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

5. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Fall Hybrid Council Meeting?

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

8. 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

online volunteer interest forms

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

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

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

256

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.

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

The Chicago Local Section had a successful year in 2024. We continue to have virtual board meetings with good results, and plan to continue in this format. While we had been using a combination of hybrid and in person meetings in previous years, we expanded our variety of meeting options to reach out to more section members. We added virtual lunch meetings for those who cannot attend meeting in the evenings. One event was targeted to senior chemists and the other to the YCC. We also had a fantastic volunteer event in April for Earth Day, led by our YCC. We had excellent turnout from college students, both undergraduate and graduate for that event, along with our regular members. We also added a family and friends social event in June. We attended a local minor league baseball game, with good attendance. These new types of event were very popular and will continue in 2025. We have continued to use our online volunteer form to bring new members of our section into our committees. As we continue to meet in a virtual format, we looked to move and downsize our section office. We have located a new office at Benedictine University in Lisle, which will provide us with space at a reduced cost relative to our larger office in Park Ridge. We will be moving into that office in early 2025. Benedictine will also allow us to use meeting space for board meetings or program meetings as part of our agreement. Our YCC, WCC and Senior Chemists committees continue to be very active. Highlights from those organizations are reported through the event reports. We have increased the membership of our web and social media sub-committees and are making strides in cross-training. Challenges in 2024 were similar to those in 2023. While we are a very large chapter, only about 10% of members participate in the elections, and it is difficult to get new volunteers to run for office or join our committees. As our expenses and direct income are in-line with the size of our activities, the size of our endowment means that we continue to struggle with the balance of income from the investments against the general operating funding. We spent most of calendar 2024 looking into vendors for the Gibbs medals, as the cost of both gold and production have risen sharply. In the end, we are remaining with our current vendor.

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

13. Chair-Elect's Goals *

a . Please list first of top three goals

Expand outreach to existing section members to increase participation, meeting attendance and volunteer engagement. Will organize career events to attract young chemists who can benefit from ACS resources and experienced volunteers.

b . Please list the second for top three goals

Explore options for collaborations with STEM societies outside chemistry to enhance our ability to do effective science outreach.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Work to increase participation by Chicago-area companies like Abbvie, Abbott, Baxter, Siemens, and Regis where there has been little involvement to date.

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

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

a . Please list first of top three goals

Collaborate with the Programming Arrangements committee to plan programs to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the ACS in 2026.

b . Please list second of top three goals

Create joint programming between the Chicago ACS Section and the Great Lakes Chinese Chemical American Society to occur in 2026.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Develop a written time-line document of the Chair-Elect responsibilities to help future Chair-Elects.

15. Does the Local Section have a Vision and/or Mission Statement *

- Yes
- No

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

01/28/2021

17. If your section had a strategic plan, what has been your success in implementing the plan?

- Very Successful
- Somewhat Successful
- Not Successful

18. What obstacles if any, have you had in implementing your strategic plan?

The majority of the chapter work is done by a core group of people, and it is difficult to get members who are not currently involved to join committees or express interest in running for the board or officer positions. We continue to struggle with efforts to gain outside financial support, especially from industry. We continue to have issues similar to other professional organizations in getting members to take the time to join our meetings.

19. By submitting this form, the Chair acknowledges that they have seen and understand the ACS Youth Protection Policy found at www.acs.org/ypp, and represents that it has been communicated to individuals responsible for ACS Youth Events.

Yes

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Fran Karen Kravitz
Budget/Finance	Michael Joseph Morello
Budget/Finance	Timothy W Marin
Chemistry Olympiad	Paul F Brandt
Community Activities	Sherri Conn Rukes
Educational	Paul F Brandt
Environmental Health and Safety	Michael George Koehler
Government Affairs	Michael George Koehler
Industry Relations	Lucas Claussen
Membership/Membership Retention	Kenneth Paul Fivizzani
Minority Affairs	Inessa Miller
Newsletter/Publications	Margaret E Schott
Nominations	Vivian Sullivan
Project SEED	Claire E Baxter
Project SEED	Raelynn Miller
Public Relations	Russell W Johnson
Senior Chemists	Kenneth Paul Fivizzani
Strategic Planning	Vivian Sullivan
Women Chemists	Sunshine Silver
Women Chemists	Anita Mehta
Younger Chemists	Gowri Udayangani Kuda Singappulige
Younger Chemists	Ana Clara Leal

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

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3. How many subsection meetings were held? *

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

5. How many topical group meetings were held? *

*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? *

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? *

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

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? *

40

4. How many local section meetings were held? *

11

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

a . General description of communication:

through the newsletter, website, social media (facebook, instagram, linkedin), email blasts and word of mouth

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

The Chemical Bulletin is published monthly from September to June (10 issues)

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

10 meetings plus YCC and WCC event postings

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

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoACS/>

Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/chicagoacs/?hl=en>

LinkedIn

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

Snapchat

TikTok

Twitter

Other

Bluesky <https://bsky.app/profile/chicagoacs.bsky.social>

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?

<https://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.

The Chicago Local Section had a productive and enriching year for its members and the wider community. In 2024, we took a new look at our meeting formats and events. We added 2 lunch seminars for those who do not like evening meetings. We had virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings at local restaurants and universities. We added a new friends and family social event at a local minor league baseball game. At that event, we had a professor bring his entire research group, and many members brought their whole families. We are proud of our contributions to ACS through annual events like the Gibbs Medal Award, the Basolo Medal Award, local section and regional awards, intellectually stimulating program meetings with a networking component, outreach and education activities and much more. We participate in outreach to other local chemical organizations, including joint meetings with the Chicago AIChE in January and the Aurum Iodide chapter of Iota Sigma Pi (a national women's chemistry honor society) in December. In 2023, the YCC and WCC committees were rebooted and were very active. In 2024, both the YCC and WCC had spectacular years, with both groups hosting multiple events and reaching out to support students interested in chemistry. YCC received a grant and hosted a Science Cafe, organized a park cleanup event

for Earth Week and two brunch-style networking events. WCC hosted an IUPAC GWB event, a speed networking event for students and sponsored a women's social at the SMASH NMR conference. We continue to invite new members to join in volunteering, joining our committees and running for office. We had excellent participation from members new and old in our outreach events. CHEMICAL BULLETIN. Our monthly newsletter, now in its 112th year, published 10 excellent issues and involved volunteers at every stage of preparation. Articles of special note included health/environment/safety, history of chemistry, teacher resources, safe at-home experiments for kids, and information about upcoming programs. We recruited more members to join our communications division especially our web and social media committees. We continue to expand our social media presence, and joined Bluesky this year.

Supporting Materials

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