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Governance

Please input your responses to all questions based on the annual reporting year (unless otherwise instructed.)

1. How many times did the executive committee meet to conduct governance business? *

2. How many members were there in the executive committee? *

3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another? (Check all that apply.) *

 Email Teleconference Zoom/Gotomeeting/Webex ACS Network Other

4. What was the month and year of the last Local Section strategic planning session?

5. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Spring Virtual Council Meeting? *

6. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Fall Virtual Council Meeting? *

100	%
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7. Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan? *

- Yes
- No

8. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at ACS Leadership Institute? *

- Yes
- No

9. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline? (Check all that apply.) *

- Self-nomination
- Solicitation or Advertising
- Identify Active Committee Members
- Formal Leadership Training
- Long Term Plan
- Outreach to New Members
- Arm-Twisting
- Other

10. Did your local section conduct an officer election? *

- Yes
- No

11. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically? *

- Yes
- No

12. How many members voted in your local section election?

526

The following questions 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. Do not feel limited by having spaces indicated for the top three goals. Other goals can be added in the comment box if needed.

13. Chair's Report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges *

With COVID still on everyone's minds, restrictions ever changing, and concerns, this year was another challenging year, however we were able to still continually pivot and think outside of the box and provide many opportunities for our members and community. Activities - In 2021 we were able to pivot and have a virtual undergraduate research symposia to help our younger members a chance to present their research as well as being able to practice presenting. Another activity the section was able to continue during these trying times were our monthly meetings - 10 in all and 12 board meetings, including one emergency meeting. All the meetings this year were virtual, even our Gibbs Medal Ceremony. In the spring as well as the fall the section continued the tradition of creating CCEW and NCW events for our members, nonmembers and community to participate in as well as a variety of other outreach programming including the State fair. Our K - 12 committee was able to pivot and provide opportunities for the high school students to participate with the Chem Olympiad as well as host a virtual scholarship exam. Our YCC was able to host several virtual events and we continued to support our members by providing information via our website, newsletter, and social media posts. We also were able to continue to monitor the ever changing restrictions for the state and kept pivoting to provide many opportunities for our community as a whole. The committee created at home activities of creating solar ovens for K - 12 students, many online activities and many other things for our region to participate in CCEW. In the fall the section was able to have an in person event for NCW and partnered with two iconic Chicago institutions of the Museum of Science and Industry and Navy Pier and were able to provide numerous hands on activities for kids and adults alike to experience chemistry and provide take home kits for kids to do experiments with their families. Other outreach events were in person or virtual and the section did not back down and participated in multiple online events and in person with the State Fair. As Chair, one of my goals was to create / bridge the gap among the K - 12 education community and the upper academia / industrial sectors and the continuation of teacher kits, providing programming that would attract a wider range of audience and being a K - 12 educator myself give our members a different perspective helped our section to start bridging that gap / connection. Getting back to programming, the wider range of topics helped our number of members and nonmembers alike to join in to our meetings. This programming also created some new partnerships with a business that creates their own liquor and ABC Channel 7 meteorology Cheryl Scott. My energy inspired many of our members to think about thinking outside of the box. Our Newsletter - the Chemical Bulletin - continues to grow and make the newsletter better and up to date with the times. Additional sections, such as teach resources. highlighting committees, the style and formatting has made the newsletter even better. YCC also though outside of the box and had several online events to help the younger members and nonmembers alike and about to partner with many other outside groups. On a different note, the section was able to have 4 more members to become ACS Fellows as well as being able to win several Chemluminaries. Challenges: Not being able to be in person was a challenge to inspire all our committees to pivot and think outside of the box. Some of our committees decided not to do as

much because of the challenges we face with COVID. However, I am hopeful that they have been planning for when our area goes back to more normal meetings. This year we wanted to have the Gibbs ceremony to be hybrid and pushed the event to September to help with the vision. Then I had to make the tough choice to pivot to virtual right after the National ACS Meeting. Ironically the winner was in the area, we were able to still be able to have a wonderful, more personal dinner with the winner to make the event special. Also, there have been some other difficult decisions that needed to be made and tensions were up at times with these challenges - Gibbs Juror, election, how to proceed with meetings, etc.

Responses to be provided by the Chair-elect for the annual reporting year.

14. Chair-Elect's Goals *

a . Please list first of top three goals

Enhanced services that our members and the public need;

b . Please list the second for top three goals

Opportunities for collaboration with other local sections and ACS international chapters;

c . Please list third of top three goals

Active participation at the ACS Fall National Meeting in Chicago this August.

To be completed by the Chair-elect for year following the annual reporting year.

15. Next Year's Chair-elect's Goals *

a . Please list first of top three goals

Get to know more people in the Chicago Section by participating in events including the Section's Illinois State Fair tent, National Chemistry Week activities, and public outreach at Navy Pier and the Museum of Science and Industry, for example.

b . Please list second of top three goals

Contribute to planning and carrying out the Section's initiatives in hosting the 2022 ACS Fall National Meeting in order to provide participants with a positive and memorable experience here in Chicago.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Learn as much as possible from the current Chair and the Board of Directors about the workings of the Section, our ongoing traditions, and areas for growth.

16. Does the Local Section have an Vision and/or Mission Statement *

- Yes
- No

In 2021, the ACS Board of Directors authorized an additional one-time supplemental funding allocation equal to your local section annual allotment.

17. Please describe below how your local section has used (or plans to use) the supplemental funds that were allocated in 2021. *

The additional funds allowed the section to help support the efforts of community activities, K-12 education, online contests that we did, etc

Organization

1. Did your local section have active coordinators for the following?

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Mark C Cesa
Budget/Finance	Mark Kaiser
Budget/Finance	Timothy W Marin
Budget/Finance	Herbert S Golinkin
Budget/Finance	Milton Levenberg
Budget/Finance	Kenneth Paul Fivizzani
Chemistry Olympiad	Sherri Conn Rukes
Chemistry Olympiad	Russell Kohnken
Community Activities	Milton Levenberg
Community Activities	Sherri Conn Rukes
Community Activities	Fran Karen Kravitz
Educational	Sherri Conn Rukes
Educational	Aleksandra Baranczak
Educational	Robert L Chapman
Educational	Russell Kohnken
Educational	Fran Karen Kravitz
Educational	Bernard D Santarsiero
Environmental Health and Safety	Irene G Cesa
Government Affairs	Michael George Koehler
Membership/Membership Retention	Rebecca L Sanders
Minority Affairs	Oluseye Onajole
Newsletter/Publications	Katarzyna Sadelska
Newsletter/Publications	Irene G Cesa
Newsletter/Publications	Amber K Arzadon

Newsletter/Publications
Nominations
Professional Relations
Professional Relations
Professional Relations
Project SEED
Project SEED
Project SEED
Public Relations
Public Relations
Senior Chemists
Women Chemists
Younger Chemists

Margaret E Schott
Aleksandra Baranczak
Vincent Peter Hradil
Sunshine Silver
Ann Rowley
Raelynn Miller
Paul F Brandt
Julia Wiester
Josh W Kurutz
Russell W Johnson
Kenneth Paul Fivizzani
Katie Gesmundo
Jana Markley

2. How many subsections were active in your local section? *

12

3. How many subsection meetings were held? *

45

4. How many topical groups were active in your local section? *

2

5. How many topical group meetings were held? *

12

*A person who is not a member of the SOCIETY shall not become a member of any Local Section, but Local Sections may provide in their bylaws to have Local Section Affiliates, not members of the SOCIETY, who shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the Local Section, as provided in the Local Section bylaws, except that of holding an elective position of the Local Section, or voting on Articles of Incorporation and bylaws for the Local Section, or serving as a voting member of its Executive Committee or equivalent policymaking body, or voting for Councilor(s) or Alternate Councilor(s) from the Local Section. In their bylaws, Local Sections may either provide or withhold the privilege of voting by Local Section Affiliates for an elective position (other than Councilor or Alternate Councilor) of the Local Section. Local Section Affiliates may be appointed as Committee Chairs, if allowed by the bylaws of the Local Section.

6. How many dues-paying local section affiliates* were there in the local section? *

0

7. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) *

- Yes
- No

8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section? *

80

9. Please estimate the number of volunteers that were new. *

24

10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers? *

- Awards
- Certificates
- Letter to Volunteer
- Letter to Volunteer Supervisor
- Recognition at Event
- Recognition in Newsletter
- Recognition on Web
- Other

Communication

Please input your responses to all questions based on the annual reporting year (unless otherwise instructed.)

1. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee? *

- Yes

No

2. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters? *

At an Executive Committee Meeting

At a Section Meeting

In an email

In the newsletter

On the local section website

Other

3. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting? *

126

4. How many local section meetings were held? *

10

5. How does the section's leadership communicate information to its members (including social media channels)?

a . General description of communication:

newsletter, emails, social media (facebook, linkedin, instagram, twitter), list serves, website, word of mouth

b . How Often do these communications occur? Number of newsletters published:

monthly and social media is a daily / weekly / monthly thing

c . How Often do these communications occur? Number of meeting notices:

3 per meeting

6. What social media does your local section use? (If selected, the link is required.)

Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/ChicagoACS.org/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/ChicagoACS.org/>

LinkedIn

<http://www.linkedin.com/company/chicago-section-american-chem/>

Snapchat

TikTok

Twitter

<http://www.twitter.com/ChicagoACS.org>

Other

7. Did your local section have a website? *

- Yes
 No

If the answer to above question is YES, what was the URL for your website?

chicagoacs.org

8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on the website? *

- Yes
 No

Nomination

The Local Section (LS) Outstanding Performance (OP) ChemLuminary Award is given annually to a local section in each section size category by the Local Section Activities Committee. This award recognizes the most outstanding performance of a LS in a particular size category in supporting ACS, its

section members, students, the public, the education enterprise, industry, other ACS sections, other professional societies, and partnering organizations. The review is based solely on the LS FORMS annual report (AR), considering primarily the summary self-nomination statement below and the summary descriptions contained within Events, Activities, and Meetings. Other performance indicators may include administrative (e.g. participation in elections) and financial (e.g. sound budgetary policy) aspects. Timely submission of your administration and financial forms is a major factor in the evaluation of your LS for the Outstanding Performance Award.

1. Our Section would like to self-nominate for the Local Section Outstanding Performance Award *

- Yes
- No

Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's activities to support your nomination.

COVID had a tremendous impact on the Chicago Section once again, which has a tradition of face-to-face dinner meetings at least once a month throughout the academic year and hosting many outreach events. During 2021, we supported our members by holding our general and board meetings by Zoom. This actually made it easier for many of our board members to be able to join all meetings and have space to take notes. This also allowed more of our members and fellow chemists from New York down to Alabama to California and as far as Alaska to join our monthly meetings - 126 participants on average. In May, we celebrated K - 12 counterparts. This was a nice way to help end their school year on a good note. Although we moved our Gibbs celebration to September in hopes to be able to do a hybrid program, we ended up having it virtual. However, we were able to make it very special for our winner as well as allowing more chemists from all over to attend. Recognizing the need to meet face-to-face on a regular basis for many reasons, we used our 2021 experience to learn how to improve a remote meeting experience for participants in the Section and beyond. We also used our website and meetings to reach more of our members about events coming up, including our board meetings, which we welcome all to attend. We added a harassment (policy and slide for events) and COVID plans to our section for meetings / events. Our Section's newsletter, The Chemical Bulletin - summary attached, is still a tremendous value to our members during this difficult year. 2021 was also special for the Section because: 1. We reorganized our governance to improve communication, impact, and participation opportunity for our members. Now have begun in 2021 with the new operating structure operational. We are now organized into five divisions: Administration, Communication, Education & Outreach, Membership, and Science. Each division is chaired by an individual, who holds joint committee meetings to coordinate and refine joint functions. This is a way our committees could reach even more members, do more joint / larger scale events. We are also improving the effectiveness of our office staff person, who by doing many of the routine tasks frees-up time for our member volunteers to focus on strategy, program, communications, and events. Our YCC group had a particularly strong year with several programs. These programs strengthened relationships with student groups, younger members in academia settings as well as in industry – summary attached. Our Outreach Committee continued its kits from the IPG grant, which by the end helped over 350 teachers across the area. It did not end there. We handed out kits to students for CCEW, provided online resources and videos, and collaborated with MSI and Navy Pier to have one of our most successful NCW events - see summary.

Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
State Fair Outreach	State_Fair_Summary_for_Sherri.docx	13.66 KB	2/14/2022
YCC summary and event covers	ChemLuminarySupport2021_YCC.docx	481.14 KB	2/14/2022

Chemical Bulletin Summary	2022-02-14 Chicago Section - The Chemical Bulletin rev01.docx	35.44 KB	2/14/2022
Flyer for NCW events	NCW flyer october good.pdf	858.97 KB	2/14/2022
Community Outreach Summary	Community Activities Committee.docx	14.03 KB	2/14/2022
NCW pictures	ChemistryDay_2021.zip	65.09 MB	2/15/2022
COVID PLAN	COVID Plan for the Chicago ACS Office 121521.pdf	97.05 KB	2/15/2022
Harassment Policy	SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY.docx	27.22 KB	2/15/2022