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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?

55

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 *

I continued as a chair from the second half of last year owing to a job change of the previous chair-elect. During the year my team has worked extremely hard to bring back the competitive exam, which happened to be my top priority for this section. In addition to this the team has organized several successful activities which are listed below. 1) Competitive exam: we are extremely happy to report that after a hiatus of four years the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society conducted the High School Chemistry competitive exam. The first exam took place during the week of March 11-15. A total of 169 students took the first exam, and 30 students qualified for the final exam; 13 students took the second exam on April 20. Awards were given to the top 3 scorers. 2) Award ceremony: Again, after some years of gap we were able to host an in-person award ceremony on May 13, 2024 at the WMED Innovation Center. A total of 57 people RSVP'd for the award ceremony, where food was provided for the guests. The ceremony was spearheaded by Dr. Lydia E.M. Hines and Dr. Dibyendu Mondal along with Dr. Salonika Aggarwal, and Dr. Joe Chemler. We took this opportunity to honor the 50- and 60-year members of KACS along with the 3 winners of the Competitive Exam, outstanding students nominated by our section's chemistry teachers, an outstanding teacher, and the year's outstanding section volunteer. 3) SEED: As always project SEED represents an important part of our section spearheaded by Dr. Doug Williams. This year we were able to accommodate six high school students. We give special thanks to Prof. Dwight Williams, Prof. Blakely Tresca and Prof. Daniela Arias-Rotondo from Kalamazoo College and Michael Horton from Kalsec, Inc. for agreeing to mentor these students. 4) USNCO: I am extremely proud to report that KACS is now offering the National Chemistry Olympiad which will be headed by Dr. Carol Guerrero and Dr. Doug Williams. This prestigious competition provides students with an opportunity to showcase their chemistry knowledge and compete for a spot on the U.S. Chemistry Olympiad team. 5) Recycle-a-poster: Our annual KACS event "Recycle-a-Poster" took place on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at Bell's Eccentric Café thanks to the leadership of Dr. Tomasz Respondek. There were close to 80 attendees, 17 of whom presented posters. This year's keynote presentation was given by Carrie Graveel, Ph.D. currently doing breast cancer research at the VanAndel Institute in Grand Rapids. The title of her well-received talk was "Identifying causes and novel therapeutic strategies for treatment-resistant cancers." 6) Seminars: This year we have organized three seminar speakers which are as follows. Dr. Inna Popova, Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, presented a seminar entitled "Chemicals of Emerging Concern Found in Soils" at K College on Tuesday, April 9. Martha Gammill, J.D., a retired patent attorney and a graduate from the University of Virginia Law School, presented a seminar entitled Patents 101 at Western Michigan University on March 11 to KACS' members and college students. Dr. Mary Virginia Orna, gave a lecture titled "How Color Changed the World" based on her popular book, "The Chemical History of Color"; the seminar was held at Western Michigan University on Tuesday, September 17. 7) KACS travel awards: We supported students' attendance at the New Orleans ACS meeting by providing them funds to cover a part of their expenses. Testimonials from the participants "we would like to emphasize how thankful we are to have received an incredible level of support from the KACS to fund our expedition to NOLA. Thank you all for supporting us as we grow as chemists – our members were able to develop professionally through countless interactions with new mentors." 8) Monthly news-letter: A huge shoutout to Dr. Lydia Hines for publishing a monthly news letter. This year she has published 11 newsletters highlighting the local section's activities. 9) We were pleased to repeat our Speed Networking event for its 8th year on Monday, October 7, a collaboration of our section with Kalamazoo College. The SEED

program is an integral part of this society that requires funds. We worked to increase awareness of the program and raise funds to expand and support the Project SEED program.

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

Integrate KACS events with longstanding Kalamazoo community events to boost engagement

b . Please list the second for top three goals

Recruitment of new/additional volunteers

c . Please list third of top three goals

Continued operation and expansion of Project SEED activities

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

Engage KACS membership and collect feedback on what they like and what they want to see

b . Please list second of top three goals

Support activities and Executive Committee by volunteering

c . Please list third of top three goals

Network with local businesses for support of KACS

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?

Too few volunteers to act on the goals and objectives identified.

19. By submitting this form, the Chair acknowledges that they have seen and understand the ACS Youth Protection Policy found at www.acs.org/ypp, and represents that it has been communicated to individuals responsible for ACS Youth Events.

Yes

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

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

e-mail to volunteer

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? *

40

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:

newsletter, website, e-mails

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

11

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

8 in addition to the newsletters

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

Facebook

@ACSKalamazoo

Instagram

LinkedIn

KACS LinkedIn Group

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?

www.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
Newsletter; The KalChemist News	December 2024 Vol. 14, Iss. 11.pdf	3.4 MB	1/7/2025

KACS 2024 AR Reviewer comments - Beth Lorsbach, chair of LSAC.

Thank you for all your hard work in 2024 Kalamazoo section! I was happy to review your section again this year and see all your continued progress. I was so pleased to see all the events, in person, virtual, and hybrid, that the section sponsored in 2024. Your section continues to be a standout of all the programming and events. You have found a way to balance in person and hybrid events as well as ways to communicate with your section members. I agree a big shout out to Lydia Hines for her effort to get monthly newsletters out! Has your section consider giving Lydia a recognition award, perhaps section volunteer of the year or a lifetime achievement award. She has been such a stall-worth for the section. Please reach out to lsac@acs.org if you want suggestions on recognition of members. Congratulations on bringing back to the section the competitive exam and the National Chemistry Olympiad team.

Thank you again for all your efforts to make the Kalamazoo section such a success in 2024. I look forward to seeing all the continued success in 2025.