

Erie &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?**

25 (27%)

**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**

Simply Vote

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: \***

The Erie Local Section has attempted to continue providing members and the community at-large with a quality chemistry programming even during a global pandemic. In spring 2020, the Local Sections programming was put to a halt as our members and communities faced the uncertainty associated with the spread of COVID-19. This resulted in the cancellation of several scheduled programs in the spring and fall as well as our annual awards banquet. We attempted to continue our outreach for Chemists Celebrate Earth and National Chemistry Weeks, albeit differently. We still were able to award plaques to our top-performing first-year chemistry students from the local universities and colleges and volunteer of the year award winner. One of the challenges that we face as a Local Section is that our members are mostly academics and students. As such, our members have had to commit more time to their roles outside those with the Local Section members including adapting their teaching to remote and hybrid modalities, which has limited their time to engage with the Local Section. The Local Section was awarded an Innovative Project Grant in fall 2020 for our proposal "Virtually Engaged Erie ACS: Stay in Your Place & Maintain Your Space Pandemic Programming." In the fall, for National Chemistry Week, the Local Section held a contest for student chapters in our Local Section to prepare a demonstration video. We had two entries from Gannon University and Penn State Erie The Behrend College. A number of other programs are planned for the spring including a virtual tour of a brewery, a lecture on analysis of sewage for COVID-19 genetic material, and another virtual engagement events student chapters.

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

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

Sponsor programming to engage student members and non-academia members including virtual programming.

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

Promote chemistry to a general public through events such as science cafes

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

Seek new opportunities and partnerships for new/innovative outreach events.

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

The Erie Local Section has found filling all leadership positions a challenge. There are a group members who regularly volunteer at events; the Local Section needs to look at involving more members to avoid volunteer burnout.

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

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

Promote chemistry education

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

Connect chemistry professionals

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

Act as chemistry ambassadors

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

The Erie Local Section is small and faces limited participation by regular and student members at sponsored events. Most of our section members are in academia, and there is limited participation from members employed within other groups including the industry sector.

### 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?

08/14/2016

## Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Jay C Amicangelo
Chemistry Olympiad	Christine A Saber
Newsletter/Publications	Lisa J Nogaj

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

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

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

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

**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? \***

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

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

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

**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 communications and Facebook posts

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

We try to release a newsletter once per year.

**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

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

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?**

<https://communities.acs.org/community/society/component-websites/erie-local-section>

**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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