Statement from H. N. Cheng

I appreciate the opportunity to discuss chemical health and safety here. First, I am a firm believer in chemical safety. In my personal research work, safety is paramount. The key is to inculcate a safety culture, including not only pro-active safe lab practices, but a mentality and awareness of safety and a community spirit that helps our coworkers to think the same and train others (or seek training) when needed. If elected, I would like to work with CHAS to help promote the safety culture in the workplace. Secondly, we need better chemical safety training for students, and we can work together on this effort. Thirdly, my research deals with green chemistry and sustainability. I believe green chemistry will ultimately decrease the overall risks and hazards of chemistry in general.  I have also been organizing symposia and editing books on green polymer chemistry. If CHAS is willing, we can collaborate on these efforts. If you are interested, here is the link on my research areas:

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