



ACS Pittsburgh Section Welcomes 2025 Chair, Samuel Leung

Dear Pittsburgh Local Section,

Happy New Year! As we usher in what I'm sure will be a fantastic year, I am honored to serve as your local section chair. I look forward to supporting you and the local community to the best of my abilities in 2025. I want to extend a warm welcome to our new officers and any new members of the section.

I have been part of the Pittsburgh Local Section since 2022 and have had many opportunities to meet many of you. For those I have not yet met, please feel free to reach out to me at any time! By way of a brief introduction, I am a chemical engineer currently employed at Braskem America as an R&D catalyst scientist. I previously served as the local section secretary in 2023 and as chair-elect in 2024. It has been a privilege to work alongside the incredible individuals in our local section and executive committee.

This year, my primary goal is to focus on the future of our local section, ensuring that it continues to thrive as a valuable resource for all chemists in our community. I aim to expand our outreach efforts and strengthen our social media presence with the continued support of local students. I am also committed to fostering a more diverse representation within our section, bringing together individuals from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Additionally, I will evaluate and refresh our existing programs to ensure their continued success in the future.

To achieve these goals, I welcome your suggestions and invite volunteers to get involved. Opportunities range from leading committees to assisting with events like our annual picnic. I also plan to host at least one in-person meeting each quarter to gather perspectives from the community and encourage your participation in these discussions.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the outgoing officers for their service in 2024 and to congratulate everyone who contributed to making CERM 2024 such a resounding success. I'm happy to share that the conference exceeded all expectations, and we are already looking forward to hosting this fantastic event again in the future.

I welcome any comments or feedback you may have for me or the committee. You can always reach me via email at sleung@berkeley.edu.

Thank you once again, and best wishes for a fantastic 2025!

Warm regards,

Sam

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