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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? *

25

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

6

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



Email



Teleconference



Zoom/Gotomeeting/Webex



ACS Network



Other

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

09/28/2022

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

100

%

6. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Fall Hybrid Council Meeting?

100	%
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7. Did your local section have a succession and/or leadership development plan? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

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

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

9. 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

Recruitment of award winners (our section has three college/university teaching and one HS teaching award)
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10. Did your local section conduct an officer election? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

11. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

12. How many members voted in your local section election?

299

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.

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

In 2022, the New York ACS Local Section continued its 130+ years of excellence, building on the successes of 2021 and expanding its in-person and hybrid events to nearly 90 in total. Leadership goals for 2022 included (1) improving inclusivity and accessibility of NYACS activities for younger chemists and chemists from industry and underrepresented groups; (2) continue implementation of new communication strategies; (3) reactivate dormant groups and committees. To improve access and inclusivity, we conducted a survey about Board meeting times and modalities, and in response changed the Board meeting day of the week to enable participation by members of all religious affiliations and also changed the meeting modality to hybrid (members may attend either online or in person). Online participants fully participate with in-person attendees via the OWL conference camera; attendance has remained ~20-25, and includes members who previously could not attend any Board meetings. We also engaged more than 18 industry chemists as presenters in 2022, including the keynote at the Sectionwide Conference, by Dr. Matt Gunsch (Merck), career panel with the NY Society of Cosmetic Chemists (5 NYSCC members), interviews in a career video by the Minority Affairs Committee, featuring chemists from Revlon and Brookhaven National Lab, keynote at Hudson-Bergen Undergraduate Research Symposium (Intel), Long Island ACS Sterret Symposium (National Energy Technology Lab; NYC DEP), Long Island Subsection meetings (Topix Pharmaceuticals; Agilent Crosslabs), NYACS Undergraduate Research Symposium (PepsiCo), NCW events (PepsiCo), and Computers in Chemistry Seminar Series (Schrodinger). In 2022, the re-activated Minority Affairs Committee assumed new leadership and funding from the one-time special allotment in 2021. They partially completed translation of the NYACS website into Spanish and produced a chemistry careers video featuring diverse chemists from diverse sectors. This outstanding video premiered at the Nichols Symposium to an audience of nearly 200 virtual attendees, was featured (by invitation) at the ACS Board of Directors Meeting in August and at the Brooklyn College Friedman Lecture, and was presented at a Career Day event to more than 180 middle school students at a public school in Manhattan. Our proposed NHCL honoring the first African-American PhD in Chemistry, Dr. Marie Maynard Daly of Columbia Univ., was approved by National and our planning efforts intensified, with more than 12 meetings of the History Committee to prepare for the dedication. This included the initial steps for production of a biographical video about Dr. Daly, which will premiere at the NHCL dedication in 2023. The Chair, Chair-Elect, and incoming 2023 Chair-Elect collaborated to institute the "Landmark Year Events" initiative, inviting all leaders within NYACS to intentionally plan events for 2023 to honor and celebrate Dr. Daly's achievements; promotional and biographical materials about the honoree were created and shared to assist planning efforts. Additional efforts to improve diversity in both leadership and participation included offering fee waivers for the Chemistry Olympiad to students from underrepresented groups and recruiting younger chemists, as well as chemists from underrepresented groups or industry, as Board candidates (of 17 candidates, 8 women including both candidates for Chair-Elect; 4 members of Minority Affairs Committee; 4 industry

chemists; 3 first-time candidates). These activities were made possible in part by our revamped communication strategy, coordinated with the North Jersey Section, which began in 2021 but was fully implemented in 2022. Our hub of communication is the online newsletter, The Indicator, designed to reach our membership where they are and how they prefer. On the 1st of each month it is emailed to the combined membership of the North Jersey and New York ACS local sections, 6,200 ACS members, with an email of upcoming events on the 15th. This equates to ~150,000 emails annually with a read-rate of 32.0% (highest observed, 67%). Emails are augmented by public social media posts, including Facebook (620 followers, individual posts reach up to 1500), LinkedIn (2500 followers), and each section's website. The refreshed strategy has more fully engaged members and facilitated our partnerships with NYAS, NySci, chemical industry, and academic institutions in the section. We also revamped several administrative processes to improve communication, including event reporting, records of leadership changes for committees, and updates to our HS teachers database. We also recruited new leaders and reactivated three dormant groups, including a first-time Board member and current high school teacher recruited to lead the HS Teachers Topical Group. A longtime active member reactivated the Minority Affairs Committee, and a first-time Board member now chairs the Employment & Professional Relations Committee. Likewise, the Environmental Committee of the Long Island Subsection reactivated after a long hiatus and organized the first Sterrett Environmental Symposium since 2010, which was a highly successful online event. We additionally recruited new chairs for the Bylaws Committee, Audit Committee, and Senior Chemists, and created the new Student Recognition Committee to centralize the annual recognition of high-achieving HS chemistry students. In addition to the above efforts aimed at 2022 goals, NY ACS members once again demonstrated their resilience, creativity, and enthusiasm via a slate of impressive activities, nearly 90 in total and approaching pre-pandemic level, including: more than 32 subsection meetings (from Hudson-Bergen, Long Island, Westchester, and Brooklyn); 9 topical group meetings (from Nanoscience, Chemical Biology, Organic Chemistry, High School Teachers, Computers in Chemistry), including one full-day international symposium; more than 12 committee events (from YCC, NCW, CCEW, MetroWomen Chemists, Education, Chemagination, History of the NY Section, Minority Affairs, Employment & Professional Relations, Chemistry Olympiad, Student Recognition) including successful online Undergraduate Research Symposium and in-person CCEW event in partnership with Jones Beach Conservancy; 32 Project SEED summer research participants, who won awards at 6 separate conferences; virtual Sterrett Environmental Symposium, with more than 50 attendees; an IPG-supported Chemistry of Love event with nearly 100 attendees; a virtual Nichols Medal Symposium and Ceremony with nearly 200 attendees. One member was named ACS Fellow, and NY members won the Stanley Israel MARM Award, the E. Ann Nalley MARM Award, and the Voty award. Our section is well-positioned for the key events planned for 2023, including the return to an in-person Nichols Symposium and the NHCL dedication events, and will no doubt continue along the successful path we have charted in 2022.

Responses to be provided by the Chair-elect for the annual reporting year.

14. Chair-Elect's Goals *

a . Please list first of top three goals

Explore ways, both formal and informal, to engage more fully New York Section members such as retired academic and industrial members and K-12 teachers.

b . Please list the second for top three goals

Outreach to underactive and inactive subsections via new ideas and suggestions, targeting individuals in the subsections who are known to have participated previously in New York Section activities.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Investigate options for collaborations or partnerships with other local sections and possibly with international chapters to broaden our impact both nationally and globally.

To be completed by the Chair-elect for year following the annual reporting year.

15. Next Year's Chair-elect's Goals *

a . Please list first of top three goals

Increase membership by reaching out to new, and existing members, especially students, inactive members, and underrepresented groups.

b . Please list second of top three goals

Advocate for chemical sciences by supporting events that engage with a wider community, promote science education, and enhance public appreciation of chemistry.

c . Please list third of top three goals

Explore collaborative opportunities among topical groups, subsections, and with other local sections, international chapters, etc., to achieve a broader impact.

16. Does the Local Section have an Vision and/or Mission Statement *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Justyna Widera-Kalinowska
Awards	Joseph M Serafin
Awards	Maria Contel
Awards	Brian R Gibney
Awards	Stephen Z Goldberg
Budget/Finance	Kathleen E Kristian
Budget/Finance	Ruben M Savizky
Budget/Finance	Rita Karina Upmacis
Budget/Finance	Brian R Gibney
Career Assistance/Employment	Aaron J Moment
Career Assistance/Employment	Frank Romano
Chemistry Olympiad	Stephen Z Goldberg

Chemistry Olympiad	Kathleen E Kristian
Chemistry Olympiad	Mary Virginia Orna
Community Activities	Jaimelee I Rizzo
Continuing Education	Neil Jespersen
Continuing Education	Donald D Clarke
Educational	Alison Hyslop
Environmental	Vivian F McNeill
Government Affairs	Robert P Nolan
Government Affairs	Richard J Rosso
Industry Relations	Aaron J Moment
Industry Relations	Frank Romano
Membership/Membership Retention	Rolande Regina Hodel
Membership/Membership Retention	Neil Jespersen
Membership/Membership Retention	Ping Furlan
Membership/Membership Retention	Theresa R Cea
Membership/Membership Retention	Yufeng Wei
Minority Affairs	Maria Contel
Minority Affairs	Ruben M Savizky
Minority Affairs	Daniel Amarante
Newsletter/Publications	Neil Jespersen
Newsletter/Publications	Frank Romano
Newsletter/Publications	Brian R Gibney
Newsletter/Publications	Joseph M Serafin
Nominations	Mary Virginia Orna
Nominations	Ruben M Savizky
Nominations	Kathleen E Kristian
Nominations	Kathleen E Kristian
Nominations	Rita Karina Upmacis
Professional Relations	Frank Romano
Professional Relations	Aaron J Moment
Professional Relations	Frank Austin DiRico
Project SEED	Nadia Makar
Project SEED	Jennifer Donnelly
Public Relations	Robert P Nolan
Senior Chemists	Anne T O'Brien
Senior Chemists	Frank Romano
Strategic Planning	Philip Henry Mark

Strategic Planning	Pamela K Kerrigan
Strategic Planning	Neil Jespersen
Strategic Planning	Brian R Gibney
Strategic Planning	Frank Romano
Strategic Planning	Jaimelee I Rizzo
Strategic Planning	Anne T O'Brien
Strategic Planning	Alison Hyslop
Women Chemists	Rita Karina Upmacis
Women Chemists	Daniela Buccella
Younger Chemists	Joseph M Wiener

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

4

3. How many subsection meetings were held? *

32

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

5

5. How many topical group meetings were held? *

9

*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? *

123

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? *

130

9. Please estimate the number of volunteers that were new. *

20

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? *

79

4. How many local section meetings were held? *

81

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

a . General description of communication:

The New York and North Jersey local sections collaborate closely on The Indicator, their refreshed joint newsletter. The Indicator is published monthly (Sept-Jun) in both a full-length and newsletter-length versions as PDFs and online flipbooks. This involves 5 members from both local sections who produce the newsletter, email the issues to the membership, and post its events to the respective local section websites and social media channels. The Indicator is the hub of a coordinated communication strategy designed to reach our membership where they are and how they prefer to be informed. Starting with email, on the 1st of each month The Indicator is delivered via email to the combined membership of the North Jersey and New York ACS local sections, 6,200 ACS members. A follow-up email is sent on the 15th of each month to remind the membership of upcoming events, and to provide updated information to them. This results in ~150,000 emails being sent annually with a read-rate of 32.0% (the highest observed read-rate is 67%). These emails are augmented with social media and website postings for members, and nonmembers alike. Social media channels include Facebook (620 followers, individual posts reach up to 1500) and LinkedIn (2500 followers). All events are posted to our respective websites as well.

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

10 newsletters are published per year.

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

Emails are sent out to the section biweekly, once with the link to the new edition of the newsletter, and a second time with reminders about upcoming events. In addition, some groups (for example, high school teachers or YCC members) periodically receive targeted email communications about events related to their interests.

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

https://twitter.com/acs_newyork

☐ 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?

<http://www.newyorkacs.online/>

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.

In 2022, the New York ACS Local Section continued its 130+ years of excellence, building on the successes of 2021 and expanding its in-person and hybrid events, as described in the Chair's Statement in the Annual Report. We achieved significant progress towards our 2022 goals to improve inclusivity and accessibility of NYACS activities, continue implementation of new communication strategies, and reactivate dormant groups and committees. Inclusivity was enhanced by changes to administration/scheduling to enable better access to Board meetings and event reporting, recruitment of first-time and diverse candidates, reactivation of the Minority Affairs Committee and their production of an outstanding chemistry career video featuring diverse chemists, progress towards full translation of our website into Spanish, and our continued work towards the dedication of an NHCL at Columbia Univ. honoring Dr. Marie Daly, the first African American PhD in Chemistry (occurring in 2023). Our revamped communication strategy, in collaboration with the North Jersey local section, enhanced member engagement and outside partnerships. We reactivated three dormant groups and appointed new chairs to lead 4 additional groups within the section. We engaged more than 18 industry chemists as presenters in 2022 across 10 events and recruited a more diverse candidate pool for elections. The NY Local Section organized 32 subsection meetings (from Hudson-Bergen, Long Island, Westchester, and Brooklyn); 9 topical group meetings (from Nanoscience, Chemical Biology, Organic Chemistry, High School Teachers, Computers in Chemistry), including one full-day international symposium; more than 12 committee events (from YCC, NCW, CCEW, MetroWomen Chemists, Education, Chemagination, History of the NY Section, Minority Affairs, Employment & Professional Relations, Chemistry Olympiad, Student Recognition) including successful online Undergraduate Research Symposium and in-person CCEW event in partnership with Jones Beach Conservancy; 32 Project SEED summer research participants, who won awards at 6 separate conferences; virtual Sterrett Environmental Symposium, with more than 50 attendees; an IPG-supported Chemistry of Love event with nearly 100 attendees; a virtual Nichols Medal Symposium and Ceremony with nearly 200 attendees. One member was named ACS Fellow, and NY members won the Stanley Israel MARM Award, the E. Ann Nalley MARM Award, and the

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Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
NYACS Audit Committee Findings for 2021	NY ACS Audit Letter for 2021.pdf	356.09 KB	2/3/2023
NYACS Roster and Committee Assignments for 2022	NY SECTION ROSTERBOOK 2022.pdf	146.66 KB	2/3/2023
NYACS Bios from 2022 Election Ballot	NYACS Ballot Bios 2022.pdf	405.98 KB	2/3/2023
National Historic Chemical Landmark Materials from 2022	NHCL memos and materials.zip	305.93 KB	2/15/2023
New York ACS 2022 Event Flyers, Programs, and Summaries	New York ACS 2022 Event Flyers and Programs.zip	31.27 MB	2/15/2023
List of 2022 Events in the New York Section	New York ACS 2022 Event List.pdf	49.25 KB	2/15/2023
New York ACS Promotional Slideshow of Events	New York ACS Promotional Slideshow 2022.pptx	8.34 MB	2/15/2023
New York ACS Awards, Grants, and Leadership in 2022	2022_NYACS_Awards, Grants, and Leadership.pdf	13.13 MB	2/15/2023