



Chicago Local Section Administration Form 2016

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2016?*	11
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2016?*	22
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2016?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
4. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Spring and Fall ACS Council meetings?*	100%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2016 ACS Leadership Institute?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6. Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan during 2016?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
7. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2016?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-nomination <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation or advertising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identify active committee members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training <input type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members <input type="checkbox"/> Arm-twisting <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2016? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2016?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2016?*	485

Questions 11-13 provide the opportunity for your section's leadership to communicate successes, challenges, goals, and progress towards meeting those goals. We want to hear from you! Please use the required comment boxes to share your thoughts about your section. In questions 12 and 13, do not feel limited by having spaces indicated for the top three goals. Other goals can be added in the comment box if needed.

11. 2016 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*

It's been a very active year for the Section. The topics for our 2016 monthly Section meetings were wide-ranging, from presentations involving groundbreaking research, Prof. Marco J. Castaldi, City College (CCNY) and City University of New York (CUNY), "Combustion, Gasification, and Catalytic Reaction Engineering. Waste to Energy" (joint meeting with AIChE)
 Prof. Laura L. Kiessling, University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Chemical Probes of Immunity and Tolerance" (Willard Gibbs Medal Award lecture)
 Prof. Susumu Kitagawa, Kyoto University, "Discovery and Development of Functional Porous Coordination Polymers / Metal-Organic Frameworks" (Basolo Medal lecture)
 Prof. Tom Meade, Northwestern University, "Advances in Bioactivated and Targeted MR Imaging Probes: Are We There Yet?" (Stieglitz lecture)
 work being done in government relating to the environment,
 Dr. Thomas Granato, Director, Monitoring and Research Department, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, "Chicagoland's Little Known Recycling Success Story – How Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Biosolids Are Benefiting Farmers, Recreators and the Environment"
 Toni Glymph-Martin, Senior Level Supervisor, Monitoring and Research Department, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, "Effects of Environmental Contaminants on Microorganisms in Wastewater Treatment Systems" (Education Night)
 career ideas on how chemists might use their training in chemistry,
 Dr. Bill Carroll, Carroll Applied Science, LLC, "Statistics and the Shirelles: How Physical Sciences Thinking Informs Popular Music Analytics."
 Dr. Willie May, Under Secretary for Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), "My Incredible Journey: From the Projects in Birmingham to Leading the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology"
 Dr. James DeFrancesco, Loyola University Chicago Forensic Science Program, former DEA investigator, "Investigating Clandestine Drug Laboratories" and just basic chemistry:
 Dr. Margaret Schott, Northwestern University, "Elemental Sulfur: A Natural (and Unnatural) Resource"
 Details for these meetings may be found in the Section's archive at:
http://chicagoacs.org/meetinginfo.php?p_or_f=p&y=2016
 The Section partnered with many institutions for its events in 2016. For example, Loyola University Chicago was a tremendous partner this year as it has been in the past. Loyola provided the facilities for
 - the Inaugural Senior Chemists Committee Event at its Institute of Environmental Sustainability
 - the Section's Education Night meeting, WCC Non-Traditional Chemical Career Event and Loyola University Undergraduate Student Poster Session
 - Chemistry Olympiad-U.S. Local and National Exams
 - ChemDay 2016
 In addition, Loyola professors mentored 4 students in Project SEED
 North Central College was also an excellent partner for the Section. North Central provided the facilities for
 - the K-12 Chemistry Teacher Appreciation Event/ Intro to AACT in conjunction with the teachers networking group ChemWest
 - Chemistry Olympiad-U.S. Local Exam
 - Marie S. Curie Girl Scout Chemistry Day Patch event
 Other colleges, universities and schools were also partners:
 - Northwestern University co-hosted the annual Basolo award lecture with the Section
 - The University of Chicago co-hosted the annual Stieglitz award lecture with the Section
 - Illinois State University supported the Section's Illinois State Fair efforts
 - Valparaiso University, Oakton Community College and the College of Lake County supported the Marie S. Curie Girl Scout Chemistry Day Patch event
 - the Illinois Institute of Technology partnered with the section for the Engineers Week Expo
 - Columbia College's Steamgauge team presented a STEAM activity with Section involvement

	<p>- Hurley Elementary School (Chicago Public School) hosted an event put on by the Section and partner Scientists for Tomorrow</p> <p>Numerous universities provided volunteers for the 9-day long multi-Local Section State Fair presence: Bradley University, Columbia College, College of DuPage, DePaul University, Eastern Illinois University, Illinois State University, North Central College, Purdue North West University, Rock Valley College, Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville, Triton College, University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana, University of Illinois Chicago College of Pharmacy, University of Illinois at Springfield, and Wright College.</p> <p>The Section also had industry and governmental supporters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Illinois State Fair was supported by AAAS, Fischer Scientific, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, NorthStar Credit Union, United Soybean Board, Wizardcraft - Chemistry Week events were supported by the Des Plaines, Illinois library, Museum of Science and Industry - the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago provided speakers and hosted a tour of its facilities <p>Finally, many organizations other than those listed above supported the Section's Boy Scouts of America's Chemistry Merit Badge, Marie S. Curie Girl Scout Chemistry Day Patch and "Kids & Chemistry", and NCS Activity Patch programs. These organizations include the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, the Boy Scouts of America Three Fires, Pathway to Adventure, Blackhawk, Prairieland Councils in IL, Three Harbors in WI</p> <p>Among the challenges that the Section faces is that attendance at the meetings has been steadily dropping at the Section's monthly meetings despite the excellent speakers and diverse topics offered. Section leadership suspects that a few of the reasons for this are the great distances that attendees must travel during rush hour to attend meetings and the cost of the meals. Our incoming chair, Fran Kravitz, has worked to address this issue by applying for and being awarded an IPG (Innovative Project Grant) from the ACS Local Section Activities Committee to stream monthly program meetings from one meeting location to two additional sites in 2017. Fran has also changed the format from a sit-down dinner with wait staff to a box lunch. We are excited about this new meeting format and the potential that it has for better connecting us to other members in our Section.</p> <p>It's been a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Chicago Section this past year. Networking within and outside our Section has reminded me yet again of the expertise and excellence of our members. I hope all of you will continue to use ACS to build your networks and discover new passions and opportunities – to enhance our Section's outreach and impact, involve new chemists and fresh ideas, obtain challenging and satisfying jobs, make valuable contributions after retirement, or to just plain enjoy meeting chemists and learning more chemistry.</p>
<p>12. 2017 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>Implement live streaming of our dinner meeting to two additional geographic sites</p>
	<p>Increase membership by addressing the needs of the stakeholders</p> <p>Mentor members/new committee chairs resulting in a succession plan of new officers</p>

b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	We have seen decreasing membership through aging members, less participation from our professional sectors (i.e. industry, government and academia), and industry departing the Chicagoland area. Our Section needs to look at ways to interest nonmembers to join by addressing their needs as stakeholders. Decreasing membership affects our dinner meeting attendance, volunteers and our operating budget. We need to look at new ways of networking with our members through social media and new technology to address their needs such as live streaming of dinner meetings. We also need to address identifying new leaders by having our experienced board members mentor members to ensure we have future leaders for the Section. It is important to still keep the continuity of the board with a balance of both experienced and new board members to generate new ideas but not lose the history of the section.
13. 2017 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	I. Greater engagement of Chicago area companies
	II. Increase the involvement of our younger chemists by continuing to reach out to those at our local colleagues and universities and well as those in industry.
	III. Increasing the outreach to the community at large, growing the awareness of the ACS and partnering/spotlighting with local community organizations at our monthly meetings.
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	i. The ability to get more of our members involved in committees and organizing events in the local section. Convert passive members to active members. ii. With the increasing cost of hosting meetings at restaurants, the ability to secure venues at a reasonable cost iii. Grow the number of members in our section. Prevent the declines we have been seeing.

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2016?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No																																																																					
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2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2016?*	0	
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2016?*	0	
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2016?*	1	
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2016?*	3	
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2016?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2016?*	2	
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2016?*	582	
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2016?*	50	
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2016.* (Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer supervisor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition at an event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition on web <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition in newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Other -	

Local Section Administration Form - Communications

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2016?*	10
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2016?*	44
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2016?*(Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> At a section meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At an executive committee meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the newsletter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On the local section web site <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2016?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members (including social media channels)?*	<p>The Chicago Section communicates to its members primarily via email and our website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our monthly newsletter is distributed by email. • Every monthly meeting is announced with special invitation emails two or three times prior to the meeting; these emails contain links to the event pages on our website. • Our website is used to both post announcements of new material, and serves as storehouse for archived material. • We maintain Facebook pages and Twitter accounts for the Section and the Illinois State Fair ACS project. Our posts consist of announcements of Section activities, but also include posts of general interest to chemists. • To communicate with the broader chemistry community, we maintain the Chicago Section group on the ACS Network. • For communications within the board, we maintain a secret group on the ACS Network. <p>We also make announcements at Section dinner meetings and other events.</p>

5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	10
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	10
6. What social media does your local section use? (If selected, please provide the link.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoACS/ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twitter https://twitter.com/ChicagoACS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1854603 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other communities.acs.org/groups/chicago-section
7. Did your local section have a website during 2016?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
7a. If the answer to 7 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	www.chicagoacs.org
8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2016?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Local Section Administration Form - Nomination

1. Our Section would like to self-nominate for the Local Section Outstanding Performance Award.*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2016 activities to support your nomination.	<p>The Chicago Section contributed a great deal in 2016 to further the strategic goals of the ACS. The Section provided information to its members, the public and governmental agencies through its monthly meetings, Chemical Bulletin articles and website. It worked to advance member careers by hosting networking sessions, a job club, career fairs and poster sessions before its monthly meetings. The Section also worked to improve education by promoting the AACT to its local K-12 teachers, participating in the ACS AP Test Review webinar and Engineers Week Expo, and providing nearly \$16,000 in scholarships to high school students, and another \$1,000 to their teachers, hosting the Scholarship Examination in Chemistry and the Chemistry Olympiad - U.S. Local and National Exams, facilitating the mentoring of four (4) Project SEED students, and providing the numerous programs for children such as the Girl Scout and Boy Scout chemistry programs and Minority Affairs outreach. Finally, the Section communicated chemistry's value by, in addition to those activities above, hosting fun and informative activities at Chemistry Day 2016 and Chemistry Week events and at the Illinois State Fair – 9 days of activities and demonstrations hosted by seven (7) ACS local sections and attended by thousands of people from the general public.</p> <p>The Section's ten (10) monthly meeting provided speakers from governmental agencies and universities and from a chemical consultant. The topics were wide-ranging, from groundbreaking research, work being done in government relating to the environment, career ideas on how chemists might use their training in chemistry, as well as just basic chemistry. At two of the meetings, awards were presented to the speakers – the Public Affairs Award and the prestigious Willard Gibbs Medal. The Section also hosted numerous events in conjunction with its monthly meetings – poster sessions, a non-traditional career advisor panel, job club meetings and tours of two water reclamation plants.</p> <p>For its numerous events in 2016, the Section partnered with over 25 different institutions, including major universities, junior colleges, high schools and elementary schools, local, state and national governmental agencies, Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations, local companies, libraries and museums, in addition to at least eight (8) other ACS local sections.</p> <p>The dedicated volunteers of the Chicago Section are to be applauded for their excellent work in 2016.</p>

Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

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Chicago Section Photo Gallery – 2016.pdf	4.58 MB	Chicago Section 2016 Photo Gallery
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Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

Approved on behalf of Susan Shih

 Approved & Submit for Review

Debora Fillinich

02/15/2017

This form has been submitted for your approval. Please review each tab for completeness and accuracy, make any necessary edits, and save all changes before approving this form. After the form is approved, it will be submitted for review. The approved form will be placed in read only mode and no additional edits will be allowed. Your approval will submit this form as part of your official annual report to ACS.

Local Section Administration Form - Reasons for Return**Approver Return Comments****Contributor Return Comments**

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