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Governance

1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2020? *

2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2020? *

3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2020? (Check all that apply.) *

☒ Email

☐ Teleconference

☒ Zoom/Gotomeeting/Webex

☒ ACS Network

☐ Other

4. What percentage of your councilors participated in the Spring Special Meeting of Council (to hear nominees for President-Elect)? *

5. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Fall Virtual Council Meeting? *

6. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2020 ACS Leadership Institute? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

7. Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan during 2020? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

8. How did your local section identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2020? (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 during 2020? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2020?

425

10. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2020? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If the response to above question is Yes, please list what tool you used to conduct elections

We had an online survey vote (Survey Monkey) as well as paper ballots for the members who do not have email addresses or requested a paper ballot.

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. 2020 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges: *

The Mission Statement for the New York Section states we will be a forum for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experiences among those interested in the Chemical Sciences in ways that promote individual and professional excellence in the Chemical Community. This theme permeates our activities. The NYACS is proud of the long-standing traditions established throughout its 129-year history as well as the dedication to change as needed to better serve our members. We offer a variety of opportunities for our members to participate in technical and social activities. In 2020 we had 3 active Subsections: Hudson-Bergen, Long Island and Westchester; and 4 active Topical Discussion Groups: Biochemical, Inorganic and Organometallic, Metrowomen Chemists and Organic. Governing the NYACS requires 11 active Executive Committees and 2 active Coordinating Committees (Eastern Analytical Symposium and MARM Steering). In addition, professional development opportunities are presented. The ACS Leadership Institute courses are offered to the Chair-Elect and YCC Chair. In addition to the activities above, we participate in the governance of scientific societies like the ACS and the Eastern Analytical Symposium, and recognize excellence through award processes. Almost all of our Councilors for the NYACS participated at both the Spring and Fall national meetings, and 20 of our members serve on different National ACS Committees. 2020 proved to be a very challenging year for everyone. With the global pandemic, the New York local section had to cancel a good number of its scheduled in-person events, including the William H. Nichols Medal Distinguished Symposium and Award Dinner (one of our premier events). The Nichols Medal Award was established in 1902 by Dr. William H. Nichols to honor a chemical scientist for outstanding original research and was first awarded in 1903. We made the difficult decision to postpone the symposium in 2020 and hold it virtually in April 2021. The Sectionwide Conference provides an opportunity to recognize those volunteers who have made major contributions to the success of the NYACS through the Outstanding Service Award. 75 Members and guests (including high school Project SEED students with poster displays) participated. In 2020, besides the traditional Nichols High School Teacher Award, NYACS also announced winners of three Outstanding College Teachers Awards. In 2020 one NYACS member received an ACS Outreach Volunteer of the Year Award. We promote excellence in society primarily through public outreach, both national and international, and our commitment to the next generation of scientists through educational activities. One outstanding event that had to be cancelled is our annual Chemists Celebrate Earth Week Seminar and Parade. The NYACS has several significant activities for middle school and high school students. 450 students registered for the US National Chemistry Olympiad (though only 380 actually took the exam). 26 teams from 4 different high schools presented posters at the 2020 Chemagination. The 2020 National Chemistry Week Chemistry Spectacular had 18 prestigious colleges, universities, industries, business centers and nonprofit organizations participate through 80 volunteers to serve 140 attendees. Project SEED also forged ahead with virtual opportunities for students. Due to COVID-19 NYACS had to cancel our premier

activity for college level students, the Undergraduate Research Symposium. The NYACS maintains an active social media presence. Our Facebook page has 613 followers with 536 likes. Our website typically has 7.7 users/day (1 min 44 sec on average), with spikes on the days of the Sectionwide conference, April 15th, and our Teaching in the Time of COVID events. We boast 2699 users (89.8% new, 10.2 returning) In January 2020 NYACS, in conjunction with the North Jersey, Princeton and Philadelphia local sections, hosted a "Synthesis of Scale" process chemistry symposium. This event was the direct result of a collaboration between these sections spawned by the ACS Leadership Conference and financially supported by a grant from ACS. The event was well attended, interesting and informative, and proved to be an excellent opportunity for members of the NY chapter of ACS to meet members from other local sections as well as for members in academia (including students) to meet members in the pharmaceutical industry. The conference was held at Rutgers university, in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology building (registrants were also given the option of a building tour). While the months of March and April left us with much uncertainty for what lay ahead, our members were resourceful and determined to still be active. We quickly pivoted to using online platforms such as Zoom for meetings and seminars. Over the summer we hosted a successful series of workshops on "Teaching in the time of COVID". For National Chemistry Week we relied on live-streaming demonstrations and showing pre-recorded experiments so that the participants could still partake and learn about the wonders of chemistry! I would like to echo the concerns and challenges expressed by the 2019 Chair. We are indeed at a critical time in NYACS membership where there is a "changing of the guard". I am thrilled that the younger members are taking on more leadership roles, and they can be mentored by the more senior members. I hope this continues, but I acknowledge that it is probably a dangerous practice to rely solely on a handful of people for "institutional knowledge" regarding policies and procedures that should be documented. Our budget continues to run in deficit mode, and this simply is not sustainable in the long term.

12. 2021 Chair's goals for the Section

a . Please list first of top three goals

Facilitate subsections, topical groups and interested groups to conduct their meetings in the best format available.

b . Please list second of top three goals

Attract a younger membership by working with the Younger Chemists Committee, and encourage these members to take up more of a leadership role.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Activate subsections/topical groups that have been inactive.

d . What are your concerns and challenges?

1. Everyone is Zoomed out, so how do we keep our volunteers and members engaged, and attract more members. 2. Involvement in leadership roles within NY ACS can be very time consuming, and is especially challenging during this pandemic when everything around us is changing and requiring us to have time to learn how to adapt.

13. 2021 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section

a . Please list first of top three goals

1. Support the Chair's goal of attracting younger membership by facilitating participation in virtual activities by undergraduate students.

b . Please list second of top three goals

2. Identify effective strategies for virtual participation in large symposia (e.g. Nichols Symposium) and plan for a virtual component for the 2022 Nichols Symposium.

c . Please list third of top three goals

3. Facilitate the changes in communication strategies that will occur in the NY Section in 2021 (such as the replacement of the editor of the The Indicator and management of member listservs) especially given the unique circumstances of the pandemic.

d . What are your concerns and challenges?

1. Finding incentives for younger members, including undergraduates, to participate in Zoom/virtual meetings. 2. Connecting with the key players in different areas of the large section to begin to work together, when we are unable to meet in-person.

14. Does the Local Section have a Vision and/or Mission Statement? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

15. What was the month and year of the last Local Section strategic planning session?

11/13/2020

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Ronald Philip D'Amelia
Awards	Neil Jespersen
Awards	Joseph Landesberg
Budget/Finance	Frank Romano
Budget/Finance	Joseph M Serafin
Budget/Finance	Ruben M Savizky
Continuing Education	Donald D Clarke
Continuing Education	Neil Jespersen
Educational	Alison Hyslop
Government Affairs	Robert Patrick Nolan
Government Affairs	Anne T O'Brien

Government Affairs	Richard J Rosso
Membership/Membership Retention	Neil Jespersen
Membership/Membership Retention	Yufeng Wei
Membership/Membership Retention	Theresa R Cea
Membership/Membership Retention	Paul W Dillon
Membership/Membership Retention	Ping Furlan
Membership/Membership Retention	Alan M Lyons
Membership/Membership Retention	Rolande Regina Hodel
Newsletter/Publications	Joseph M Serafin
Newsletter/Publications	Frank Romano
Newsletter/Publications	Brian R Gibney
Newsletter/Publications	Neil Jespersen
Nominations	Ruben M Savizky
Nominations	Brian R Gibney
Nominations	Joseph M Serafin
Nominations	Justyna Widera-Kalinowska
Professional Relations	Frank Romano
Project SEED	Robert G Aslanian
Project SEED	Kenneth Steven Yamaguchi
Project SEED	Nadia Makar
Public Relations	Marc Anton Walters
Public Relations	Robert Patrick Nolan
Senior Chemists	Ralph Stephani
Senior Chemists	Frank Romano
Strategic Planning	Frank Romano
Strategic Planning	Jaimelee I Rizzo
Strategic Planning	Anne T O'Brien
Strategic Planning	Philip Henry Mark
Strategic Planning	Pamela K Kerrigan
Strategic Planning	Neil Jespersen
Strategic Planning	Brian R Gibney
Strategic Planning	Ronald Philip D'Amelia
Strategic Planning	Alison Hyslop
Strategic Planning	Donald D Clarke
Women Chemists	Daniela Buccella
Women Chemists	Rita Karina Upmacis
Younger Chemists	Lauren Musumeci

2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2020? *

3

3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2020? *

17

4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2020? *

4

5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2020? *

7

6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2020? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

*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.

7. How many dues-paying local section affiliates* were in your local section during 2020? *

95

8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2020? *

100

9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2020? *

10

10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2020 (Check all that apply.) *



Awards



Certificates



Letter to Volunteer



Letter to Volunteer Supervisor



Recognition at an Event



Recognition in Newsletter



Recognition on Web



Other

Communication

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2020? *

2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2020? *

3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2020? (Check all that apply.) *



At an Executive Committee Meeting



At a Section Meeting



In an Email



In the Newsletter



On the Local Section Website

☐ Other

4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2020? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

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

a . General description of communication:

The New York Section utilized numerous avenues to communicate with its members in 2020. First and foremost was its excellent website that covers Section events, awards and the many activities of its active subsections, topical groups and committees. It is updated monthly and as needed. Next are the monthly issues of our newsletter called The Indicator that can be accessed through www.theindicator.org or through the Section website. The listserv also has been an effective way of quickly reaching the very large membership and is used often for special announcements. The NYACS Chair sends monthly letters via email with a summary of the events and other important section announcements encouraging our members to participate and volunteer. The membership is enjoying the use of the Section's Facebook and LinkedIn links that display the events of the Section, along with some livestreaming on Facebook Live. Facebook posting privileges are available to all Board Members to increase diversity in content on the site to better reach our members

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

Monthly/as needed. 10 newsletters published

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

120

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

☒ Facebook

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

☐ Instagram

☒ LinkedIn

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8469270/>

☐ Snapchat

☐ TikTok

☐ Twitter

☐ Other

7. Did your local section have a website during 2020? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the answer to above question is Yes, what was the URL for your local section's website?

newyorkacs.org

8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2020? *

- ☒ 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 2020 activities to support your nomination.

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Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
Members serving on National Committees	NationalACSCcommittees.png	84.21 KB	2/9/2021
Awards received NYACS 2020	Awards.docx	13.55 KB	2/9/2021
ACS Fellows	Fellows.docx	362.51 KB	2/9/2021
Roster	ROSTERBOOK2020 BT.doc	68.5 KB	2/9/2021
NYACS Committee Chairs	NYACS CommitteeChairs2020 for National ACS - BT.doc	118.5 KB	2/9/2021
Summary of Activities	Supp Info.zip	14.13 MB	2/9/2021