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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?

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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 *

Over the past year, the Richland Local Section celebrated its 75th anniversary with a series of remarkable achievements that significantly bolstered its commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect (DEIR), as well as its engagement within the Tri-Cities community through various outreach and virtual events. Highlights include a Science Café featuring Dr. Sam Bryan's reflections on the section's history, collaborative events with Eastern Oregon University showcasing career opportunities at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, and a panel discussion that deepened local community ties. Additionally, events like "Exploring the Five Senses" at the Pasco Farmers Market, various educational virtual seminars, glass-making classes, a visit to Heron Bluff Winery, and the "Eclipse Explorers" event at Columbia Basin College, alongside a series of networking and professional development events in partnership with the Younger Chemists Committee, have all served to strengthen community presence and member engagement. These efforts, supported enthusiastically by board members and volunteers, have laid a strong foundation for the section's future endeavors and made 2023 a notably successful year.

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

Expand efforts on diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect through collaboration with other local organizations

b . Please list the second for top three goals

Strengthen connections with other ACS local sections, student chapters and other professional societies.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Foster more local section programs that focus on members and their families.

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

To increase member participation and volunteerism in the section's events and collaborations

b . Please list second of top three goals

To build and nurture relations within our community and other professional societies.

c . Please list third of top three goals

To facilitate relationships between members to increase and build deeper connections and friendships.

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?

04/13/2019

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?

The section continues to work on the implementation of the strategic plan after the disruption caused by the pandemic. Since the last strategic plan was developed in 2019, the section is considering holding another strategic plan in the next couple of years.

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Mariefel Valenzuela Olarte
Chemistry Olympiad	Padmaja Gunda
Educational	Colby Heideman
Environmental	Uriah Kilgore
Environmental Health and Safety	Jared Kroll
Government Affairs	Kristin Marie Omberg
Membership/Membership Retention	Sandra Fiskum
Minority Affairs	Anna G Cavinato
Nominations	Mariefel Valenzuela Olarte
Public Relations	Stephen Krogsrud

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

3. How many subsection meetings were held? *

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

5. How many topical group meetings were held? *

*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

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? *

12

4. How many local section meetings were held? *

12

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

a . General description of communication:

Communication to members for more immediate notification of upcoming events or available opportunities was done through e-mail blasts. Newsletters were sent through e-mail and for those who do not have e-mail access, the newsletters were printed and mailed.

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

3

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

12

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

Facebook

Instagram

LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/89526286/admin/feed/posts/>

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?

<https://acsrichland.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

Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's activities to support your nomination.

The nomination of the Richland Local Section for Outstanding Performance Award is a testament to its exemplary achievements during its significant 75th anniversary year. This period was marked by a dynamic range of activities and initiatives that profoundly enhanced

the section's commitment to DEIR, boosted community engagement, and provided innovative educational opportunities, setting a remarkable example for other sections. The year was kickstarted with a Science Café featuring Dr. Sam Bryan, who shared the section's historical milestones, setting a reflective and celebratory tone. This event underscored the section's rich heritage and its ongoing impact on the scientific community. A notable collaboration with Eastern Oregon University Student Chapter brought three experts from PNNL to share their career experiences and opportunities with students, highlighting section's dedication to nurturing the next generation of scientists and emphasizing the importance of diversity within scientific community. "Honoring the History and Rejoicing the Present" panel discussion was another cornerstone event that celebrated the section's 75th anniversary and aimed to strengthen local community bonds. This, along with the DEIR Grant-supported "Exploring the Five Senses" event at the Pasco Farmers Market, showcased the section's commitment to making science accessible, enjoyable, particularly for young audiences, by providing hands-on activities to explore human senses. Virtual events also played a crucial role in the year's programming, topics such as safety culture in scientific settings and transition to low-carbon feedstocks. These seminars not only facilitated learning and discussion among members but also highlighted section's engagement with critical environmental and industry-related challenges. Moreover, Richland LS leveraged LS-MEET grant to offer glass-making classes, blending education with enjoyment, fostering a deeper appreciation for the art and science of glassmaking among members and their families. As part of NCW celebrations, the section further extended its educational outreach through "Eclipse Explorers" event at Columbia Basin College, and 'Investigators of Science' at Eastern Oregon University, engaging young students in science through hands-on activities, and a visit to Heron Bluff Winery, which provided a unique combination of scientific learning and leisure. In collaboration with Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) ACS, the section co-organized a series of events aimed at networking, professional development, and research symposium, focusing on challenges faced by young chemists, especially Spanish-speaking members, and offering platforms for sharing experiences and enhancing scientific communication skills. These multifaceted initiatives not only commemorated the section's 75th anniversary in a meaningful way but also significantly contributed to the community's scientific learning. The section's efforts have laid a solid foundation for future endeavors, ensuring continued engagement and innovation within the scientific community. The dedication, innovation, and tireless efforts of board members and volunteers were instrumental in the success of these initiatives, embodying the spirit of collaboration and community engagement that the Richland Local Section stands for. Their commitment has not only made a lasting impact on the section's members but also on the broader community, making LS a worthy nominee for this award. This nomination recognizes the section's outstanding contributions to advancing ACS's mission and its exemplary role in fostering vibrant, inclusive scientific community.

Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
Newsletter_August	Newsletter-2023-August.pdf	3.44 MB	2/13/2024
Newsletter_October	Newsletter-2023-October.pdf	1.67 MB	2/13/2024
Newsletter_February	Newsletter-2023-February.pdf	690.81 KB	2/13/2024