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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?

32

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 *

2023 was a year of growth and challenges. It started with no election so Kevin had to agree to be secretary and treasurer and Michelle (me) agreed to an extra year as chair before even starting. My goal was to get more people involved in the section so we would not have trouble getting new officers for this year's election. Meagan (2023-past chair) and Kevin (S &T) were very busy with new twins and Michelle was busy caring for her father as he passed (June) from cancer. But we still held many events including a private showing of Oppenheimer, a Brewery Tour at Founder's, two talks, a huge event for NCW "Chemistry at the Mall, and two networking events and five board meetings. It was still hard but I found members to run in an election (it was a little late). We also added some new people to our board meetings; Anusha - to write the newsletters and Doug to help connect us with High School teachers. They were both very active all year. We also had a grant committee with Michelle, Kim, Carter and Rachel. We applied and won a grant to support our Movie night and made section pins we handed out at events in the fall. Carter went on and ran for Chair-elect and won. Beth also joined the board as our new webmaster and updated our webpage so it was usable again. Carter (chair-elect) and Brianna (new secretary) will both be going in January to ACS Leadership Institute. At the end of last year Meagan and Kevin proposed combining or shutting down our section but I think we still have some life left in the Western Michigan Section and many well attended events were a sign in the right direction. I am hoping our new officers can keep the ball rolling and we can gain a few more active members this year. Both on our NCW event survey and on the ballot we asked members if they would like to be involved. We got a few yeses on both and hope to contact them and get them involved in 2024.

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

Hold interesting events that draw members participation

b . Please list the second for top three goals

Hold elections

c . Please list third of top three goals

Hold Networking events for both members and non-members to recruit new members

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

Get more participation from younger age groups

b . Please list second of top three goals

Collaborate with other local sections for bigger events and more participation

c . Please list third of top three goals

Get local industry involvement for events

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?

Invalid Date

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?

Getting members to become involved. Planning event times that work for everyone.

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Budget/Finance	Kim M Morehouse
Chemistry Olympiad	Michelle Dewitt
Educational	Douglas W Ragan
Newsletter/Publications	ANUSHA VEMULAPATI

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

1

3. How many subsection meetings were held? *

2

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

0

5. How many topical group meetings were held? *

0

*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? *

0

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

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

4

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

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? *

5

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

a . General description of communication:

newsletter via email and published on website

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

6-8 times a year

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

monthly but not during the summer or December

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

Facebook

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

Instagram

LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com/company/american-chemical-society-western-michigan-local-section/

Snapchat

wmacs

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?

<https://communities.acs.org/t5/Western-Michigan-Local-Section/gh-p/western-michigan-ls>

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
WMS 2023 Budget	2023 Western MI Local Section Budget .pdf	129.35 KB	2/1/2024
March newsletter	2023 march Newsletter final .docx	143.18 KB	2/7/2024
WMACS November Newsletter	WMS ACS Newsletter November 2023 (2).pdf	4.47 MB	2/7/2024
WMACS Summer	SUMMER NEWSLETTER (1)		

Newsletter 2023	(1).pdf	318.01 KB	2/7/2024
WMACS Fall Newsletter 2023	ACS WMS Fall Newsletter 2023 (2).pdf	311.25 KB	2/7/2024
WMACS Feb. 2023 Newsletter	WMS ACS 2023 February Newsletter.pdf	266.43 KB	2/7/2024
WMS 2024 Budget	2024 Western Michigan Section Budget.docx	19.49 KB	2/14/2024