



### Kalamazoo Local Section Administration Form 2017

9a. If the response to 9 (above question) is Yes, please list what tool you used to conduct elections.	
Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2017?*	11
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2017?*	6
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2017?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - telephone
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 2017 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 2017?*	<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 2017?*(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 2017? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2017?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9a. If the response to 9 (above question) is Yes, please list what tool you used to conduct elections.*	surveymonkey
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2017?*	43
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. 2017 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:\*

KACS started 2017 with a celebration of our 75th anniversary as a local section. The very well attended event, held at the Kalamazoo Air Zoo, included dinner, recognition of all KACS past chairpersons, an address by ACS ED and CEO Tom Connelly, and a presentation on the SR-71 aircraft.

Up next was successful completion of the 36th annual KACS competitive chemistry exam program for local high school chemistry students, under the leadership of James Kiddle. For 2017 participation involved 387 students, representing 12 area high schools.

Exam winners were feted at our 2017 KACS Awards Ceremony. Along with five local section members achieving 50 year ACS memberships, and our Volunteer-of-the-Year Doug Williams.

For CCED this year, KACS participated in Kalamazoo Earth Day Events. Providing as in previous years under Lydia Hines' leadership, demo/exhibit activities at the Kalamazoo Nature Center and Celery Flats celebrations. In addition this year, KACS sponsored a demo table at the inaugural Kalamazoo Bronson Park ED celebration, and provided an invited speaker for the Kalamazoo March for Science.

KACS participation in Project SEED was revitalized in 2017 under the leadership of Doug Williams. We had one student in the program in 2017, and plans and contacts were made to grow the program going forward.

Over the summer, a group of KACS members put together and submitted an NHCL nomination recognizing the 1950-1990 steroid chemistry work of Kalamazoo scientists at the Upjohn Company. The nomination was well received by the ACS NHCL and PA&PR Committees.

Also over the summer KACS received approval of and implemented an IPG which involved obtaining lab coats prominently labeled with our KACS logo. The lab coats were immediately put to use by KACS members and local chemistry students, providing needed lab personal protection, and providing a mechanism for promoting KACS and instilling a sense of identity for KACS members.

The lab coats also played a big role in a short promotional video KACS produced this year. Steve Seceast set up a video camera on the street in downtown Kalamazoo, and had passers-by celebrate with us the elements of the periodic table. The resulting short video can be seen on YouTube at the address: <https://youtu.be/zaZmjnkyEk8>.

New this year, KACS partnered with the Kalamazoo College Chemistry Department to put on a speed networking event, connecting area university chemistry students with area working-chemist mentors for a night of multiple 1-on-1 career-related, quick networking sessions. About 30 students and 25 KACS member mentors participated in the event, which was very well received, and asked to be repeated in 2018.

KACS threw a student reception in 2017, to thank the local student chapters who provide valuable participation and volunteer service at KACS events. Students who came out for the reception were treated to an opportunity to try curling at the Kalamazoo Curling Club. Also, KACS provided some ACS student memberships, funded by a BTG grant.

KACS celebrated National Chemistry Week in 2017 with our 31st Chem Day at the Museum event. Participating in this event were over 60 volunteers organized by Lydia Hines, who ran chem demos attended by over 1000 kids and parents.

We ended the year with our Recycled Poster Event, held annually at Bells Brewery Backroom. This event continues to be the highlight of Kalamazoo science-related events. The event was awarded this year a Partners for Progress and Prosperity award, honoring this popular collaboration between KACS, Bells Brewery and Zoetis, Inc.

	Additionally, in 2017 we began groundwork exploring development of a KACS strategic plan, aimed at alignment with the ACS 2017 strategic plan. Lydia Hines (Councilor) and Angela Willson (Secretary) were re-elected to the EC, and Bill Schinzer joined as Treasurer. And finally, after recruiting efforts spanning the entire year, Luke Chadwick kindly joined as Chair-Elect for 2018, leaving Steve Seceast and Brian Eklov to repeat as Chair and Immediate Past Chair for 2018.
12. 2018 Chair's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	Progress our NHCL nomination targeting May 2019 dedication ceremony.
	Explore options for making KACS involvement more attractive to area chemists.
	Continue exploring implementation of a strategic plan for KACS.
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	Nothing new here. Generating interest among local section membership for getting actively involved in KACS activities and events, and even Executive Committee participation, continues to be a major challenge. We clearly don't know how to get new people consistently involved. And in addition to holding KACS back from trying new things, it's also threatening burn-out pressure on the long-term volunteers that are keeping our traditional annual events going. I know many other local sections are also struggling with this, so we're not alone in this regard. It feels that something major on the national level maybe needs to happen to revitalize the local section concept. But maybe that's just a passing-the-buck reaction due to frustration.
13. 2018 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	Work to understand how the chemical education landscape has changed since I was in school.
	Work to ensure that KACS goals are aligned with the needs and desires of KACS members.
	Work to increase voter turnout in local KACS elections.
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	Major concerns and challenges are: 1) that I won't find enough time to do this right, 2) that a consensus among local members regarding the top concerns and challenges facing KACS cannot be found, 3) that it becomes official US policy that nothing matters anymore.

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2017?*	<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 Hines <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance Bill Schinzer <input type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Activities Lydia Hines <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational James Kiddle <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 Christine Pruis <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations

	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project SEED P. Douglas Williams <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Lydia Hines <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Stephen Secreast
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2017?*	1
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2017?*	0
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2017?*	1
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2017?*	1
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2017?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2017?*	3
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2017?*	60
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2017?*	10
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2017.* (Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition on web <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition in newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Other -

Local Section Administration Form - Communications	
1. How many local section meetings were held during 2017?*	3
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2017?*	60
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2017?*(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 2017?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members (including social media channels)?*	e-mail bursts; Facebook; newsletter; website
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	6
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	10
6. What social media does your local section use? (If selected, please provide the link.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ACSKalamazoo">https://www.facebook.com/ACSKalamazoo</a> <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn <input type="checkbox"/> Other
7. Did your local section have a website during 2017?*	<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 2017?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input 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 2017 activities to support your nomination.	<p>In 2017 the Kalamazoo LS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- celebrated our 75th anniversary</li> <li>- conducted our 36th annual local high school chemistry competitive exam program</li> <li>- celebrated our 44th annual scholarship and awards ceremony</li> <li>- participated for the 13th year in Kalamazoo Earth Day events, this time in four different venues, providing hands-on chem demos and an invited speaker for the Kalamazoo satellite March for Science</li> <li>- provided for the 31st year, Chem Day at the Museum as part of National Chemistry Week, doing demos with over 1000 Kalamazoo kids and parents</li> <li>- continued our annual award-winning recycled poster event, which in 2017 added to its award collection winning a Partners for Progress and Prosperity Award</li> <li>- teamed up with Kalamazoo College to provide a speed networking event, connecting local chemistry students seeking to start chem careers, with local working-chemist mentors with experiential information</li> <li>- teamed up with the people of Kalamazoo to produce the on-the-street chemistry promotional video: Elements of Kalamazoo</li> <li>- successfully received approval for and put to work, an IPG proposal to provide membership KACS-logoed lab coats for personal lab protection and promotional use</li> <li>- successfully submitted an NHCL nomination recognizing the 1950-1990 steroid chemistry work of the Kalamazoo scientists of the Upjohn Company.</li> </ul> <p>We consider 2017 to be an outstanding performance year for our local section.</p>

## Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

File Name	File Size	Brief Description
KACS 2017 Summary- Part 1.pdf	7.13 MB	KACS 2017 events and activities
KACS 2017 Summary - Part 2.pdf	1.2 MB	KACS 2017 summary - part 2
KACS 2017 Summary - Part 3.pdf	0.96 MB	KACS 2017 summary - part 3
KACS 2017 Summary - Part 4.pdf	0.35 MB	KACS 2017 summary - part 4
KACS 2017 Summary - Part 5.pdf	0.12 MB	KACS 2017 summary - part 5

## Local Section Administration Form - Approval

## Comments

Our chair, Stephen Secreast, along with the Executive Committee, worked tirelessly through the year to offer a variety of opportunities for our members to use their talents and to engage their varied interests. You can see from our report that these efforts bore fruit and we look to the year ahead with enthusiasm and much anticipation.

 Approved & Submit for Review

Lydia Hines

02/06/2018

*This form has been submitted for your approval. Please review each tab for completeness and accuracy, make any necessary edits, and save all changes before approving this form. After the form is approved, it will be submitted for review. The approved form will be placed in read only mode and no additional edits will be allowed. Your approval will submit this form as part of your official annual report to ACS.*

Local Section Administration Form - Reasons for Return

**Approver Return Comments**

**Contributor Return Comments**

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## Kalamazoo Review Form 2017

### Publish Comments

Beth Lorschach:Kalamazoo local section congratulations on celebrating your 75th anniversary as a section! You did a fantastic job of hosting numerous events throughout the year. Events such as Chem Day at the Museum as part of National Chemistry Week, doing demos with over 1000 Kalamazoo kids and parents, partnering with Kalamazoo College to provide a speed networking event, and the on-the-street chemistry promotional video were events that stuck out to me as truly exceptional! Congratulations on your IPG grant, please continue to apply and leverage the grants to help supplement your outstanding programming. For example, the Members Engaging Through Technology (METT) Grant you can apply for by October 15, 2018. Thanks for all your contributions in 2017 and we look forward to seeing all the great things you will accomplish in 2018.

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Response To Review Comments		

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