



Kalamazoo Local Section Administration Form 2015

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2015?*	11
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2015?*	6
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2015?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - face-to-face
4. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Spring and Fall ACS Council meetings?*	100%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2015 ACS Leadership Institute?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6. Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan during 2015?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2015?*(Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-nomination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation or advertising <input type="checkbox"/> Identify active committee members <input type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training <input type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arm-twisting <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2015? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2015?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2015?*	23

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. 2015 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*

2015 was a GREAT 73rd year for our Kalamazoo Local Section (KACS)! We are proud of our Medium-Small Sized section, and our increase in programming and activities over 2015.

Competitive Exam and Awards Program

We began the year with our well-attended annual Awards Program where we gave scholarships to the 13 students who excelled in our 34th Annual Competitive Examination (two sequential exams of increasing difficulty). It was also our 42nd year of recognition (certificates and monetary awards) given to Outstanding HS Chemistry Students as nominated by their teachers from 13 local high schools, and to one Outstanding HS Chemistry Teacher, selected after a rigorous evaluation, who received a monetary award as well as a membership in the newly-formed American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT). We also invited our 50- and 60-year ACS members who receive certificates and are given the opportunity to share their accumulated wisdom with attendees. It was a fantastic program! Some of our awardees over the 34 years have gone on to successful careers in chemistry at prestigious institutions, and in 2015 one of our 2012 awardees was named a co-recipient of the MIT-Lemelson Collegiate Student Prize, and the top prize in the Collegiate Inventors Competition sponsored by the US Patent and Trademark Office, and the Abbvie Foundation Award, for the development of a respiratory device for use in premature infants in underdeveloped countries! The KACS is particularly proud of this long tradition of supporting excellence in chemistry education. In 2015 we awarded scholarships and awards totaling \$5500 — a significant portion of our annual allotment.

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day

During our CCED event, now in its 13th year, we presented activities at two locations: the Kalamazoo Nature Center with help from our Student Chapters, and at one of our city's branch libraries. At each location children were engaged in the activities along with their parents, and AACT materials were distributed to teachers. In all, approximately 200 attendees interacted with our presenters.

Chemistry on Stamps Lecture

We co-hosted (with WMU) a unique and very informative presentation entitled "Chemistry on Stamps" by Dr. Dan Rabinovich — among many other bits of information from stamps from the US and around the world we came to appreciate how far we have progressed in the area of chemistry laboratory SAFETY!

Climate Change Toolkit Workshop

In mid-May we completed our training offered through the Climate Science grant, received by our Section from the ACS, for presentation of well-researched information regarding the issue of Climate Change to teachers and other information providers in our Section. In this third of three events, 14 local teachers participated. One veteran teacher said that it was the best professional development event she has been to!

Joint Great Lakes / Central Regional Meeting

After a lull of 14 years, and as a much smaller section, we co-hosted the Joint Great Lakes / Central Regional Meeting with the West Michigan Section in May of 2015 in Grand Rapids, MI. We attracted over 700 attendees for 24 organized symposia where 400 papers were presented. We hosted our ACS Executive Director for his very first Regional Meeting experience, offered three plenary lectures, a number of workshops (ACS Leadership and Career Services), two large poster sessions, and a fantastic Climate Change Event which our organizers were requested to repeat at the spring 2016 National Meeting in San Diego. Great conversations were started at a well-attended Industrial Member discussion session with ACS governance. With the help of a Bridging the Gap nano-grant from LSAC, we had a successful Meet and Greet for local sections in our two regions. One of our section's teachers, Brad Portis, received the Regional Award for excellence in high school chemistry teaching. We even offered a 5-mile Fun Run in downtown Grand Rapids. In all, six KACS members served on the organizing committee either as co-chairs of the General, Awards and

	<p>Program committees or sole chairs of the Exhibits/Sponsorship, Publicity and Webmaster functions. The meeting was a high point of 2015 and we are quite proud of how well received it was.</p> <p>Local Student Organizational Support Much appreciation was expressed by our student groups at WMU and Kalamazoo College for our Section's financial assistance; this encouraged them to host several outreach events unique to them for socializing, drawing in additional students with an interest in chemistry, serving as a cultural awareness vehicle for foreign students, and for networking with other members of the Local Section at large.</p> <p>Project SEED For the 25th consecutive year we had students engaged in research with Project SEED! August was the month when this year's two students presented their research posters alongside others in the HHMI and REU programs at WMU, and received their certificates. Our one Summer-II student is now a freshman on full scholarship at Yale University working toward her degree in biochemistry!</p> <p>Chemistry Day October brought us to our 29th Annual Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum presented along with our National Chemistry Week outreach. As expected, it was our most anticipated and well-attended event, where over 80 volunteers led a total of 24 demonstrations and activities for 1000 attendees! Among our visitors were a family from a city 45 miles away; two large Girl Scout groups; several area teachers who eagerly took ACS's AACT information, as well as home-schooling families, who were delighted with all the age-appropriate information we had available for them in the form of Celebrating Chemistry and ChemMatters. It is encouraging to see parents who came to this event as children return to bring their own children and acknowledge the effect this event has had on their lives! A picture and short narrative about our event is on pp. 47-48 of the Dec 7/14, 2015, issue of C&EN.</p> <p>Recycle-A-Poster KACS hosted its 5th annual poster session titled "Sustainable Science - Recycle a Poster" at Bell's Eccentric Café in downtown Kalamazoo on Nov. 10. This event was made possible through a generous grant from Zoetis, a local industry. Event visitors had a chance to enjoy hot appetizers and beer while listening to the keynote speech and reviewing the posters that were given by local academic and industrial scientists. There were 21 new or "recycled" (from a previous conference) posters, including a total of 15 student presenters. The audience was excited to learn from keynote speaker Dr. Karson S. Putt about the latest efforts to control and cure malaria.</p> <p>New KACS Logos We have been actively working toward establishing our identity in terms of outside contacts – This was the year we accomplished that goal by having a professional artist in our community develop logos for us, which we then incorporated into a letterhead for use in our section-related communications.</p>
12. 2016 Chair's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	Identify new volunteers for executive committee.
	Plan special event for our 30th annual Chemistry Day at the Museum!
	Improve communication with members and community.
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	<p>Our section continues to be challenged by a lack of a solid volunteer base. Members that had stepped into leadership roles over the last five years are beginning to step back, and fewer are stepping forward than is ideal. Our section has had decreased membership over the last decade (too many industrial members have had to leave town due to site closures) to maintain our programming. We are quite proud of our long history of activity, especially where education is concerned, but it is becoming very difficult to maintain our current level of activity with a dwindling volunteer base. I am looking for ways to reinvigorate longer term members while attempting to involve the few new members we have.</p>

13. 2016 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	Chair-elect seat is vacant.
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b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	Chair-elect seat is vacant.

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2015?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
a. If the response to 1 (above question) is YES, please select the committee and enter the chair's name.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards Lydia E. M. Hines <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Activities Lydia E. M. Hines <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational Mike Walsh <input type="checkbox"/> EHS <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input type="checkbox"/> Government Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Membership/Membership Retention <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Affairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Publications David Bolliet <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Project SEED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Lydia E. M. Hines <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Other
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2015?*	0
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2015?*	0
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2015?*	1
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2015?*	1
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2015?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2015?*	2
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2015?*	20
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2015?*	2
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2015.* (Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer supervisor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition at an event <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition on web

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition in newsletter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - e-mail to volunteer
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Local Section Administration Form - Communications

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2015?*	9
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2015?*	50
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2015?*(Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> At a section meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At an executive committee meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the newsletter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On the local section web site <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2015?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?*	e-mail, newsletters, and Facebook.
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	6
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	8
6. What social media does your local section use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
7. Did your local section have a website during 2015?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
7a. If the answer to 7 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	www.KalamazooACS.org
8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2015?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Local Section Administration Form - Nomination

1. Our Section would like to self-nominate for the Local Section Outstanding Performance Award.*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2015 activities to support your nomination.	<p>2015 was an outstanding year for the Kalamazoo Local Section! For a section of our size (Medium-small) we took on one large additional commitment and completed another, even as we continued with our many long-standing traditions, which are favorites for both our membership and the community at large:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We begin this short summary by highlighting what we consider to be the crown jewel of our 2015 schedule - the Joint Great Lakes / Central Regional Meeting which was well attended and well received and in which our membership played a pivotal role in the planning and execution. There were 24 organized symposia (one of which will be repeated at the San Diego meeting), 400 presented papers, and 700 registered attendees. Six KACS members were on the organizing committee, and were responsible for the entirety of the program, the exposition and/or acted as co-chairs for fundraising and awards; our long-time councilor, Lydia Hines, served as the General Co-Chair. After several years of considering the need for a KACS logo, for our section, we completed that objective as we worked with a local graphic artist to create two logos which we are now using on our website, newsletters, and letterhead. Examples are included with the annual report. <p>Other activities which we continued with great success were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> our 42nd year of honoring outstanding local section high

	<p>school chemistry students as nominated by their teachers, and our 35th year of providing scholarship awards to students who place in our two-stage competitive examination given to our local section's high school students.</p> <p>In total, we awarded \$5,500 in support of furthering the education of students who are interested in, and are excelling at their scientific studies. A number of our award winners have gone on to careers in the sciences, and we can't wait to see what this most recent round of awardees accomplishes in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our 29th year of presenting Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum (80 volunteers, 24 activities, 1000 attendees!). • our 25th year sponsoring Project SEED students. Along with our high school scholarship awardees (see above) our Project SEED students are a special source of pride as many continue to excel and be recognized in their scientific endeavors. • our 5th year of collaboration with an industrial partner to present a successful Recycle-A-Poster event at a local brewery (73 attendees) • our 13th annual CCED event at two venues (200 attendees) • engaging cooperatively with Western Michigan University to cohost a lecture entitled "Chemistry on Stamps" (90 attendees); and • presenting the last of our Climate Science workshops - one of the 14 teacher attendees, a veteran teacher, remarked that it was the best professional training event that she had ever attended! <p>We look forward to building on these successes in 2016!</p>
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Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

File Name	File Size	Brief Description
KACS-CircleLogo-Blue.jpg	0.07 MB	KACS Seal Logo
KACS-RectangleLogo-Colors.jpg	0.44 MB	KACS Color Logo
KACS -Letterhead.doc	0.1 MB	KACS Letterhead
kacs-newsletter-2015-02-23.pdf	0.18 MB	KACS Feb 2015 Newsletter
kacs-newsletter-2015-04-23.pdf	0.1 MB	KACS April 2015 Newsletter
kacs-newsletter-2015-08-24.pdf	0.61 MB	KACS August 2015 Newsletter
kacs-newsletter-2015-09-17.pdf	0.73 MB	KACS September 2015 Newsletter
kacs-newsletter-2015-10-30.pdf	0.49 MB	KACS October 2015 Newsletter
kacs-newsletter-2015-12-31.pdf	0.41 MB	KACS December 2015 Newsletter

Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

Our chair has shown great enthusiasm in and for all aspects of our programs - his leadership has sparked enthusiasm and has drawn in new individual members as volunteers; he has also demonstrated servant leadership by being willing to help as needed, to ensure success of each of our programs.

It has been refreshing for me, a long-time councilor, to work alongside Brian Eklov as he selflessly spent time appreciating our Society and its many efforts to be a credible resource for our members and for the public.

As a Leadership Conference organizer said to me recently, "He is a gem!"

Lydia E. M. Hines

Approved & Submit for Review

Lydia Hines

02/14/2016

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Local Section Administration Form - Reasons for Return

Approver Return Comments

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