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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

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?

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 *

This year our section celebrated 100 years of existence. During this past year we extended our outreach locally and internationally through our improved website. The following in person events were coordinated; after school demonstrations during CCEW, public science demonstrations at a local mall during National Chemistry Week, helping to host the local Chemistry Olympiad, hosting a back to school welcome picnic, a holiday social, and an awards banquet where we acknowledged a local chemistry teacher of the year, member of the year, and university first-year student of the year. We also held our first ever hybrid speaker meeting with Dr. Kathie Lee from Pfizer. Two additional speaker meetings were facilitated, one a local scientist, Dr. David Bialas from Penn State Behrend, and the second Dr. Olivia Wilkins from NASA. Dr. Wilkins was our second hybrid speaker meeting. The hybrid meetings were well attended and possible due to funding received from the ACS. Our events helped to bring current together members together and to aid our goal of bringing quality science education and experiences to the community. We are optimistic that we will continue to enhance both our local and greater community in the next 100 years.

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

Engage local section student members

b . Please list the second for top three goals

Improve social media presence

c . Please list third of top three goals

Seek new opportunities for community outreach

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

Increased Engagement by Local Section Members

b . Please list second of top three goals

Increased Hybrid Programming

c . Please list third of top three goals

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?

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 COVID-19 pandemic slowed progress toward goals.

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Lisa J Nogaj
Chemistry Olympiad	Christine A Saber
Community Activities	Weslene Tallmadge
Community Activities	Matthew Heerboth
Community Activities	Keith M Krise

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

3. How many subsection meetings were held? *

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? *

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? *

25

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

10

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? *

10

4. How many local section meetings were held? *

5

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

a . General description of communication:

Email, website, social media

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

N/A

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

5

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? *

- Yes
- No

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

<https://www.erieacs.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 Erie Local Section (ELS) remains active in promoting chemistry in northwestern Pennsylvania. We have been doing so for 100 years and counting. In 2023, we celebrated our ELS's Centennial. In 2022, the ELS was awarded an IPG grant to support special programming for the centennial celebrations and a METT grant to support our ability to offer hybrid programming and development of a new website. In 2023, the generous METT funding support came to fruition as we now have a new website ([erieacs.org](https://www.erieacs.org/)) that allows us to better communicate with stakeholders in the ELS and community at-large. Our awards committee began using the website to solicit nominations for section awards and accept reservations for events. We offered three speaker meetings in 2023, two of which were hybrid meetings which made use of equipment purchases with METT funding. These hybrid meetings have allowed us to reach across our geographically large LS and beyond. We held our annual awards banquet in spring 2023. As part of this event, the Centennial Planning Committee produced a poster highlighting the ELS history from materials housed in the Mercyhurst University archives (we recognized the archivist with a Salutes to Excellence Award at the banquet). The ELS was recognized with proclamations from local, state, and national politicians. The mayor of the City of Erie attended our banquet, and our centennial

was featured by a local NBC/CBS affiliate on their newscast. We also presented awards to Chemistry Olympiad participants, Member of the Year, 50 and 60 Year Member Awards, Outstanding College/University First-Year Chemistry Students, and Science Teacher of the Year Award. The ELS also recognized an outreach and programming partnership we have with the Sisters of Saint Joseph Neighborhood Network with a Salutes to Excellence Award. This event brought together ELS members and the general public to celebrate the chemistry enterprise. The ELS also continues to engage in outreach for NCW and CCEW. In 2023, the CCEW event was held at a new venue to connect with socioeconomically disadvantaged youth, Bethesda Lutheran Services. We continue our annual tradition of celebrating NCW at a local shopping mall and expanded the number of demonstrations in celebration of our centennial. The ELS engages members and potential members, including new faculty at local universities and colleges and new chemistry professionals, through networking events in the fall and around the winter holidays.

Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
Centennial Poster	Binder1.pdf	435.12 KB	2/15/2024
Speaker Meeting 2	2023 Speaker Meeting_ACS_Bialas.pdf	223.57 KB	2/15/2024
	2023 ACS Awards Booklet.docx	642.65 KB	2/15/2024
Hybrid Speaker Meeting	2023 Erie ACS Speaker Meeting (Katherine Lee).pdf	146.4 KB	2/15/2024
Hybrid Speaker Meeting 2	Astrochemistry Exploring our Cosmic Chemical Origins.png	7.72 MB	2/15/2024