

Georgia Local Section Administration Form 2017

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2017?*	4
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2017?*	24
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2017?* (Check all that apply.)	 ☑ Email ☑ Teleconference ☐ ACS Network ☐ Other -
4. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Spring and Fall ACS Council meetings?*	100%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2017 ACS Leadership Institute?*	⊙ Yes ○ No
Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan during 2017?	⊙ Yes ○ No
7. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2017?* (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 -
8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2017? *	⊙ Yes ○ Ho
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2017?*	③ Yes ○ Ho
9a. If the response to 9 (above question) is Yes, please list what tool you used to conduct elections.*	Surveymonkey
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2017?*	105

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.

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11. 2017 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*	As I began my year as Chair of the Georgia Local Section, I had three goals in mind.
	Stablish a partnership with Teach for America to elevate our local Science Coaches program. Host and promote more kid-friendly events, particularly since our active members want to involve their children and grandchildren. Increase the general public's involvement about the positive contributions and value of the chemical sciences via promoting external collaborations that couple familiar and technical chemistry concepts.
	While I did not establish a partnership with Teach for America, we got our local Science Coaches Program up and running with five volunteers serving four high schools and one elementary school. Another goal was to host more kid-friendly events. We accomplished that goal by hosting a Bond-B-Que and partnering with the Atlanta Science Festival, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and local schools to host STEM days, demo days, and other educational activities for children. My final goal was to increase engagement with the general public. This was achieved via events, such as science cafes and partnering with the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.
	As Chair, I improved communication between leadership and the sub-committees, especially the YCC, WCC, and MAC. The challenge was creating a more collaborative relationship between the Section and these sub-committees, moving away from the status quo of sub-committees acting as separate entities.
	Another matter was the budget, and we reduced the deficit by approximately \$10K.
	An additional item was that senior-career professionals could engage and mentor early- and mid-career professionals more. Early- and mid-career professionals should be taking advantage of the expertise of senior-career chemists. In a field where many of us are underemployed, senior-career persons can serve as sponsors to help launch careers. While we had much exposure of students and early-career persons to more senior professionals, this was a challenge and remains a concern.
	Finally, I diversified not only the speaker pool but also the topics. Our talks became less technical lectures, and increasingly opportunities to engage the local community more. We changed the general tone of events and rebranded ourselves in the Atlanta community. The new Chair and Chair-elect continue to embrace this change.
12. 2018 Chair's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	Continue Project SEED within the section
	Host and promote more kid-friendly events Continue to increase the general public's involvement with the local Section
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	As the new Chair, I want to continue as the previous Chair did and maintain or exceed the level activity of the YCC, WCC, and MAC.
	Another concern is the budget. We will continue to advocate for less or no deficit this year.
	Finally, as Chair-elect I was able to establish Project SEED in the Georgia Section. The challenge will be finding additional mentors for Project SEED this year.
13. 2018 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	Win SERMACS for the GA Local Section
	Continue developing innovative & thematic monthly meeting events with increased member participation
	Establish and maintain a balanced budget

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b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	I want to figure out how to address the general view that many people have that chemistry is not a "useful" science in terms of solving the world's current problems. I know this is bigger than our local section and can only be solved through education, innovation, and organized campaigns working with committees (i.e., joint ventures). It is a big concern for me and big challenge for our section, especially if we want to spearhead it.
	Another concern is logistical. Our section membership is spread out far and it is hard for people to travel to various locations. I know we have tried to have meetings to accommodate many geographic areas in the Atlanta metro, but I am wondering if we should try a different tactic. Maybe we should have all monthly meetings within the perimeter with a supplemental quarterly meeting on a Saturday afternoon outside of the perimeter. It would encourage more member and student participation.

Local Section Administration Form - Organization			
1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2017?*	Yes	O No	
a. If the response to 1 (above question) is YES, please select the committee and enter the chair's name.		Awards Budget/Finance Career assistance/Employment Chemistry Olympiad Community Activities Continuing Education Educational EHS Environmental Government Affairs Industry Relations Long Range Planning Membership/Membership	Cheryl Trusty Holly Davis Heather Abbott-Lyon Terry Say Sarah Paquette
		Membership Membership Retention Mentoring Minority Affairs Newsletter/Publications Nominations Professional Relations Project SEED Public Relations Senior Chemists Women Chemists Younger Chemists Other	Nichole Powell and Pamela Leggett- Robinson Stephanie Kofsky- Wofford C. David Sherrill Jason Lye Ajay Mallia Maria Beug-Deeb Kristin Dortch Alyssa Blake and Joseph Richardson
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2017?*	0		
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2017?*	0		
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2017?*	0		
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2017?*	0		
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2017?*	Yes	O No	
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2017?*	1100		

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25
☑ Certificates
✓ Awards
✓ Letter to volunteer supervisor
✓ Letter to volunteer
☑ Recognition at an event
☑ Recognition on web
✓ Recognition in newsletter
□ Other -

Local Section Administration Form - Communications			
1. How many local section meetings were held during 2017?*	32		
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2017?*	43		
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2017?* (Check all that apply.)	V	At a section meeting At an executive commit In the newsletter On the local section we Other -	, and the second
Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2017?*	Yes	O Ho	
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members (including social media channels)?*	website Mailing	e, Facebook, Instagram	one, email, newsletter, the , Twitter, and LinkedIn. orimarily used for our more
5a How Often do these communications occur:			
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	4		
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	116		
6. What social media does your local section use? (If selected, please provide the link.)	V	Facebook	https://www.facebook.co m/ACS-Georgia-Local- Section- 649010645235902/
	☑ .	Twitter	https://twitter.com/acsgls
	✓	LinkedIn	https://www.linkedin.com/ groups/3198183
	✓ (Other	Instagram - acsGLS
7. Did your local section have a website during 2017?*	Yes	O No	
7a. If the answer to 7 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	http://g	eorgia.sites.acs.org/	
8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2017?*	O Yes	⊚ Ho	

Local Section Administration Form - Nomination	
Our Section would like to self-nominate for the Local Section Outstanding Performance Award.*	
Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2017 activities to support your nomination.	The Georgia Local Section (GA-ACS) has made a measurable impact within metro Atlanta over the last year. Focused on strategic goals and core values set by National, we forged intentional partnerships in Atlanta, achieved a higher level of student involvement, and demonstrated an unparalleled level of commitment to diversity and inclusion. In 2017 the GA-ACS committed to establishing new partnerships within metro Atlanta centered around the four strategic goals of National. We established Science Coaches with an initial five coaches thereby increasing

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membership in and expanding resources of the American Association of Chemistry Teachers for K-12 teachers of chemistry. We also dramatically increased engagement with student communities via partnerships with the Atlanta Science Festival and Wood Acres Elementary School; a Family Science Night in collaboration with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers; and hosting a STEM day at Pleasantdale Elementary School. Via science cafes, we communicated chemistry's value to the general public in association with Condesa Café, a local coffee shop. Finally, we launched a great alliance with the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce by collaborating on an event on the State of Research in Atlanta through our WCC. At this distinctive event we not only provided members education on the importance of entrepreneurship to chemical enterprises but also empowered them to develop career roadmaps more applicable to the chemistry business of the future

More than ever before the GA-ACS sought to increase student involvement in local section activities. As a result, we reinvigorated our YCC that had been dormant for a few years, and they were able to host Program-in-a-boxes and network with other subcommittees, such as MAC and WCC. Another endeavor to support this goal was to host a combination 50-, 60-, 70-year member award ceremony in combination with a research symposium with student chapters and local high schools. High school students were able to learn about the opportunities to become involved in ACS before college. Moreover, our Chemistry Olympiad program grew in numbers for its 7th consecutive year. Last but not least, we established Project SEED in our section with an initial cohort of 8 students! We are motivated to continue to create section-based programs that increase student involvement.

In full support of the strength of diversity in all its forms, one of the core values of the ACS and the bedrock of metro Atlanta, the GA-ACS held a full spectrum of events with one of our most diverse set of speakers and topics todate. From technical talks to "bond-b-ques" to science cafes, we held approximately 28 events plus quarterly executive committee meetings. 65% of our speakers or event organizers were women while 46% were persons of color (not including our executive committee meetings). The GA-ACS understands to advance chemistry as a global, multidisciplinary science takes a diverse and inclusive mindset.

As GA-ACS leaps into 2018, we will continue to challenge ourselves to ally within the Atlanta community, to inspire additional student engagement, and to elevate our level of diversity and inclusion. In the GA-ACS, our momentum is unquestionable. Our love of community and people is genuine. Our passion for chemistry is real. Simply, you add energy to break bonds and get energy by forming bonds. "There is something beautiful about unforced bonds; the energy is real."

Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

File Name File Size Brief Description

Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

The information in this report is accurate to the best of my knowledge. The Georgia Local Section worked very hard this year on our programs and events, and we're proud of what we've accomplished. We hope you appreciate it too!

☑ Approved & Submit for Review

Heather Abbott-Lyon

02/15/2018

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.

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