



Central New York (formerly Syracuse) Local Section Administration Form 2014

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2014?*	4
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2014?*	8
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2014?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - in-person
4. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Spring and Fall ACS Council meetings?*	50%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2014 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 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
7. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2014?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 2014? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2014?*	59

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.

<p>11. 2014 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*</p>	<p>Over the past year the Central New York section enjoyed a great deal of success. Our events are described briefly below.</p> <p>When science combines with service, students can learn not only the principles of chemistry, but the importance of serving others in our community. Members of the East Syracuse-Minoa ACS Chemistry Club traveled to Golisano Children's Hospital to perform exciting experiments for the patients and their families. Brittany Kubecka established the Chemists in Action program from a grant she wrote through the Chem Club.</p> <p>The section hosted the YCC Program-in-a-Box: Love Potion #9. We held the event simultaneously at two different university venues that were 40 miles apart in order to maximize participation. This event was quite successful with approximately 40 total attendees.</p> <p>For the past 11 years, the section has participated in the Chemist's Celebrate Earth Day Illustrated Poem Contest through an incredible interdisciplinary project incorporating art, English and science. This year, we had 385 poems submitted for the Poem Contest with the theme "The Wonders of Water" from fifteen school districts. We were proud to announce that one of the local winners was also the national winner in the high school category this year.</p> <p>At our April meeting, Dr. Stephen Cantor presented on UV curing technology that is useful to chemists, as well as other scientists, engineers, and other interested parties. Along with light refreshments, his seminar described the chemistry and processes involved in this green technology. The speaker was obtained through the ACS Speakers Series and meeting at NERM.</p> <p>For Earth Day celebrations, the section along with the East Syracuse Minoa High School (ESM) Chemistry Club participated in an Earth Day cleanup along Otisco Lake Road on a sunny Saturday morning the week before Earth Day. The group picked up 12 full bags of garbage including bottles, papers, and various sundries that had found their way to the side of the road. During the cleanup, roadside signs advertised the efforts of all in the first Otisco Lake Preservation Association project of the year.</p> <p>We hosted the 2014 National USNCO Exam at SUNY ESF on April 28, 2014.</p> <p>One of the continuing events we have is Education Night. This year's event featured Catherine T. Hunt, Ph.D., as part of the Ben Burt lecture series. It also combined the NYS STEM Master Teachers and Master Teachers "in training" with CNYACS members in a celebration of education. The section honored students and teachers for their excellence in the CNY Science and Engineering Fair, the UNSCO National Chemistry Olympiad competition, the ACS Illustrated Poem Contests and their exemplary roles as Science Coaches, ChemClub Members and ACS Award winners.</p> <p>Over the course of two weekends, we celebrated National Chemistry Week at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, NY. This year's event was supported by volunteers from area high schools, colleges, the greater Central New York community, and area ACS members. Hands-on activities connecting chemistry and candy were presented to more than four thousand children. Activity tables ranged from density to the rapid evolution of carbon dioxide.</p> <p>And lastly, for Halloween, Spooktacular brought together area chemistry teachers, local section members, area high school and college chemistry clubs' members to bring "Sweet Chemistry" to children during the annual Spooktacular event held each year at East Syracuse Minoa High School. This event brought in 50 volunteers to reach over 600 children in the CNY region.</p>
<p>12. 2015 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>increase member participation in section-organized events</p>
	<p>increase the diversity of organized events, as in the types of events</p>

	increase student participation
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	the biggest challenge is getting new faces to help at events rather than the same people all of the time
13. 2015 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	we have no Chair-elect
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	same as the Chair's concerns

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2014?*	<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 Alyssa Thomas <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment Raymond O Donnell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad Joy Logan <input type="checkbox"/> Community Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational Joy Logan <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 Michelle Boucher <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Project SEED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Neal Abrams <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Robert Stankavage
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2014?*	0
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2014?*	0
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2014?*	0
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2014?*	0
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2014?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2014?*	83
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2014?*	30
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2014?*	10
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2014.* (Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer supervisor

	<input 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 -
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Local Section Administration Form - Communications

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2014?*	4
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2014?*	15
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2014?*(Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> At a section meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At an executive committee meeting <input type="checkbox"/> In the newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> On the local section web site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Executive Board meetings
4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?*	via our Newsletter, webpage, and social media
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	2
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	9
6. Did your local section have a website during 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6a. If the answer to 7 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	http://cny.sites.acs.org
7. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2014?*	<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 type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
2. Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2014 activities to support your nomination.	

Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

File Name	File Size	Brief Description
April 2014 Chemist.pdf	0.68 MB	April Chemist

Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

Our section continues to struggle with putting together a good plan of succession for leadership. We have a core group of volunteers that stay, but new volunteers quickly burn out.

Approved & Submit for Review Alyssa Thomas 02/15/2015

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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