

Kalamazoo > Administration Form

***Required Fields**

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

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

- Yes
- No

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: *

Due to COVID-19, KACS held its only live in-person event on March 10th, 2020, and only had 2 executive committee meetings in person in 2020. About 30 people gathered to celebrate the International Year of the Periodic Table and raise funds for Project SEED at Latitude 42 where attendees were able to sample 6 different beers and appetizer pairings while Mike Babb (local expert) discussed the rationale for the selections. In March 2020 KACS held its first virtual executive committee meeting, and all meetings for the remainder of 2020 were held virtually (i.e., 2 in person and 9 virtual). Due to the pandemic all in-person events scheduled to occur after March 2020 were canceled, including Earth Day activities, the Kalamazoo Marathon water stop, the high school competitive exam and awards gathering, Chemistry Day at the Museum (NCW), Bell's recycle-a-poster and the college speed networking events. We adapted and modified activities where possible. Though our annual competitive high school chemistry test and gathering were canceled due to the pandemic and school closures, we provided awards to outstanding high school and college chemistry students who were nominated by their teachers. Our traditional hands-on demos during Chemistry Day at the Museum for National Chemistry Week did not happen in person in October, but with the help of seven volunteers and Annette Hoppenworth at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum nine activities were videotaped and presented virtually - through a "mystery-to-solve" format which integrated the videotaped activities with museum displays participants could "solve the mystery" and do hands-on science at home using the virtual demos as a guide. Our councilor and multi-year CCEW and NCW coordinator, Lydia E. M. Hines was awarded ACS' 2020 Helen M. Free Award for Public Outreach, and on October 20, 2020 a virtual event was held in celebration; that attracted 32 attendees and included six speakers and a keynote address by Lydia. Finally, the college speed-networking event did not happen in person or even in 2020, but late is better than never as it was held virtually in January 2021.

12. 2021 Chair's goals for the Section

a . Please list first of top three goals

To increase member participation in all the section's activities

b . Please list second of top three goals

To continue providing interesting scientific activities for members and our community

c . Please list third of top three goals

To continue serving as a platform for our chemists to reach out to teachers and students

d . What are your concerns and challenges?

Our challenges for this year are several. For at least the first six months, we will conduct all meetings and activities virtually. Already the Borgess Marathon in May has been cancelled, and our section previously provided a water stop on the race. It is a challenge to have networking and socializing in this time of isolation and mask usage. In addition, important committee chairs remain unfilled. The chair of the Education Committee, who oversees awards to teacher and students, administers a high school chemistry exam and conducts outreach to schools in Kalamazoo, Van Buren, and Allegan Counties, has been vacant for two years. Individuals have stepped up to keep most educational activities moving forward, but we need a greater commitment from our local section. We also have an opening for the chair of the Women's Chemist Committee.

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

a . Please list first of top three goals

Learn about the section's current operations

b . Please list second of top three goals

Learn about the section's strategic vision

c . Please list third of top three goals

Learn about the section's volunteer opportunities

d . What are your concerns and challenges?

New to the section and need to learn the current activities and potential of the section

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?

11/19/2021

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Lydia E Moissides Hines
Budget/Finance	William Cleveland Schinzer
Community Activities	Lydia E Moissides Hines
Educational	Lydia E Moissides Hines
Newsletter/Publications	Michael Weslosky
Project SEED	Doug Williams
Public Relations	Lydia E Moissides Hines

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:

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

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

erratically; 2

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

- Facebook
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Snapchat
- TikTok
- Twitter
- Other

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

- Yes
 No

www.kalamazooacs.org

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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




Reviewer Comments

Officers Public Comment

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Harry Elston

Kalamazoo LS - 7/29/2021 Published Reviewer Comment

Congratulations to your Leadership for maintaining such a high level of engagement for the local section during a very difficult year. Your pre-pandemic in-person meeting was very well attended. Likewise, adapting to the all-virtual meetings for the remainder of the year, while "not the same" kept the Local Section together as much as possible during the pandemic.

The local section's ability to adapt and improvise during the year is remarkable. Moving the high-school awards from tests to nomination by teachers when schools were closed was an excellent idea, as well as the videotaped demonstrations for the local museum during NCW, is noteworthy.

With respect to concerns regarding member involvement in Local Sections Activities, the leadership team may want to consider polling the membership to get an idea of what the membership needs are and then to begin to address those needs via various programming as pandemic restrictions are lifted. The Local Sections' Leadership concerns regarding COVID-19 meeting restrictions will, hopefully, be eliminated in the near future as the State (and country) moves to normalcy.

The Local Section's financial health is excellent. The noted balance sheet discrepancy appears to be a result of transferring to the new FORMS reporting but should be evaluated again next year.

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