

New York > Administration Form > 2023

**\*Required Fields**

## 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? \***

7

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

5

**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? \***

100

%

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

100

%

**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?

270

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 \*

In 2023, the New York ACS Local Section continued its 130+ years of excellence, building on the successes of 2022 and expanding its in-person and hybrid events to nearly 100 in total. Leadership goals for 2023 included (1) 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.; (2) 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. (3) Investigate options for collaborations or partnerships with other local sections and possibly with international chapters to broaden our impact both nationally and globally. To engage New York Section members more fully, we appointed an enthusiastic high school teacher to head the almost dormant High School Topical Group; we appointed several retired members to key positions in NYACS committees; We succeeded in engaging over 20 industry chemists as presenters in 2023, including a Science Café led by a researcher at IBM Research Accelerated Discovery, and presentations by representatives from Altos Labs, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, The Translational Genomics Research Institute, The Buck Institute, Moderna, The Schroedinger Education Team, the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center, the Flatiron Institute, Estée Lauder Companies and VMAR Food Labeling Association. In 2023, with funding from the ACS History Division and Pepsico, the re-activated Minority Affairs Committee continued its leadership by producing film (8 min 40 sec), Dr. Marie M. Daly: Chemistry Pioneer, on the life and chemical legacy of our NHCL honoree, the first African-American woman to earn a PhD in Chemistry. The film was premiered at the NHCL event itself at Columbia University on May 19. The “Marie Maynard Daly Landmark Year Event Series” initiated in 2022 resulted in 14 major events that explicitly honored and celebrated Dr. Daly’s achievements within the bodies of their programs: (1) the NYACS Sectionwide Conference in January featured two keynote presenters who spoke on Dr. Daly’s life and legacy and on the planning of the NHCL to take place in May; (2) MetroWomen Chemists meeting at Pace University; (3) the Chemagination Event at St. John’s University in March; (4) The Chemistry of Love at Pace University, also in March; (5) Chemists Celebrate Earth Week at Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center in April; (6) Westchester Chemical Society’s Distinguished Scientist Award Event, also in April; (7) the 70th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium at Laguardia Community College in May; (8) Seminar for the Chemistry Club of Pace University Pleasantville, also in May; (9) the National Historic Chemical Landmark honoring Dr. Marie M. Daly at Columbia University, also in May; (10) the Video Première of Dr. Marie M. Daly: Chemistry Pioneer at the NHCL, Columbia University; (11) MetroWomen at MARM: Promotion to Full Professor Workshop at the City University of New York Graduate Center, in June; (12) Chemagination at MARM2023, St. John’s University and Webinar “Diversifying the Curriculum in High School Chemistry,” also in June; (13) National Chemistry Week at the New York Hall of Science in October, featuring the presence of family members of Dr. Marie Daly as demonstrators; (14) Eastern Analytical Symposium Plenary Lecture – “Inclusive Stories in Chemistry: Celebrating Dr. Marie Maynard Daly” in November. Additional efforts to improve diversity in both leadership and participation included continuing to offer fee waivers for the Chemistry Olympiad to students from underrepresented groups. In addition to the above efforts aimed at 2023 goals, NY ACS members once again demonstrated their resilience, creativity, and enthusiasm via a slate of impressive activities, nearly 100 in total and approaching pre-pandemic level, including: more than 30 subsection meetings (from Hudson-Bergen, Long Island, and Westchester); 9 topical group meetings (from Biochemical, Organic Chemistry,

Computers in Chemistry), including one full-day computational chemistry symposium; more than 17 committee events (from NCW, CCEW, MetroWomen Chemists, Education, Chemagination, History of the NY Section, Minority Affairs, Chemistry Olympiad, Student Recognition, College Teaching Awards, Bylaws, Audit, Finance, and NYACS History) including a successful in-person Undergraduate Research Symposium and in-person CCEW event in partnership with the Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center; 41 Project SEED summer research participants, who won awards at 6 separate conferences; two Project SEED students presented their research orally at the January Sectionwide Conference and two others will compete at the National Academy of Science Competition in Washington, DC; a hybrid Sterrett Environmental Symposium, with more than 50 attendees; a 2nd Annual Chemistry of Love event with over 80 attendees; an in-person Nichols Medal Symposium and Ceremony with over 150 attendees; one NYACS member was named a Fellow of the ACS; the Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting with over 400 attendees, at which NYACS members won the E. Emmet Reid MARM Award and the E. Ann Nalley MARM Award; an LSAC-supported hybrid symposium on Teaching Chemistry to Students with Disabilities with over 80 attendees globally. Throughout this narrative, the name of Marie Maynard Daly recurred as a theme for our entire year's activities. Now it is time to describe the NHCL event itself. The event began with a distinguished symposium honoring Dr. Daly's life, contributions to science and ongoing legacy. The symposium was followed with remarks from Dr. Daly's family, colleagues, and invited dignitaries. Among the speakers were Dr. Mary Carroll, President-Elect of the American Chemical Society, Mr. Al Horvath, ACS CEO, and Dr. Carlos Alonso, Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University. The New York ACS Committee on Minority Affairs premiered a short film about Dr. Daly's life and impact. Following the film, the National Historic Chemical Landmark plaque in her honor was unveiled. A reception followed. The event was attended by over 200 persons including numerous students from neighboring schools such as Thurgood Marshall Academy, as well as a number of Project SEED students from the José Martí STEM Academy, who displayed posters of the research they had completed on Dr. Daly's chemical contributions. This activity alone succeeded in addressing all five of ACS's strategic goals, especially through innovative outreach and engaging our communities and advancing the core values of diversity, equity, inclusion and respect. With over 400 active volunteers, we are well-positioned for the key events planned for 2024 and will no doubt continue along the successful path we have charted in 2023, maintaining the tradition of NYACS as a source of vibrant, high-quality activities related to the chemical sciences.

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

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

#### b . Please list the second for 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.

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

Continue exemplary service to the chemical community provided by our past and current Chairs.

##### b . Please list second of top three goals

Make our discipline more inclusive, particularly to BIPOC faculty and students historically underrepresented in chemistry and STEM.

##### c . Please list third of top three goals

Work toward bringing more students and scientists with diverse backgrounds to our meetings and events and encourage them to be part of our leadership, making NYACS a more equitable and sustainable organization.

#### 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?

09/28/2022

#### 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?

Recruiting new blood.

## Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Maria Contel

Awards	Justyna Widera-Kalinowska
Awards	Joseph M Serafin
Awards	Stephen Z Goldberg
Awards	Brian R Gibney
Budget/Finance	Kathleen E Kristian
Budget/Finance	Rita Karina Upmacis
Budget/Finance	Peter William R Corfield
Budget/Finance	Brian R Gibney
Budget/Finance	Ruben M Savizky
Career Assistance/Employment	Aaron J Moment
Career Assistance/Employment	Frank Romano
Chemistry Olympiad	Kathleen E Kristian
Chemistry Olympiad	Mary Virginia Orna
Chemistry Olympiad	Stephen Z Goldberg
Community Activities	Jaimelee I Rizzo
Continuing Education	Neil Jespersen
Educational	Alison Hyslop
Environmental	Paris D N Svoronos
Environmental	Vivian F McNeill
Government Affairs	Robert P Nolan
Industry Relations	Aaron J Moment
Industry Relations	Frank Romano
Membership/Membership Retention	Ping Furlan
Membership/Membership Retention	Yufeng Wei
Membership/Membership Retention	Neil Jespersen
Minority Affairs	Ruben M Savizky
Minority Affairs	Maria Contel
Minority Affairs	Daniel Amarante
Newsletter/Publications	Brian R Gibney
Newsletter/Publications	Joseph M Serafin
Newsletter/Publications	Neil Jespersen
Newsletter/Publications	Frank Romano
Nominations	Kathleen E Kristian
Nominations	Rita Karina Upmacis
Nominations	Ping Furlan
Nominations	Mary Virginia Orna
Professional Relations	Frank Austin DiRico

Professional Relations	Frank Romano
Professional Relations	Aaron J Moment
Project SEED	Jennifer Donnelly
Project SEED	Nadia Makar
Public Relations	Robert P Nolan
Senior Chemists	Frank Romano
Senior Chemists	Anne T O'Brien
Strategic Planning	Frank Romano
Strategic Planning	Brian R Gibney
Strategic Planning	Neil Jespersen
Strategic Planning	Anne T O'Brien
Strategic Planning	Pamela K Kerrigan
Strategic Planning	Alison Hyslop
Strategic Planning	Ronald Philip D'Amelia
Strategic Planning	Jaimelee I Rizzo
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? \***

31

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

4

**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? \***

**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? \*

4. How many local section meetings were held? \*

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

**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](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 2023, the New York ACS Local Section continued its 130+ years of excellence, building on the successes of 2022 by expanding its in-person and hybrid events to almost 100, as described in the Chair's Statement in the Annual Report. We achieved significant progress towards our 2023 goals to explore ways to engage more of our members, to reach out to under-active sectors of our section and due to late-2023 efforts to secure funding, we are already poised to establish collaborations and partnerships with other local sections (West Coast) and with international chapters (in Africa) to broaden our impact both nationally and globally. Our entire year was engaged in a single crowning event: the Dr. Marie Maynard Daly Event Series running as a theme from January through December 2023. Specifically, 14 major events among the many others successfully accomplished highlighted the achievements of Dr. Daly, the first African American woman to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry, reaching a total of almost 2500 individuals. Running up to the Daly National Historic Chemical Landmark in May were : (1) the NYACS Sectionwide Conference (January - 70 participants) that featured two keynote presenters who spoke on Dr. Daly's life and legacy and on the planning of the NHCL event; (2) MetroWomen Chemists meeting at Pace University (36 participants); (3) Chemagination at St. John's University in March (68 participants); (4) The Chemistry of Love at Pace University (March - 80 participants); (5) Chemists Celebrate Earth Week at Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center (April - 100 participants); (6) Westchester Chemical

Society's Distinguished Scientist Award Event (April - 38 participants); (7) the 70th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium at Laguardia Community College (May - 100 participants); (8) Seminar for the Chemistry Club of Pace University Pleasantville (May - 20 participants); (9) the National Historic Chemical Landmark honoring Dr. Marie M. Daly at Columbia University, also in May (220 participants, including over 30 Project SEED students); (10) the Video Première of Dr. Marie M. Daly: Chemistry Pioneer at the NHCL, Columbia University. Other events followed: (11) MetroWomen at MARM: Promotion to Full Professor Workshop at the City University of New York Graduate Center (June - 8 participants); (12) Chemagination at MARM2023, St. John's University and Webinar "Diversifying the Curriculum in High School Chemistry," (June -67 participants); (13) National Chemistry Week at the New York Hall of Science in October, featuring the presence of family members of Dr. Marie Daly as demonstrators(>1000 participants) ; (14) Eastern Analytical Symposium Plenary Lecture – "Inclusive Stories in Chemistry: Celebrating Dr. Marie Maynard Daly" (November - 900 participants). These activities alone succeeded in addressing all five of ACS's strategic goals, especially through innovative outreach and engaging our communities and advancing the core values of diversity, equity, inclusion and respect. With over 400 active volunteers in the section, of whom almost 300 are new, and almost 90 additional events, our section is well-positioned for the key events planned for 2024 and will no doubt continue along the successful path we have charted in 2023.

## Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name
Audit Report	1 - NYACS - 2022 - Audited Financial Statemen
NYACS Roster	ROSTERBOOK 2023.pdf
Administration - Promotional Slideshow	New_York_2023_Administration_Form_Promot
Events Slideshow	New_York_2023_Events_Slideshow.pptx
Sectionwide Conference Agenda	New_York_2023_Sectionwide_Conference_Age
Administration_Events_Flyers_Programs_1	New_York_2023_Administration_Events_Flyers
Administration_Events_Flyers_Programs_2	New_York_2023_Administration_Events_Flyers
Administration_Events_Flyers_Programs_3	New_York_2023_Administration_Events_Flyers
NYACS Events List	New_York_2023_Administration_Form_2023N'
New York_2023_Adminstration_Awards_Grants_Leadership	New_York_2023_Administration_Form_Awards