

Portland &gt; Administration Form

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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

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

- Yes
- No

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: \***

Dinner/Virtual Zoom Meetings The section started its regular series of meetings monthly in January. The meetings are held usually at Reed College and consist of a social hour, buffet dinner, recognition of guests, and a talk. Typical attendance was 30 for dinner and 10 for only the talk. Details are in the activities section of this annual report. Because of previous ACS METT grant to purchase equipment, post talk were filmed starting in December on an ACS Portland Utube channel. We regrouped, adapted, diversified and increased our participation when switching to virtual monthly meetings. In May, the Portland Section launched it's online seminar program by Zoom: Meeting New Challenges in Remote Chemistry Education. COVID-19 for Chemists: A Virtual Panel Discussion YCC Report: Details are in the activities section of this annual report. Their initial plan of hosting an event once a quarter started off well as they hosted a tour of the Reed Nuclear Reactor. However, soon after the pandemic forced them to rethink all of their events for the year. It was during these planning meetings shifted to virtual, trying to provide a space for people to hang out and have fun! This led to the recurring virtual happy hour events, which were June through December. All told there were six virtual happy hour events with an average attendance between 6 and 15 people! In addition to happy hours, the YCC also hosted a Virtual Trivia night with 5 people attending. The YCC has an exciting future with more events planned in 2021. WCC Report: What a difficult year to relaunch a committee! The original plans for a March debut Portland Women Chemists Committee event were quickly derailed in the wake of 2020 pandemic. After some time to pick up the pieces and begin planning again, the joint YCC/WCC Virtual Wine Tasting seminar was a huge success! Since this event, there have been 6 active members of the WCC to help plan and brainstorm future events. The first solo WCC event took place in November with 15 attendees. Our Local Section WCC has some great ideas for 2021. New Projects: Addressed needs for teachers, low income, very diverse inner city students. (DEQ Lab Donations, As well stepping in to help Portland Community College students learn about chemistry of PPE. Overseeing, packing, distributing over 5000 PPE and hand sanitizers to American Indians tribal and 29,000 to other sites. (see activity section). 171 teachers responded to needs for chemistry kits. Kits were made for 8 low income schools. Several of these projects were possible because of the partnerships we formed during our ACS IPG and ACS DI&R grants listed in the activities section. New Business: In July we held our annual Corporate meeting via ZOOM. We discussed Undergraduate Scholarship Committee progress that was formed this year. We will be funding local ACS student International student attendance for National Meetings. And at the Spring ACS National virtual conference student registration fee, during the pandemic for those presenting. New Policy: The Section formed and instituted a Volunteer Conduct Policy, whose discussion had started the end of 2019 – which included a Sexual Harassment Policy and Committee in accordance with National ACS National Policy. This policy will be put into use more in 2021 before we start meeting in person. Scholarships: Section formed an Ad Hoc Scholarship committee. The EC approved an award for an underrepresented group (these groups are defined as ethnic and racial minorities; first-generation college students; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered students; and students with a physical disability). Continuing Activities: Section members served as virtual NW Science Expo student poster contest judges and awards ((NWSE special awards PICA), giving out an annual Portland Section Award. The EC is still discussing how the new underrepresented scholarship/fund policy. The Investments Committee has been very active in helping collaborate towards updating our efforts to moving forward diversity and inclusion. Chem Olympiad: A total number of exams taken up to 59 from 7 schools. April 26, six students from the Portland ACS sat for the first round of the national exam. One student from the Portland Section qualified for the second round of the national exam. No students have been invited to the study camp. National Chemistry Week "Sticking with Chemistry" illustrated poems, had 2 winners in the Puget Sound Local Section contest from Hillsboro, OR Photos are attached in activities section. Project SEED: UP, PSU had one virtual Project SEED Student each. Project SEED was cancelled by ACS this year. The Portland Section had one student in the program and all the expenses were covered by ACS. These students can still apply for research scholarships even though no in-person research project was completed Senior Chemists Committee, Undergraduate Poster Session; In Active due to COVID OSSF report: ACS Portland held a highly successful 5-day live streamed virtual event June 22-26, with one session being presented each day. Archives are available on the Portland Section YouTube channel. Skip Rung, Moderator of the first session entitled "What's

it Like to be a Science Entrepreneur?” reported that—“Covid 19 notwithstanding—I thought it was the best ever in terms of real-world insights and advice for inventors and entrepreneurs who are early in their journey. Details are in the section activity report. Stay tuned for the 2021 virtual Oregon Science Startup Forum, coming to you Spring 2021. Challenges Our YCC and WCC committees gained valuable, but on the spot experience, stepping up and planning member events during COVID and while the Program Chair/Chair Elect Ken Shriver was relocating out of the country. As well as Our Diversity Chair who planned our first virtual meetings, relocated. The Chair and others stepped in planning new projects as members were seeking meaningful virtual events. It has been challenging with a succession plan. The 2020 Chair elect stepped down, Marcie Merritt Councilor ran, and became 2020 Chair. 2021 Chair Ken Shriver stepped down in January 2021. Andrew Baggett Chair Elect has agreed to be the 2021, 2022 Chair. His 2021 goals are listed, and he will update 2022 goals later. Professional Relations and Career Consulting assisted with employment services members, Concordia College and other faculty whose school closed Overall, we met the challenges during the Pandemic very well. We saw a large increase in virtual meeting attendance, at virtual work projects. And the STEM community as a whole, sees a marked increase in the value of forming STEM collaborations and partnerships to work together. We have been able to provide significant impact for Chemistry education, resources for the community, disabled and teachers through our virtual programming, grants and 3D Printing project. Because of a team effort, our section is well positioned for 2021.

## 12. 2021 Chair's goals for the Section

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**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?**

07/25/2020

## Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Awards	Louis Yi Kuo
Budget/Finance	I David Reingold
Career Assistance/Employment	James C Tung
Chemistry Olympiad	Armando Herbelin
Community Activities	Marcie J Merritt
Membership/Membership Retention	Marcie J Merritt
Minority Affairs	Marilyn R Mackiewicz
Minority Affairs	Marcie J Merritt

Newsletter/Publications	Martha Georgia K Dibblee
Nominations	Angela Hoffman
Professional Relations	James C Tung
Professional Relations	Marcie J Merritt
Project SEED	Angela Hoffman
Public Relations	Martha Georgia K Dibblee
Senior Chemists	Warren T Ford
Women Chemists	Hannah Hefely
Younger Chemists	Kyle Vincent Lundgren

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

14

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

65

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

12

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

30

**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? \***

18

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

300

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

225

**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? \***

5

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

80

**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:**

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

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

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

Facebook

Instagram

LinkedIn

Snapchat

TikTok

Twitter

Other

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

- Yes
- No

<http://acsportland.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

## Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
2020 Portland ACS Newsletters	2020 Portland ACS newsletters.pdf	920.48 KB	1/16/2021
Members Welcome to 2020	Welcome Members.docx	14.04 KB	1/16/2021
2020 Portland ACS Meeting Notice Postcards	2020 JAN-FEB-MAR meeting notice postcards.pdf	459.48 KB	1/16/2021
2020 DI&R Grant Idea from IPG Collaborations	Local Section DiversityGrant.docx	99.4 KB	1/16/2021
2020 Portland ACS Committees	Local Section_Portland_L620 Committees 2020c mded.docx	40.23 KB	1/16/2021
Green Chemistry Partnership	OR Green Chemistry_BCCE 2020_LOSBeyondBenignLetter01102020.pdf	181.58 KB	1/16/2021
	OSTAOregonDEQPartnership.docx	14.17 KB	1/16/2021
Warren Ford helps			

Section treasurer  
Dave Reingold  
celebrate his 2020  
Section outreach  
volunteer award

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