

Wayne E. Jones, Jr.

NERM 2015 Awardee of the E. Ann Nalley Northeast Region Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society



Wayne E. Jones, Jr. earned his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont. He continued his education to the Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Texas at Austin, Wayne accepted a post of Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry, SUNY at Binghamton. Progressing through the ranks, Wayne Jones is currently Professor of Chemistry. In addition to his scholarly contributions, Wayne's administrative talents have been recognized by his university. To wit, he has served as Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences at SUNY Binghamton, and is starting his third year as Chemistry Department Chair.

More pertinent to the Nalley ACS Award, Wayne Jones has translated his administrative skills into leadership positions in the American Chemical Society, at the three levels of organization: the Binghamton local section, the Northeast Region, and the national stage of ACS governance. At the local level, Wayne started his service as the Binghamton Local Section Awards Chair in 1996. In 1997 he was elected the section's Councilor, a post he still holds. In

addition to this, he was Chair of the Binghamton Local Section in 2000.

Wayne Jones enlarged the scope of his volunteerism when he decided to get involved with the incorporation of the Northeast Region. As part of the “gang of four” volunteers, Wayne contributed to the deliberations and ultimate production of the constitution and bylaws of the Northeast Region of the ACS (NERACS). Incorporation was finally achieved in 2005, and Wayne served as the inaugural Treasurer of our Region. Besides high-level governance, Wayne Jones has also carried out the heavy lifting of being General Chair of NERM 2006, held in Binghamton, NY. He did a remarkable job, as this NERM proceeded despite the primary conference site having been flooded out just prior to the meeting. Meeting rooms were moved, and this NERM was a success both scientifically and financially. Undaunted, Wayne has volunteered to again, in 2016, hold the reins of a NERM as General Chair.

On the national level, Wayne’s work as Councilor has resulted in posts on three major committees: Local Section Activities, Membership Affairs, and the Committee on Committees. Remarkably, he has served as Chair for all of these! His various other contributions in service to the ACS emphatically point to a well-deserved selection as the NERM 2015 E. Ann Nalley Volunteer Service Award.