Summary of the local discussion group meeting at ASMS on June 18, 2014

Salient points:
• The most valuable outcome of the meeting in my opinion is a formed sense of community among local DG officers. A contact list will be distributed among officers, so that as questions come up during the year there is now an open channel for communication between the groups. As examples Greater Boston plans to use the network for ideas on student recruitment and executive transitions, while MinnMass plans to use it for ideas for bolstering meeting attendance.
• Logistical information appeared to be more highly valued for collection than demographic data.
• Providing information to new groups that are just beginning to form or for those that are reorganizing would be of value. Of particular note are website design templates, suggestions for soliciting consistent attendance, and how local ACS groups can offer accounting support. It is not yet known how to assemble or disseminate these materials.
• Contact distribution lists can be difficult to manage and groups that do so successfully generally depend on one dedicated person to do so. Collectively a few of the groups will be looking for a solution for contact list management.

Requests of ASMS:
• There are a few groups that are not represented on the ASMS website: Colorado (http://www.cbmss.org/), Ohio (couldn’t find a website), Pittsburgh (http://chemed.chem.pitt.edu/ssp-mdsg/), and MinnMass (http://www.minnmass.org/MinnMass/Welcome.html)
  • Would ASMS give groups permission to use their logo?
  • There was a suggestion that ASMS include a check box in their registration procedure that asks which local group the person is affiliated with, similarly to how they ask about interest groups. This would draw attention to the local groups and also show ASMS’s support of participation in the local groups.
  • A repeat meeting in St. Louis is already being requested.

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Discussion groups in contact, but not in attendance:
Chicago, Cincinnati (possible new group), Connecticut (possible restarting group), Colorado, Midwest