



Detroit Local Section Administration Form 2011

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1. How many times did the executive committee meet during 2011? *	9
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2011?*	26
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2011?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Meetings held at local college
4. What percentage of the local section's Councilors were in official attendance at the 2011 ACS Spring Council meeting?*	100%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2011 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 2011?	<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 2011?*(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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training <input checked="" 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 2011? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2011?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2011?*	39

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. 2011 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*

In 2011 the Detroit Local Section celebrated the International Year of Chemistry. Each event was met with much enthusiasm. According to the goals of the International Year of Chemistry, it was designed to be a worldwide celebration of the achievements of chemistry and its contributions to the well-being of humankind. IYC 2011 intended to reach across the globe, with opportunities for public participation at the local, regional, and national level.

While IYC 2011 was initiated to serve a global community, members of the Detroit Local Section wanted to do their part in promoting the positive impact chemistry has on everyday lives. Many local businesses supported this effort by engaging their employees in outreach programs throughout the year. Michiganders are extremely proud of their unique state. We have an abundance of resources available to us and we wish to preserve them for future generations.

In February Laura Freeland Kull, MS, RD presented on "Food, Nutrition, and the Environment". The presentation covered food choices we make everyday that have a long lasting effect on human health and the environment. The current industrial food system is not sustainable and is leading to negative health consequences across the US. During the talk we learned how local food systems with a focus on organic agriculture and community building can make a difference. Simple ways to improve food choices were discussed.

In keeping with IYC theme, March Section meeting discussed "Restoration of the St. Clair River and other Great Lakes Areas of Concern". This meeting was presented by Patricia Troy. Patty Troy has been a member of the St. Clair River Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC). Patty manages the laboratory for the Port Huron Water Reclamation Facility. The meeting was a joint venture with the Port Huron Sub-Section and members of the Sarnia, Ontario, Canada Binational Public Advisory Council. It was a true IYC event that brought members from the United States and Canada together.

The February Brewing Chemistry Lecture Series presented David Bower, Ph. D., Senior Research Chemist for BASF Corporation. The focus of his presentation was an innovative hard surface pavement using recycled glass to treat the storm water. According to research, billions of gallons of untreated storm water pollute our lakes rivers and oceans every year. Conventional concrete and asphalt pavements concentrate these pollutants at the storm drains. Whether it is through a combined sanitary sewer system or a local detention pond, treatment is expensive. Unfortunately in most areas the storm water remains untreated allowing the pollutants to flow directly into our waterways. A new surface pavement design nearly eliminates storm water runoff and helps replenish the local aquifer with clean, naturally filtered water. More information about this presentation can be found in the Younger Chemists Committee Annual Report.

While the Brewing Chemistry Lecture Series continued every month in 2011, another lecture designed to increase public awareness of the importance of clean water ensued. Peter J. Benz, Water Pollution Inspector for Wayne County Department of the Environment, discussed evaluation techniques for determining how clean water is by counting the species of bugs in the body of water. This fascinating lecture is discussed further in the Younger Chemists Committee Report.

In May another bi-national event was held when we teamed up with members of the Chemistry Institute of Canada to honor our volunteers and students in an awards banquet.

The Detroit Local Section also held several outreach programs throughout the year. Project SEED, Kids and Chemistry, Education, NCW, and CCED events were held with much success. Each committee submitted a report detailing their programs. We wanted to increase public awareness of the positive impact of chemistry among

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	<p>different age groups and we met this goal with much excitement.</p> <p>Ironically one of the first challenges of the year was the weather in the Detroit area. Frequent snow days caused the cancellation of a few programs scheduled in the first quarter of the year. Winter programs that did take place had poor attendance because of hazardous road conditions. Of course weather was not the blame for other poorly attended meetings. As chair I quickly realized one of the keys to increasing presence at monthly meetings was to involve multiple groups or organizations in planning the meeting. Most meetings planned by myself had only 20 people in attendance. On the other hand when a meeting was combined with the Port Huron Sub-Section over 75 people were in attendance. A joint meeting with the Flint Sub-Section yielded over 90 attendees. By combining meetings with other organizations, you can increase your network and thereby increase your audience.</p> <p>A second challenge was trying to determine in what members were interested. As chair I wanted to offer both technical and non-technical programs. We also toured the exhibition presented by the Detroit Institute of Arts. In the spring of last year several members and their families visited the museum exhibition of "Fakes, Forgeries, and Mysteries". This exhibition tied in well with the group as the museum utilizes several analytical techniques to determine which works of art are not what they claim. While this outing was well attended, polled members were uncertain as to what future programs they wanted to see. It was a challenge to discover new ideas for programs each month.</p> <p>Unfortunately one of the NCW programs had to be cancelled as the Detroit Science Museum temporarily closed its doors in September 2011 due to financial difficulties. This was a very sad day for the City of Detroit and surrounding areas. However, the economy in Michigan has been troubled for a couple of years now and programs across the state have suffered. The Detroit Local Section has seen a decline in membership as people have left the Section to find employment outside the State of Michigan.</p> <p>Another challenge centered more on a personal level. While I was extremely honored to serve as chair, I was a bit overwhelmed by the prospect. Attending the Leadership Conference helped to reduce these fears as I was able to see a network of people all working toward a common goal. Of course the Detroit Section is very lucky to have several members of the Executive Committee.</p> <p>In closing I invite you to view an attachment to this report titled, "Detroit Local Section, A Year in Review". The document contains many photos taken at different events held throughout the year. Unfortunately I did not think to do this until halfway through 2011. I think that you will enjoy the pictures, though.</p>
<p>12. 2011 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>Provide a variety of presentations for membership</p>
	<p>Increase membership and involve sub-sections in local section activities</p> <p>Support Regional Meeting Planning Committee as Detroit hosts CERM in 2012</p>

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<p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p>	<p>Mary Kay Heidtke Detroit Local Section, Chair February 2012 mkheidtke@aol.com</p> <p>Chair Report for 2011 Annual Report Chair Goals 2012</p> <p>As I begin my second term as chair of the Detroit Local Section, I have a set of goals I wish to accomplish for this year. I am both honored to serve as chair and enthusiastic for the upcoming year. Having already served one year as chair, I begin this year with a stronger appreciation of what to expect. On a personal level I feel more confident in my role as chair. Of course, this does not mean that this year will be without its challenges.</p> <p>The Detroit Local Section celebrates its 100th anniversary in the American Chemical Society. This is a large milestone for our section. Over the past 100 years, Detroit has seen many changes. The advancements in technology over the past 10 years are astounding. The chemical industry has had a large impact on these changes.</p> <p>One goal I wish to accomplish as chair is to provide a variety of programs for our members throughout the year. One point I learned from last year is the diverse membership in the Detroit Local Section. Members come from industry, academics, there are students just beginning their careers in chemistry and there are retired professionals starting a new chapter in their lives. Last year I struggled trying to find programs that interest a broad audience that mimics this diverse membership. I have come to the realization that this would be impossible. Therefore, each month I have scheduled programs; each one is different in nature – technical, non-technical, general audience, and just plain fun.</p> <p>Another goal of the Section is the 2012 Regional Meeting which will be hosted by the Detroit Section. As mentioned above, 2012 marks our 100th anniversary. We are celebrating that milestone by hosting the Regional Meeting. We are very proud of our history and want everyone in the area to share in our celebration. As chair I wish to support the Regional Planning Committee in any capacity where they need extra assistance. We have constructed a great team of professionals that are working toward making the meeting a success.</p> <p>Hopefully by providing a variety of programs and by hosting the Regional Meeting, we will attract new chemists in the area. This will help to accomplish my final goal as chair of the section. The Detroit Local Section actually has a wide geographical area.</p> <p>Finally, our Section has always been committed to outreach programs. While we want to continue this strong tradition, we also want to enhance it by bringing new programs to the Section. In doing so, we hope to boost volunteer involvement in the Section. This will in turn boost involvement of the members in other Section activities.</p>
<p>13. 2011 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>Increase participation from Wayne State University (WSU)</p> <p>Focus on member retention</p> <p>Continue the "SuperChair" Legacy</p>

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b. What are your concerns and challenges?*

1) WSU is a Carnegie I Institution in the heart of Detroit with 170 graduate students and 30 postdoctoral fellow researchers in the Chemistry Department. They have awarded 150 Bachelor's degrees in Chemistry in the past 3 years. The ACS-Student Affiliate Chapter is not active. There are no volunteers or meeting attendees at our local ACS events, despite a monthly event being held blocks from campus (Brewing Chemistry, our Science Café). I aim to increase participation from this chemistry powerhouse by working directly with the faculty and students using my network and colleagues in the Association of Analytical Chemists.

2) Focusing on member retention will be imperative after the 2012 Central Regional Meeting (CERM) as we hope to increase our membership through the meeting. Scheduling interesting meetings, events and volunteer activities may aid in member retention. Including National ACS links and benefits in our newsletter may also stimulate retention.

3) "SuperChair" may be an understatement given the list of past Chairs for the Detroit Local Section. Our Section has a legacy of active, involved Chairs that are aligned with key ACS principles, as noted on the ACS website: Leaders in Science Education, Supporters of Innovation and Job Creation, Advocates of Science and Technology, and Problem Solvers in this Challenging World. Just like me, they have been volunteers with demanding professional lives. In addition, I am an active volunteer in Career Services and Kids in Chemistry. I will continue to make a difference in my community and stay committed to "improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry".

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1. How many local section meetings were held during 2011?*	20
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2011?*	45
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2011?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other -
4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2011?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?*	<p>We have really updated our electronic communication via our newly updated local section Website. We also have a Website for our CERM, which the Detroit Section is hosting in June.</p> <p>A newsletter, titled The Chemist, is published at least 8 times per year. This is sent to all members of the Detroit Section and other affiliate groups. A member can also choose to have The Chemist sent to them electronically via email. Past editions are also available on our local section Website.</p> <p>After making changes to our Bylaws, we decided to make our officer election done electronically as an option to our members. Unfortunately while this provided a large cost savings to the Section and cut down on the paper used, only a few members voted in this year's election.</p>
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	8
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	20
6. Did your local section have a website during 2011?*	<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://detroit.sites.acs.org
7. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2011?*	<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 500-word or less, overview of your local section's 2011 activities to support your nomination.	<p>The Detroit Section had another outstanding year. Approximately 100 ACS members and volunteers, ranging from retirees to student members, enthusiastically participated in an array of activities, while many more attended our technical programs. In most months there were several programs designed to appeal to a wide range of interests. A particular effort was made to distribute meetings across our extensive geographical area. Collaborative programming was carried out with neighboring ACS Sections, affiliated scientific organizations, and the Chemical Institute of Canada.</p> <p>Governance - our executive committee, a diverse group representing a wide range of demographics, met for nine regular board meetings and an Annual General Membership Meeting.</p> <p>Communication - Seven issues of the Chemist Newsletter were sent by U.S. mail and posted to the section website; additional announcements were delivered electronically to members that have provided e-mail addresses. Programs for the public were announced in area newspapers. We are operating with a new and easier to navigate Detroit ACS website (http://detroit.sites.acs.org).</p> <p>Membership Services – we maintain an active career services program, deliver announcements of university lecture series, offer educational and social programs, and provide numerous opportunities for volunteerism in our many public outreach programs. We seek to make newcomers welcome to all of these programs.</p> <p>Service Recognition – at the annual awards dinner held in May, the Section honors a Section member with its Distinguished Service Award and two volunteers with Salutes to Excellence Awards. All 50- and 60-year members are invited and recognized. Members of the executive committee and their spouses/guest were invited to a year's end "thank you" dinner.</p> <p>Below is a brief glimpse at some of our highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our dynamic YCC group held 12 well-attended monthly science café programs. • Our YCC joined with the MSU Section YCC to hold a "Battle of the Chem Clubs;" the weekend competition drew teams from 6 Michigan universities. • Approximately 20 volunteers met monthly to plan hosting of the 2012 Central Regional Meeting (CeRM) • Our regular series of monthly Section meetings included two well-attended meetings in the Port Huron Subsection and one in our Flint Subsection as well as an international meeting with the Canadian Institute of Chemistry held in Windsor, ONT. • Project Seed sponsored 5 students. • Minority affairs – 200+ girl scouts participated in 7th annual Chemistry Day program which included career presentations and hands-on experiments. • Kids & Chemistry – at least 65 volunteers participated in five different hands-on programs reaching approximately 1000 kids. • NCW – program at Cranbrook museum offered chemical demonstrations and hands-on experiments for the general public. • Earth Day – program at the Detroit Science Center offered demos and hands-on chemistry for many inner city kids. • Chemistry Olympiad - drew 216 students from 27 high schools; cash awards given to top students and award banquet for student winners, teachers and parents. • Education committee – programs for high school teachers including tour of nano-fabrication facility and scholarships for teachers to attend chemistry conferences and workshops. • Instituted electronic balloting for the first time in fall election.

Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials		
File Name	File Size	Brief Description
September Chemist.pdf	0.53 MB	The Chemist Newsletter
USNCO 2011 Annual Report.doc	6.33 MB	USNCO Report 2011
Project SEED 2011 Annual Report.doc	5.5 MB	Project SEED Report 2011
WCC 2011 Annual Report.doc	0.02 MB	WCC Report 2011
Recognition Committee 2011 Annual Report.doc	11.12 MB	Recognition Committee Report 2011
Girl Scout Report 2011 for Annual Report.doc	3.73 MB	Minority Affairs Report 2011
Industrial Relations 2011 Annual Report.doc	0.02 MB	Industrial Relations Report 2011
Website 2011 Annual report.doc	0.02 MB	Website Report 2011
Career Program Annual Report 2011.doc	0.02 MB	Career Program Report 2011
Education Committee 2011 Annual Report.doc	0.03 MB	Education Report 2011
Trust11.xls	0.08 MB	Trust Fund 2011 Report
YCC Annual Report 2011.doc	3.96 MB	Younger Chemists 2011 Report
Chair-Elect Goals.doc	0.02 MB	Chair-Elect Goals
CCED and NCW 2011 Report.doc	0.02 MB	NCW and CCED 2011 Report
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Public Relations Annual Report 2011.doc	0.02 MB	Public Relations and Government Affairs
Chair Activity Report 2011.doc	0.04 MB	Chair Report 2011
2011-KandC annual report.doc	0.04 MB	Kids and Chemistry

Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

I was not aware until 3/8/2012 that I had to take this additional step for approval. I had assumed that when I hit "submit for approval" that I was in fact marking the report as approved. If I had known, I would have taken this step on 2/15/2012.

Approved & Submit for Review

Walter Siegl

03/08/2012

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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