

Kalamazoo > Administration Form > 2023

***Required Fields**

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?

47

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 *

January through May: The year began with the previously elected chair-elect stepping down due to an out of the area job change, so the 2022 Chair continued through the first half of the new year. After years of virtual meetings, we felt we were nearing the light at the end of the Covid tunnel and shook off the shackles of Zoom meetings with our first in-person event in March, cohosted with Kalamazoo College, a virtual visit by ACS President Dr. Judith C. Giordan speaking about science heroes Louis Pasteur and Thomas Edison. In April, the section cohosted Dr. Melanie Cooper's talk, "Transforming STEM Learning Using Theory and Evidence," with Western Michigan University. In May, the section joined the 2023 Tourtellotte Lecture, hosted by Kalamazoo College, for Prof. Renã A. S. Robinson lecture on "High-throughput 'Omics to Advance Equity in Alzheimer's Disease." All these talks were well attended! The section's annual award gathering was held virtually in May, recognizing outstanding college and university students, ACS 50yr and 60yr members, and the section's 2022 Project SEED students. The executive committee was excited to continue making progress on the section's Strategic Plan with four main focuses: Returning to in-person meetings to better connect with our members, resuming in-person community events to better connect science with the general population, growing a new teacher/scientist partnership and mentoring program to better connect our members with the local secondary education community, and expanding the section's Project SEED program to six students (three returning and three new) to support the future of science. June through December: Along these lines we organized a Members' Meeting with Picnic at Oshtemo Township Park on June 24th. The meeting was attended by the entire executive committee as well as students from WMU. During this meeting we learned that students are interested in networking with businesses and employers through KACS. They also desire ways to accrue volunteer hours through outreach opportunities. In June, as a part of project SEED 6 students started their internship training at Kalsec and K College. On July 19th project SEED fellows were treated to an R&D lab tour at Zoetis by Dr. Tomasz Respondek. On August 25th our Project SEED fellows presented their research at the Kalamazoo College Summer Research Symposium. Continuing with our previous efforts Speed Networking is returned for the 7th year on Monday, October 2nd, co-sponsored by Kalamazoo ACS and Kalamazoo College. Attendees included K College chemistry majors, WMU graduate students, and mentors from across Kalamazoo and the Lake Michigan region. This is the fourth virtual networking event, a pandemic induced switch that is helping to grow the event beyond the Kalamazoo/Portage area. Mentors joined us from as far away as Chicago and Mattawan. This year we had robust attendance with 25 students and 11 mentors. We celebrated the Chemistry Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum on October 14, 2023. The 2023 NCW topic was Health and Medicine, and the theme is "The Healing Power of Chemistry." This event demonstrated a community-wide collaboration includes chemistry enthusiasts from the Kalamazoo Section of the ACS, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College, Pfizer, Kalsec, Perrigo and Stryker. We have over 500 participants for this event marking it a grand success event. On October 24, 2023, the Kalamazoo section of the American Chemical Society (KACS) organized its 11th annual poster session titled "Sustainable Science—Recycle a Poster" at Bell's Eccentric Café in downtown Kalamazoo. The event followed its usual schedule with a keynote presentation from Kyle Schneider, Ph.D. Dr. Schneider is the Director of R&D at Vestaron in Kalamazoo. The event was made possible due to a generous donation from Zoetis. The event drew close to 100 attendees and 19 poster presenters. In this current year 2023, in cooperation with KRESA, 5 online conference calls with HS teachers, Science Coaches and KACS mentors were organized and were well received.

Western Michigan University and K college agreed to have us publicize their lectures to our members. And finally this year we have published and circulated 11 monthly newsletters for our members and community that highlights the current and upcoming events.

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

Form the education committee. this will require extensive cross functional collaboration.

b . Please list the second for top three goals

work with colleagues to conduct the competitive exam for high schoolers. this has not been done for the last several year and will be a good opportunity for us.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Support members of the association and executive group to conduct their duties.

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

Boost community engagement through in-person events highlighting the importance and relevance of chemistry to a general audience

b . Please list second of top three goals

Leverage current KACS members to motivate grade 6-12 students to consider careers in Chemistry through demonstrations, mentorship, job shadowing, panel discussions, etc.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Build recognition for Kalamazoo as a chemistry Innovation Ecosystem using lessons learned from my prior international work assignment

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?

11/21/2021

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?

Not enough leaders to move all the goals forward.

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Lydia E Moissides Hines
Budget/Finance	Douglas Williams
Community Activities	Hershel Jude
Educational	Douglas Williams
Newsletter/Publications	Lydia E Moissides Hines
Project SEED	Douglas Williams
Public Relations	Lydia E Moissides Hines
Strategic Planning	Edward William Thomas

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

0

3. How many subsection meetings were held? *

0

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

1

5. How many topical group meetings were held? *

5

*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? *

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? *

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

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

personal contact of appreciation

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? *

25

4. How many local section meetings were held? *

1

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

a . General description of communication:

via e-mail, newsletter, telephone

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

monthly; 11 newsletters

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

monthly

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

Facebook

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

Instagram

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12584628/>

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?

kalamazooacs.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

Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
November 2023 Newsletter	November 2023 vol 13 Issue 10.pdf	1.7 MB	1/17/2024
2023 KACS Events list	2023 KACS Events .docx	108.36 KB	1/20/2024

Beth Lorsbach

KalamazooLS - 5/17/2024Published Reviewer Comment

Thank you for all your hard work in 2023. Kalamazoo section! I was so pleased to see all the events, in person, virtual, and hybrid, that the section sponsored in 2023. I would like to applaud your efforts to focus on bringing in-person meetings back to connect with your members. We all have learned the importance of in-person connections and discussions to renew our passion for chemistry. A big shout-out to the section for continuing to work on the section's Strategic plan. If you need help continuing to make progress on this, please reach out to LSAC for additional resource suggestions on strategic planning. I was inspired by all the events the section is hosting! Please keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing all the amazing things Kalamazoo achieves in 2024!