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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 Hybrid 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?

49

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 *

In 2022 the Southern Arizona Section, ACS was still dealing with the ramifications of Covid. Our Executive Committee meetings continue to be held virtually, thanks to the Zoom license provided to the local section by national ACS. We did hold two member dinner meetings during the year which were in-person, so we are working our way back to normalcy. The first meeting was held April 12th with a presentation by Luke Addington, Artifacts Conservator, to ~25 chapter members at a dinner meeting regarding the chemistry behind restoration of 3000 year old Egyptian coffin. This was a different topic than most dinner meetings and it produced a lot of interactive questions and discussion. The second dinner meeting on Oct 27th was a presentation to ~30 members by the section's Womens Chemistry Group (WCG) entitled Who We Are, What We Do and Where We Are Going. It's important that members understand the great work in Community Outreach being done by section volunteers. Hopefully it also generated interest in other younger women members to participate in the activities this group has been doing since the early 2000's. The WCG also participated in the virtual SARSEF Science Fair as judges for 265 science fair projects by female students K-6 where they presented a total of \$150 in gift certificates. WCG also participated in the Arizona STEM Adventure held at Pima Community College attended by over 1000 4-8th graders. The group did their ever popular Silly Putty hands-on experiment with close to 500 students while describing the chemistry that was going on. The WCG also collected \$600 in gift cards and several carloads of donations for the EMERGE Center for Domestic Abuse. Our Community Outreach coordinator, Dr. Grazyna Zreda, organized participation in the Tuscon Childrens Museum Earth Day event in April with a variety of hands-on experiments that went with the Theme of The Buzz About Bugs. Over a 1000 children and their parents participated in this event. Additionally, an art/poetry contest was held with winners in each of four grade categories receiving \$25 gift certificates. Dr. Zreda also organized a similar art/poetry contest for National Chemistry Week event on Fabulous Fibers: The Chemistry of Fabrics. Again, winners in each of four age categories were provided \$25 gift certificates. We also participated in a chemical demonstration at an event focused on autistic students. A former Chair of the section and our treasurer coordinated this event. Our Student Members ACS (SMACS) continued their outreach by doing demonstrations for elementary school students as well as holding events at the University of Arizona. SAZACS also sponsored awards for the University of Arizona Undergraduate Research Fair Posters, providing \$600 in prize money (\$200 for 1st, \$100 for second) in two categories. Our Younger Chemist Committee did not hold any events in 2022 as the newly appointed Chair was getting her bearings, but she made contacts with Programs to Advance Women Scientists and plans are in place for YCC to participate in a PAWS program with key speakers and a panel discussion. We are looking to sow some cross collaboration with this group for the future. Our Education Chair once again ran the National Chemistry Olympiad program for SAZACS, with students from 3 high schools participating. In 2022, we had multiple submissions for the High School Teacher Award and were able to select a qualified candidate for this award. We have a new Awards Chair for 2023 and the 2022 winner will be invited to our Awards Reception that we plan to hold in September 2023. In

December we held our annual Holiday Reception for section members with 30-40 people showing up for networking and social interaction. A slideshow of pictures from the dinner meetings and art/poetry contest winners and runners up was provided at this. Our section has also requested to participate in a Strategic Planning Retreat funded primarily by LSAC, and the plans are to hold this sometime in 2023. The Executive Committee is excited about being able to participate in this to further refine our Mission, Values and Focus areas.

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

community

b . Please list the second for top three goals

membership retention

c . Please list third of top three goals

reconnect with University

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

Become acquainted with the membership

b . Please list second of top three goals

Promote social interaction with ACS members and community

c . Please list third of top three goals

Collaborate with the ACS Central Arizona Section

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

- Yes
- No

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Cynthia F Burham
Budget/Finance	Steven Louis Brown

Chemistry Olympiad	Iman Daryaei
Community Activities	Grazyna Zreda
Government Affairs	Carolyn J Pommier
Newsletter/Publications	Charles H Weidner
Women Chemists	Trina A Shartsis
Younger Chemists	Ashleigh Dahlstrom

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

0

3. How many subsection meetings were held? *

0

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

0

5. How many topical group meetings were held? *

0

*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? *

6

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? *

15

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

2

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? *

4. How many local section meetings were held? *

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

a . General description of communication:

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

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

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

Facebook

Instagram

LinkedIn

Snapchat

TikTok

Twitter

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?

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 Southern Arizona Section is a relatively small section covering a rather large land area and comprising members from many different occupations and backgrounds. The COVID era shutdowns severely hampered our ability to carry out our traditional activities. But 2022 saw the country coming out of the COVID nightmare and we were excited to return to our traditional service to our constituents and the communities where they live. We continued one of our most respected activities, our annual High School Teacher award. It's well known that demands on teachers have become more onerous in recent years. Quality teachers continue to leave the profession due to the low pay and high responsibilities. None-the-less we were able to identify high-quality teaching performances and award them with cash and AACT memberships. We were also able to successfully host two dinner meetings with respected speakers and our annual holiday reception. In terms of outreach activities we participated in the ACS Poem contest, the ACS Chemistry Olympiad, National Chemistry Week, a number of Earth Day events, and the Southern Arizona Regional Science Fair. We are pleased to be on the way back to a robust offering of support to our members and the community and look forward to what we'll be doing in the future.

Supporting Materials

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