



South Carolina Local Section Administration Form 2015

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2015?*	12
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2015?*	8
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2015?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
4. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Spring and Fall ACS Council meetings?*	75%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2015 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 2015?*	<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 2015?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-nomination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation or advertising <input type="checkbox"/> Identify active committee members <input type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training <input type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input 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 2015? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2015?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2015?*	50

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.

<p>11. 2015 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*</p>	<p>The South Carolina section of the American Chemical Society had three main goals for the year 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for the SERMACS 2016 to be held in Columbia, SC • Develop a stronger relationship with younger scientists by developing more social activities • Increase are efforts related to K-12 outreach using programs developed by the ACS. <p>The section made good progress on all fronts for the major goals.</p> <p>The major focus of the section executive committee this year was to support the SERMACS organizing committee for 2016. The SERMACS organizing committee has settled on the venue, and hotels. There is a strong working relationship with the Columbia SC Conference Center, and the SERMACS dates have been set for October 23rd through the 26th, so we will be kicking off the activities on Mole day. The technical session being organized by Dr. Scott Goode has been well supported, and we are planning 54 technical sessions, symposia and poster sessions at this time, with more in the pipeline potentially. The plenary lecture by Nobel Prize laureate Martin Chalfie has been scheduled, and two other plenary lectures are planned. The overall organizing committee led by general chair Dr. Angela Peters is meeting at least monthly to work on the planning process, and all deadlines are being met.</p> <p>The section is reaching out to younger chemists by focusing meetings on professional development activities, and by using the ACS resources through the Program in a Box series to reach out and build interest in the sciences. The section sponsored a visit from Mary and John Engelman of the Eastman Chemical Company who made presentations at the College of Charleston, the University of South Carolina, and at Francis Marion University to graduate and undergraduate students on the subjects of careers in chemistry, networking for scientists, and developing effective resumes. The section continues to support the development of young scientists through the undergraduate poster session at the annual meeting, as well as the awarding of the students of the year for all the chemistry departments in the region.</p> <p>Much of the activity seen in the section related to outreach activities. The section continues to be active in project SEED, to allow underprivileged students to work in a research environment at the University of South Carolina under the tutelage of Dr. Chuanbing Tang. This was the third annual STEM Education Day at the College of Charleston. The inaugural event in 2013 received the 2014 ACS ChemLuminary Award as the Most Innovative New Activity for program sponsored by a local section. The South Carolina Section again joined forces with a number of collaborators to sponsor the 90 minute program of a variety of STEM activities prior to a College of Charleston women's basketball game. Over 1500 students in grades 4th-8th from public, private, and home schools from three counties participated. Hands-on activities and demonstrations included astronomy, biochemistry, biology, chemistry, computer science, geology, mathematics, and physics. Highlights on the arena floor were liquid nitrogen and chemical demonstration shows. Faculty, staff & students from a number of entities volunteered their time.</p> <p>The section also continues to support the efforts of scientists in their research and community service activities. The SC chemist of the year award was given to Dr. Ken Shimizu of the University of South Carolina, and the Outreach volunteer of the year was awarded to Dr. Wendy Cory of the College of Charleston.</p> <p>This year was primarily focused on preparing for the SERMACS 2016 conference, and all members of the executive committee as well as many section members are working together to make the upcoming SERMACS as successful as the last SERMACS hosted by the section in Charleston, SC.</p>
<p>12. 2016 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>Plan, support and execute a successful SERMACS meeting in Columbia in 2016.</p>

	Continuing to expand and enhance outreach programs for K-12. Grow the level of participation of local section members.
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	The main concern from last year has not changed. Our section is relatively small in number of chemists, yet geographically large. Many of our most active members are from an academic background, and we are not creating contacts with some of the new industrial groups in the area. We are hoping to use the SERMACS meeting in October 2016 to help us drive awareness and increased participation with local industry. The major challenge facing the South Carolina section in 2016 will be supporting the sub-committee responsible for planning the Southeast Regional meeting, SERMACS, which will be held in Columbia South Carolina in 2016. All the members of the executive committee will be involved in the planning process in support of Dr. Angela Peters, chair of the committee. This conference will be the major focus of the entire section over the next nine months.
13. 2016 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	Plan, support and execute a successful SERMACS meeting in Columbia in 2016.
	Diversify the section's meeting activities and locations to drive more effective outreach programs. Host community outreach events in rural and underserved communities of South Carolina
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	We have the opportunity to use the SERMACS meeting as a means to grow the SC section in both members and level of participation. We need to be sure to leverage the publicity of this event to drive enhanced awareness of the ACS in South Carolina. Outreach to both the community and school populations is important. Using the SERMACS meeting as a means to drive awareness of the chemistry and science resources available for public and school events will be critical to fostering an on-going outreach program.

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2015?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
a. If the response to 1 (above question) is YES, please select the committee and enter the chair's name.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards W. H. Breazeale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance James P. Deavor <input type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad Scott R. Goode <input type="checkbox"/> Community Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> EHS <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input type="checkbox"/> Government Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Membership/Membership Retention <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minority Affairs Angela Peters <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Publications James P. Deavor <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Project SEED <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists <input type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists

	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2015?*	0
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2015?*	0
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2015?*	0
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2015?*	0
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2015?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2015?*	0
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2015?*	30
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2015?*	10
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2015.* (Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition at an event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition on web <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition in newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Other -

Local Section Administration Form - Communications

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2015?*	5
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2015?*	30
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2015?*(Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> At a section meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At an executive committee meeting <input type="checkbox"/> In the newsletter <input 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 2015?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?*	Web Electronic Newsletter
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	6
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	5
6. What social media does your local section use?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facebook <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
7. Did your local section have a website during 2015?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
7a. If the answer to 7 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	http://scarolina.sites.acs.org/
8. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2015?*	<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	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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Section Outstanding Performance Award.*	
<p>2. Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2015 activities to support your nomination.</p>	<p>The South Carolina Section sponsored numerous outreach events through its member colleges and universities. Francis Marion University and Coastal Carolina University participated in NCW Events on their campuses. At the College of Charleston we helped host a STEM Education Day that saw over 1500 pre-college students and their teachers participate. This is a collaborative effort with over a dozen partners.</p> <p>Through Project SEED sponsorship we also reach out to high school students as well as through our participation in the US National Chemistry Olympiad program.</p> <p>For our undergraduates we sponsor a poster session at our annual awards meeting. For the Program-in-a-Box YCC initiative we sponsor pizza at the various host sites around the section.</p> <p>At the annual awards meeting we also recognized the SC Chemist of the Year and the Outstanding Outreach Volunteer. In the fall we hosted John and Mary Engelman of Eastman Chemicals as they presented career development workshops for students over a three day period at Francis Marion University (Florence), the College of Charleston (Charleston), and the University of South Carolina (Columbia).</p> <p>We were well represented at the 2015 SERMACS in Memphis by a number of presenters, both faculty and students.</p> <p>For the third year we held our elections via electronic balloting, seeing 50 members participate.</p> <p>We run a tightly watched deficit budget each year, financed by income from previous SERMACS meetings. The deficit comes from our financial support of the above mentioned outreach programs.</p> <p>Our current main thrust is planning for the 2016 SERMACS that will be held in COlumbia October 23-26, 2016.</p>

Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

File Name	File Size	Brief Description
2015 Highlights Poster.pdf	0.72 MB	2015 Highlights
2015 SC-ACS Newsletters.pdf	1.65 MB	2015 Newsletters

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