

Update – 31 July 2009

*Long-time American Chemical Society (ACS) member and Environmental Chemist Steven J. Welcenbach, the President of the Wisconsin based Alchemical Ventures, Inc., has released a portion of his private email exchange with American Chemical Society's **editor in chief** Rudy Baum. Baum, now under pressure to be removed from his post, created a scientific firestorm with his **June 22, 2009 editorial** in Chemical and Engineering News (C&E News) claiming that the global warming debate was settled.*

**Text of long-time ACS member and Environmental Chemist Steven J. Welcenbach's note to Climate Depot and an Email exchange with ACS editor Rudy Baum. Welcenbach has been an ACS member since 1986.**

Hello Marc [Morano], (Editor of Climate Depot)

Thank you for getting the word out with what is going on in American Chemical Society (ACS). A vast number of members are very upset with the lack of complete and balanced coverage of the AGW issue and the continued censoring of articles and letters by Rudy Baum that do not support the theory of catastrophic global warming caused by CO2 emissions from man's use of petroleum and coal. Many of the members I have spoken with have not only expressed their disgust but either have left ACS or are contemplating leaving the group. Lots of us, however, have decided that we should take action to return the group back to the scientific method and the initial purpose for which this group was formed and why we joined.

Therefore, I think it is imperative for you and all readers to understand the entire context of my exchange with [editor-in-chief] Rudy Baum. I treated him with respect and tried to interface with him in a reasonable way. As you will see, he resorted to personal insult and attack, thus my final e-mail which he decided was enough to publish. It was not.

***[ Climate Depot Editor's Note: Baum quoted Welcenbach's email in a follow up article reacting to blowback from ACS member scientists. Welcenbach wrote to Baum: "When all is said and done, and you and your kind are proven wrong (again), you will have moved on to be an unthinking urn for another rat pleading catastrophe. You will be removed. I promise." ]***

As the largest scientific organization in the world we need to be on the front lines of this debate. True debate. Unfortunately Rudy Baum used his position as a political stump speech platform while cherry picking info supporting AGW and suppressing all info and articles to the contrary. For this reason he needs to go. An information censor is the LAST thing ACS needs.

I have been involved as a TRUE environmentalist since 1986. I have worked in the waste disposal and recycling industry this entire time. I will send you a copy of my resume in a separate e-mail for you to get a more complete picture of what I have done in this area.

Yours Truly,

Steven J. Welcenbach

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**Welcenbach has given Climate Depot permission to reprint his portion of the email exchange with editor Rudy Baum below.**

Begin forwarded message:

From: Steven Welcenbach

Date: June 26, 2009 11:56:10 AM CDT

To: Rudy Baum

Subject: Re: AGW letters published which are contrary to your own viewpoint

Well Rudy,

I hoped that you may have had a new information input valve into your mind but I see it has been closed off or eliminated. I guess you're happy in your little prison of thought so I certainly don't want to disturb you. It becomes obvious when the "Flat Earth" comments come out one is not dealing with an individual interested in fact finding or relevant discussion. When all is said and done, and you and your kind are proven wrong (again), you will have moved on to be an unthinking urn for another rat pleading catastrophe.

You will be removed. I promise.

We have no need for further interaction.

Steven J. Welcenbach

ACS Member that has now been designated the job of removing Rudy Baum from Editor-in-Chief of C&E News

Also card carrying "Flat Earther"

And Neanderthal (since I'm sure that one was next to come)