



**South Carolina Local Section Administration Form 2014**

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2014?*	12
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2014?*	7
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2014?*(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?*	100%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2014 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 2014?*	<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 2014?*(Check all that apply.)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members <input type="checkbox"/> Arm-twisting <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2014? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2014?*	47

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. 2014 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*</p>	<p>Our goals for 2014 were to continue videoconferencing as a way of increasing participation of members and officers, determine the needs of industry members, and host an activity to encourage interaction of student members.</p> <p>We had several successful events throughout the year. We celebrated our section centennial by putting together a poster containing historical items and lists of award winners and officers over the years. The poster was presented in April at our yearly awards banquet and again at SERMACS 2014 in Nashville. We also designed a t-shirt that we gave to members at our end of year meetings and to those who visited our poster at SERMACS.</p> <p>We continued to experiment with videoconferencing by using it for an additional officers meeting in March. We used "Blue Jeans" for this meeting and found it successful. This type of meeting will be very useful as we prepare for SERMACS 2016 in Columbia. It will allow us to meet without losing time for travel. We also repeated the use of the Tanberg system for video casting our February meeting between Florence and Charleston. Other electronically related activities included redesigning our web page, having our newsletter delivered via the ACS free email service, and section participation in two of the YCC Program in a Box webinars – Love Potion #9 and Speaking Simply. The section provided food for participants in Florence and Charleston. In the redesign of our website, we also added a jobs board.</p> <p>Our best outreach event of the year was STEM Day at the College of Charleston at which there were 1800 participants. This event earned the section the Chem Luminary Award. Also in terms of new outreach, Coastal Carolina established an ACS student chapter and participated in NCW using funds from a mini-grant from the section. In June, we targeted high school chemistry teachers by hosting a luncheon at the end of the school year. At this meeting, we made the teachers aware of resources available to them through the ACS and of the up and coming AACT. We plan to repeat this activity in the coming year.</p> <p>Among the challenges this year, we lost three long-time members who served in a variety of capacities over many years (Gary Asleson, Dan Antion and JW Ledbetter). We hope that younger members will soon fill the empty places with as much zeal and dedication. In the vein of training our up and coming leaders, we sent two (rather than just one) of our officers to the Leadership Training in Dallas and hope to continue to send at least two people in the future. We are also in the throes of preparing for SERMACS 2016 in Columbia. Several of our officers were able to attend the Regional Meeting Planning conference in October. They were excited about the resources available to assist in planning for SERMACS. The funds from this meeting will allow us to maintain our normal operations and hopefully add some new activities as well as boost awareness of academic and industry related chemistry in SC.</p> <p>Although we did not have activities specifically for industry members or students this year, we had many discussions about these significant groups and their needs. In addition to our end of year awards banquet that gives students a chance to showcase their research, we are planning a Networking and Career Pathways workshop targeted at students early in 2015 at three different locations in our section. Our biggest challenge in determining the needs for industry members is that they are least represented among our officers and volunteers. I hope we can make some changes to increase industry participation in the upcoming year. Overall, we had a great year and I hope we will have an even better 2015.</p>
<p>12. 2015 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>The central focus of the section will be to prepare for the SERMACS 2016 to held in Columbia. SC</p>
	<p>Develop a stronger relationship with younger scientists by developing more social activities</p> <p>Increase are efforts related to K-12 outreach using programs developed by the ACS</p>

b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	<p>Several of the goals we set as a section for 2014 were successfully completed. We are planning a professional development workshop that will be presented at three of our sections campus locations. The plan will be to hold the networking planning event in the fall and we will reach out with neighboring sections to try to involve them in the process. We are in the process of migrating our electronic communication media from "Constant Contact" to the pilot ACS e-mail service. One area where we need to do more work is in developing relationships with industrial chemists to improve intern/mentor opportunities for students, but several of our activities planned for 2015, including the Chemistry in the Silver Screen webinar that will be presented at three local colleges, will be aimed at improving the level of industrial chemist involvement.</p> <p>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 like Boeing. This will be a major effort for 2015.</p> <p>The major challenge facing the South Carolina section in 2015 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, who is chairing the planning committee. This conference will be the major focus of the entire section over the next eighteen months, and based on the feedback from organizers at the national level much of the planning and funding solicitations need to be completed this year to ensure the funds are in the appropriate 2016 budgets of potential sponsors and exhibitors.</p> <p>The dates for SERMACS have been set, and the contract with the convention center and hotel group will be finalized and signed. Three members of the executive committee attended the Regional Planning meeting, and reported back to the full executive committee on how to successfully organize and fund a regional meeting.</p>
13. 2015 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section	
a. Please list your top 3 goals:	<p>Successfully host SERMACS 2016 in Columbia, SC.</p> <p>Diversify the section meeting activities and locations.</p> <p>Host community outreach events in rural and underserved communities of South Carolina.</p>

<p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p>	<p>The goals for the SC-ACS section can only be successful through the help of our member volunteers. Mobilizing volunteers can be very challenging, however a couple of organizational changes could help us get more volunteer activity. First, our section has been largely successful with implementing telecommunication as a means to involve more members in section meetings. We could continue to build upon this and reach out to more schools and/or industrial sites via telecommunication to involve and mobilize more volunteers. Second, we could re-organize the executive committee. The re-organization of the executive committee would be focused on assigning each executive committee member with a region in our section to represent. Each executive committee member would be responsible for being the head of their geographic region and mobilizing volunteers within that region to carry out a specific task under a defined timeline. In affect, we would be organizing sub-committees based on geographic region. Both of these organizational measures may help us to reach out to more members and mobilize volunteers. In terms of goal 1, our biggest challenges will be getting volunteers and keeping communication active. Both challenges could be addressed with what has already been stated.</p> <p>In terms of goal 2, diversifying section meeting activities and locations could be really time intensive and costly. However, our section could start small by having one unique section meeting/activity per year, which would help alleviate the time investment of the organizers. The financial commitment could be offset by having a section activity that draws in a lot more members than what we have seen in the past. Activities such as riverboat rides, science museum nights or winery tours may be popular events that bring more members.</p> <p>In terms of goal 3, community outreach events in rural or undeserved communities can be difficult to organize due to the lack of infrastructure. However, partnering with local libraries and schools to host chemistry-themed education days would provide a location for the events as well as potential volunteer helpers for the event. Community outreach within these areas of South Carolina would be worth overcoming any challenges we may face because of the lack of educational opportunities that exist within these communities.</p> <p>Lastly, the SC-ACS section faces a number of significant challenges, however through member volunteers and the hard work of the executive committee members these challenges will be overcome.</p>
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**Local Section Administration Form - Organization**

<p>1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2014?*</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes    <input type="radio"/> No</p>																																																						
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2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2014?*	0	
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2014?*	0	
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2014?*	0	
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2014?*	0	
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2014?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2014?*	0	
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2014?*	24	
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2014?*	4	
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2014.* (Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input type="checkbox"/> Awards <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer supervisor <input type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer <input checked="" 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 2014?*	4
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2014?*	40
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2014?*(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 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?*	Electronic newsletter, web site
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	8
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	4
6. Did your local section have a website during 2014?*	<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?	<a href="http://scarolina.sites.acs.org/">http://scarolina.sites.acs.org/</a>
7. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2014?*	<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 2014 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. For the SC Junior Academy of Science we provide subscriptions to all students presenting chemistry research projects.</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, the High School Teacher of the Year, the Outstanding Volunteer, and the Outstanding Outreach Volunteer.</p> <p>We were well represented at the 2014 SERMACS in Nashville by a number of presenters, both faculty and students. A poster was presented celebrating the centennial of our founding.</p> <p>The section received a ChemLuminary Award at the national meeting in the fall for the Most Innovative New Activity or Program for our 2013 STEM Education Day at a College of Charleston Women's Basketball game.</p> <p>For the second year we held our elections via electronic balloting, seeing 47 members participate.</p> <p>We run a tightly watch 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>This past year we also continued our attempts to bridge the distance between our campuses by using a video feed for a section meeting. We also held an executive committee meeting via a teleconference. With members in five different towns, some with a two+ hour drive, being able to do so greatly helps.</p>

## Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

File Name	File Size	Brief Description
February 2014 Newsletter.pdf	0.84 MB	February 2014 Newsletter
March 2014 Newsletter.pdf	4.49 MB	March 2014 Newsletter
April 2014 Newsletter...pdf	0.67 MB	April 2014 Newsletter
May 2014 Newsletter.pdf	4.7 MB	May 2014 Newsletter
September2014Newsletter.pdf	0.35 MB	September 2014 Newsletter
October 2014 Newsletter.pdf	0.69 MB	October 2014 Newsletter
November 2014 Newsletter.pdf	0.12 MB	November 2014 Newsletter
January 2014 Newsletter.pdf	0.68 MB	January 2014 Newsletter
2014 STEM Day @ CofC.pdf	4.31 MB	2014 STEM Day @ CofC
2014 Highlights Poster.pdf	2.69 MB	2014 SC Section Highlights Poster
SC Section 1914-2014.pdf	1.7 MB	SC Section Bicentennial Poster

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