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#### PERMIAN BASIN SECTION

#### Newsletter

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### **Upcoming Local Meetings, Events, and Announcements**

#### **Results from the Officer Elections**

Here are the results from the recent Permian Basin Officer Elections:

Chair Dr. Christopher Hobbs (ASU)

Chair- Elect Dr. Kathryn Louie

Secretary Mr. Kevin Boudreaux, ASU
Treasurer Dr. Kyle Beran, UTPB
Councilor Dr. Kathryn Louie

Alternate Councilor Dr. Christopher Hobbs (ASU)

Congratulations to all of the new/old officers. We should have some announcements soon about upcoming meetings and presentations.

## **Upcoming National and Regional Meetings and Programs**

ACS Spring 2013 National Meeting & Exposition

New Orleans, Louisiana, USA April 7 - 11, 2012

Theme: Chemistry of Energy & Food



# **Chemists Just Want To Have pHun**

# The SI(lly) System Useful (?) Conversion Factors and Unit Relationships

 $10^{-1}$  mates = 1 decimate

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 $10^{-2}$  mental journeys = 1 centimental journey

10 millipedes = 1 centipede

 $10^{-3}$  of an ion = 1 million

 $10^{-3}$  Helen of Troys = 1 milliHelen, the amount of beauty required to launch one ship

 $10^{-6}$  phones = 1 microphone

 $10^{-12}$  really big scares = 1 picoboo

## **A Chemical Thought**

I started out as a molecules kid. In high school and early college I loved chemistry, but I gradually shifted toward physics, which seemed cleaner — odorless, in fact.

Leon Lederman, *The God Particle: If the Universe is the Answer,* What is the Question? (with Dick Teresi, 1993)

### **Permian Basin ACS Local Section Officers 2013**

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If you have news about local activities, student activities, new employees, new members, good (or bad) science/chemistry jokes, or any other events related to the local section that you want to be included in the newsletter, please send the information to <a href="Mevin.Boudreaux@angelo.edu">Kevin.Boudreaux@angelo.edu</a>.