwich student affiliates chapter. We are fortunate that Dick has chosen to become an active volunteer in our Local Section. We look forward to his leadership.

### **Treasurer: Beth Medeiros**

Beth has been the backbone of the GMLS for many years. She has served as Treasurer for the last 10 years, as Newsletter Editor during 2003-2004, and has served a very successful term as Chair during the years 2000-2003. Beth received the GMLS Emerald Award in 2008. She has organized numerous meetings, including taking an active role in our Northeast Regional Meeting in 2008, and has travelled many 1000's of miles to participate in GMLS events. We are lucky that Beth has agreed to be the Treasurer candidate for yet another year; her experience and continuity in this important position is the glue that holds the section together. Professionally, Beth just took the job of quality control lab manager at Sto Corp. in Rutland, after working at OMYA for the last dozen-plus years.

### **Chair-Elect for 2014: Vacant**

Currently, we have no nominations for Chair-Elect. Please do take this opportunity to volunteer if you are interested in taking a more active role in our group. We will provide full training, including attendance at the ACS Leadership Training event in Texas in January (all costs paid). Further information is available from any of the officers. Initiate your inquiry to our email address

### **Secretary: Senthil Natesan**

Senthil worked as a medical representative for Glaxo Smith Kline in India. After moving to the US, Senthil received his Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from North Dakota State University. This was followed by a postdoctoral fellowship at Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, in Colchester, Vermont in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences where he is currently working as an Instructor, teaching molecular modeling courses. His research comprises quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) methodology development and Cheminformatics. He has presided over several oral sessions in the Computers in Chemistry Division during ACS National meetings. We are delighted that Senthil has agreed to extend his volunteerism at our local section for 2014.

### **Councilor: Willem Leenstra**

Willem has been an active member of the GMLS since taking on the section's Secretary duties in 1982. He has served as our Councilor for the last 15 years, regularly reporting back on activities from the various national meetings. He has risen to prominence at the national level serving on a succession of Council committees, and is currently on the all-important ACS national Budget & Finance Committee. Willem also served as our Chair for two terms: 1984-85 and 1993-95, coordinated two Northeast Regional Meetings (1994 and 2008) as General Chair, has been an active and enthusiastic participant in organizing talks, as well as in outreach activities. He continues duties as Newsletter Editor, taken on since 2005. Willem received the GMLS Emerald Award in 2006, and the Ann Nalley Regional Award in 2009.

*We look forward to celebrating with you at the Swift House Inn in Middlebury. We wish you joyful holidays, and a*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

