

Southern Arizona &gt; Administration Form &gt; 2020

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## Governance

**1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2020? \*****2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2020? \*****3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2020? (Check all that apply.) \*** Email Teleconference Zoom/Gotomeeting/Webex ACS Network Other**4. What percentage of your councilors participated in the Spring Special Meeting of Council (to hear nominees for President-Elect)? \*** **5. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Fall Virtual Council Meeting? \***

**6. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2020 ACS Leadership Institute? \***

- Yes
- No

**7. Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan during 2020? \***

- Yes
- No

**8. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2020? (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

**9. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2020? \***

- Yes
- No

**How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2020?**

**10. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2020? \***

- Yes
- No

**If the response to above question is Yes, please list what tool you used to conduct elections**

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. 2020 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges: \***

2020 was a difficult year as the world dealt with the ramifications of Covid 19 lockdowns and restrictions. This impacted all of our activities including Community outreach, membership engagement and even the many activities of our normally active student members group at the University of Arizona. Some of this was addressed through virtual events for CCEW and NCW, as well as a virtual Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF) event. Prior to Covid lockdown, the section held a Science Advocacy workshop to provide interested members of the section and community with the tools to influence legislators about scientific issues. This was a collaboration with Union of Concerned Scientists and March for Science. Once the local section obtained a Zoom Enterprise license from National ACS in September, we once again held formal executive committee meetings. This illustrated another aspect of Covid- having to learn how to utilize new technology for remote communication and meetings. At this point, we were in survival mode, trying to keep volunteer interest up and trying to come up with ideas on how to engage our members through virtual platforms. We held our elections in November, and it was during that time the executive committee came up with the proposal of combining the annual Awards banquet with the Holiday reception that we normally have in December. The details of the event are in the event description and nomination of that event for Best Activity to Stimulate Member Involvement. In trying to bring in the refreshments we normally have at this event, we came up with the great idea of offering our members the opportunity to choose between cookies, a nut tray or a sausage and cheese plate that we ordered through Amazon Prime. Through a virtual event using Zoom, we had our awards for High School Teacher, College Educator, section volunteers and 50/60/70 year members with all the awardees having a chance to speak. Additionally, the Community outreach volunteer put together a slide show of the poetry/art entries we received with video presentations of the student winners reciting their own work for us, which was unique and very special. After this we had a short presentation by a scientist at Raytheon on Shielding Materials in Space, with a Q & A session afterwards. Our hope is to continue these virtual activities into 2021 until the Covid 19 situation starts to resolve and we can get back to normal section activities. So 2020 posed some unique challenges for all of us in every aspect of our lives, but it also allowed us to step up to the challenge and come up with innovative ways to stay in touch and keep our members engaged and even allowed us an opportunity to continue to reach out to an even larger group in southern Arizona through continued use of online engagement activities.

**12. 2021 Chair's goals for the Section**

**a . Please list first of top three goals**

Improved use of an online platform for a greater outreach of zoom-centric activities.

**b . Please list second of top three goals**

Re-establish undergraduate involvement.

**c . Please list third of top three goals**

Successful Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting.

**d . What are your concerns and challenges?**

Member involvement is dwindling. We need to re-establish interest in our program.

**13. 2021 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section**

**a . Please list first of top three goals**

Establish a more collaborative relationship with undergraduate and graduate student chapter

**b . Please list second of top three goals**

Establish more outreach, networking, and engagement opportunities

**c . Please list third of top three goals**

Promote, educate about, and develop relationships to optimize 2021 Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting

**d . What are your concerns and challenges?**

One specific concern of mine - awareness of the extent of my specific role, and the role of our local chapter, for the ACS regional meeting in 2021. I have zero understanding of who is responsible for what aspects of this. The broad concern/challenge, in my opinion, is in how to recognize and create a culture and environment that invigorates our existing ACS membership - where membership is recognized to provide value and attracts membership.

**14. Does the Local Section have a Vision and/or Mission Statement? \***

- Yes
- No

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

01/06/2009

## Organization

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

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Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Laura M Stratton
Chemistry Olympiad	Iman Daryaei
Community Activities	Grazyna Zreda
Educational	Iman Daryaei
Public Relations	Brooke B Massani
Women Chemists	Trina A Shartsis

**2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2020? \***

0

**3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2020? \***

0

**4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2020? \***

0

**5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2020? \***

0

**6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2020? \***

- Yes  
 No

\*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.

**7. How many dues-paying local section affiliates\* were in your local section during 2020? \***

6

8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2020? \*

20

9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2020? \*

5

10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2020 (Check all that apply.) \*

Awards

Certificates

Letter to Volunteer

Letter to Volunteer Supervisor

Recognition at an Event

Recognition in Newsletter

Recognition on Web

Other

## Communication

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2020? \*

2

2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2020? \*

25

3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2020? (Check all that apply.) \*

At an Executive Committee Meeting

At a Section Meeting

In an Email

In the Newsletter

On the Local Section Website

Other

**4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2020? \***

Yes

No

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

**a . General description of communication:**

email, website, facebook, twitter

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

0 newsletter

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

2

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

Facebook

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

Instagram

LinkedIn

Snapchat

TikTok

Twitter

Other

**7. Did your local section have a website during 2020? \***

- Yes
- No

**If the answer to above question is Yes, what was the URL for your local section's website?**

**8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2020? \***

- 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



# Supporting Materials

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