



Richland Local Section Administration Form 2018

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2018?*	12
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2018?*	13
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2018?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input type="checkbox"/> 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 2018 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 2018?	<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 2018?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-nomination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation or advertising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identify active committee members <input type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members <input type="checkbox"/> Arm-twisting <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2018? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2018?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9a. If the response to 9 (above question) is Yes, please list what tool you used to conduct elections.*	We used surveymoz.com and mailed paper ballots to those without electronic access.
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2018?*	60
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.	

11. 2018 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*

2018 was a phenomenally successful year for the Richland Section. The Section leaders met every month to plan our activities for the year. The Section officers exercised fiscal prudence and we managed to operate within our annual budget. The highlight of the year was our tremendously successful Northwest Regional Meeting (NORM 2018). Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato, Dave Heldebrant, Sandy Fiskum, Steve Krogsrud, our Women Chemists Committee, and numerous unnamed volunteers deserve credit for taking NORM to new heights—and this is not a literal reference to the Badger Mountain hike. This was one of the largest NORM meetings ever both in terms of attendance and the number of abstracts. Its success bodes very well for the financial security of the Section and our ability to advance our education and outreach objectives.

Thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of our volunteers, we conducted several activities in Eastern Oregon and Richland to bring the joy and wonder of Chemistry to our communities. We supported undergraduate students, held a picnic jointly with another professional society, sponsored the Mid-Columbia Science Fair, and celebrated the service of our senior members. Dr. John La Femina delivered an excellent talk at our Annual Social that led to his mentoring two students.

The Women Chemists Committee was quite active this year. WCC organized an inaugural social event at the Polka Dot Pottery in Kennewick. The event featured pottery painting and socializing with fellow ACS members. The event was successful in helping members across the chemical enterprise connect while learning more about the events that WCC has planned for this year. WCC also organized a Sexual Harassment in the Sciences webinar event in Richland.

The Richland Section sponsored the Mid Columbia Science Fair. Dave Heldebrant did a great job of organizing the ACS science fair judges and the judging for the local section awards. The group was able to efficiently identify winning posters. The \$325 support from our section went towards support for the large number of awards presented at the Fair. Our section also supported coffee for the ACS judges as well as the two \$50 prizes for middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-11) students.

Section members from Eastern Oregon University (EOU) had a strong presence at the ACS national meeting in New Orleans in addition to members from the Richland area. Twenty two students and 4 faculty members participated in the conference. Students presented 8 posters and participated in the Chem Demo Exchange. Our EOU Student Member Chapter again was awarded an Outstanding Award. Our section was also well represented at the ACS Fall meeting in Boston. Anna Cavinato became a member of the Local Section Activities Committee. Ram Devanathan participated in the deliberations of the ACS Committee on Public Relations and Communications (CPRC). This committee provided valuable advice to our section on public relations makeover. Some of the recommendations about refreshing our Section website will be implemented in 2019.

EOU also held a successful Earth Week celebration. Section members led a large community outreach effort, Arts For All. EOU did arts activities related to chemistry such as exploring arts and surface tension. These activities includes children painting with shaving cream. The participants immensely enjoyed this event. Booklets and other giveaways were distributed. For a second activity, section members worked with two batches of 3rd graders one week apart and did activities related to marine chemistry. They then performed a big magic show for about 200 children that was well received.

EOU held chemistry activities at the Festival of Trees using supplies obtained from the National Institute for Stem Education (NISE). EOU hosted a table of activities at the Festival of Trees, a large community fair. Their table attracted a hundred of children and was very successful. The university president chose to honor the Chemistry

	<p>Club at the Festival. There was a Chemist Tree, which was decorated with test tubes, cylinders and other things chemistry-related. A couple of students keep adding dry ice and the smoky effect was great. EOU also had a terrific Girls-In-Science activity, with participation from more than a hundred girls. The Program-in-a-box activity associated with this was also very well attended. As part of Girls-in-Science, EOU was able to use two kits from NISE and they worked very well.</p> <p>The local section held a Picnic jointly with AIChE at a member's backyard. The picnic had a pretty good turnout despite the very hot weather. Several of our senior chemists were in attendance and networked with younger chemists.</p> <p>The Northwest Regional Meeting in Richland had an exceptional technical program, workshops on career development, a tour of the B-reactor, a hike up Badger mountain organized by the Younger Chemists Committee, Ice-cream social with ACS Governance, Eminent Scientist lecture, pre-collegiate teacher program, Governance workshop, Chemical Innovators sessions, tours of world-leading scientific facilities at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, senior chemists breakfast, regional awards banquet, and a tour of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory.</p> <p>Our annual social celebrated the distinguished service of our senior chemists and recognized the volunteers behind the success of NORM. We celebrated the careers of a number of senior chemists. Ms. Gayle Broom of Waitsburg completed her 50th year ACS membership. Mr. Joseph Soldat would have competed his 70th year as an ACS member but he passed away last Fall. His family members attended the event and received his certificate. Section members recalled the contributions of Karen Grant, who passed away this year. Karen stewarded the Chemistry program at Columbia Basin College over four decades, developed outstanding research opportunities for students, guided a generation of volunteers, and was a tremendous asset to our section.</p> <p>For the 50th year of project SEED, our Section hosted a senior from Kennewick High School, America Sevilla. She worked with Ram Devanathan at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory over the summer on data analytics as part of Project SEED. She obtained admission to Washington State University. She is the first in her family to go to college and was previously a migrant worker. America decided to pursue a Chemistry major and will apply for further support from Project SEED. Her engagement with Chemistry and our local section is a tremendous success for project SEED and its goal of providing opportunities for the younger generation from under-represented groups.</p> <p>Overall it was a very busy and incredibly successful year that set the Section on a firm financial footing, engaged new volunteers, and performed science outreach to the public.</p>
<p>12. 2019 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>1. Kick off new local section Government Affairs Committee.</p>
	<p>2. Conduct a successful strategic planning retreat (SPR). 3. Engage with Columbia Basin College (local community college) to start an active student group</p>
<p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p>	<p>Establishing a local section Government Affairs Committee will be challenging because the Richland Local Section spans two states (Oregon and Washington). Volunteer participation is difficult to predict. This is our first SPR, so we don't have a body of information upon which to build.</p>
<p>13. 2019 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>1. Enhance the Richland Section media presence by starting process for website update.</p>
	<p>2. Spearhead inter-section Science Café with the Idaho-Eastern Washington and Richland sections.</p>

	3. Continue to recruit members and volunteers to the Richland section.
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	1. Poor participation from the larger body of section members as volunteers. I fear we will burn out our core volunteer board members. 2. Poor responsiveness on getting section goals completed (bylaws update, website update, etc.). 3. Making ACS section members outside of the centers of activity (Richland and La Grande) feel welcome and have a stake in the section.
14. Does the Local Section have a Vision and/or Mission Statement?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
15. What was the date of the last Local Section strategic planning session?*	1/8/2016

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

1. Did your local section have active coordinators for the following?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
a. If the response to 1 (above question) is YES, please select the activity and enter the coordinators name.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards Janet Bryant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance Sandy Fiskum <input type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad <input type="checkbox"/> Community Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational Susan Asmussen <input type="checkbox"/> EHS <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input type="checkbox"/> Government Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership/Membership Retention Deepika Malhotra <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority Affairs Anna Cavinato <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Publications Steve Krogsrud <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominations Vanda Glezakou <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project SEED Anna Cavinato <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Steve Krogsrud <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists Megan Nims <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists Shirmir Branch <input type="checkbox"/> Other
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2018?*	0
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2018?*	0
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2018?*	0
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2018?*	0
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2018?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2018?*	534
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2018?*	16
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2018?*	5
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section	

recognized volunteers during 2018.* (Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards <input checked="" 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 -

Local Section Administration Form - Communications

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2018?*	8
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2018?*	25
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2018?*(Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> At a section meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At an executive committee meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the newsletter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On the local section web site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In an email <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2018?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members (including social media channels)?*	Email Newsletter Website announcement
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	4
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	10
6. What social media does your local section use? (If selected, please provide the link.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn <input type="checkbox"/> Other
7. Did your local section have a website during 2018?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
7a. If the answer to 7 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	https://acs.labworks.org/officers.html
8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2018?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Local Section Administration Form - Nomination

1. Our Section would like to self-nominate for the Local Section Outstanding Performance Award.*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2018 activities to support your nomination.	<p>The Richland Section is nominated for Outstanding Mid-size section for a tremendously successful year. The highlight of the year was the very well-run Northwest Regional Meeting (NORM 2018). The organizers, program chairs, Women Chemists Committee, Younger Chemists Committee, Public Relations Chair, Treasurer and numerous unnamed volunteers worked together seamlessly to ensure a wonderful experience for attendees. The event won kudos from ACS dignitaries including Past President Dr. Allison Campbell. This was one of the largest NORM meetings ever both in terms of attendance and the number of abstracts. Its success bodes very well for the financial security of the Section and our ability to advance our education and outreach objectives. The Northwest Regional Meeting in Richland had an exceptional technical program, workshops on career development, a tour of the B-reactor, a hike up Badger mountain organized by the Younger Chemists Committee, Ice-cream social with ACS Governance, Eminent Scientist lecture featuring Dr. Mas Subramanian, pre-collegiate</p>

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