



Georgia Local Section Administration Form 2013

| Local Section Administration Form - Governance | |
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| 1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2013?* | 4 |
| 2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2013?* | 16 |
| 3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2013?*(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 2013 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 2013?* | <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 2013?*(Check all that apply.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-nomination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation or advertising <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identify active committee members <input type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members <input type="checkbox"/> Arm-twisting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Networking Events |
| 8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2013? * | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| 9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2013?* | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| 10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2013?* | 120 |

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. 2013 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*

During 2013, the Georgia Section of the ACS continued to grow and expand its reach to its members and the community at large. The growth was noted by the Society as we received the Presidential Challenge Award for a Large Section – with 136 new members. Although most events occurred within a 30 mile radius of the city, a number of our outreach activities have extended well outside the Atlanta perimeter and even outside the section.

We proudly hosted the 2013 Southeastern Regional Meeting of the ACS (SERMACS) which by all measures, was an outstanding event, and provided us with an opportunity to host many activities to a larger audience. The number of attendees was the largest of any regional meeting of the Society this year, and we had a particularly large number (500) of undergraduate attendees.

We are proud of our accomplishments this year, and we strongly believe we met and exceeded the four strategic goals of the Society by carrying out the activities described below:

Strategic Goal 1. Provide Information.

- Our award-winning Public Relations committee continued to reach out to schools, and at public events, reaching an estimated number of contacts well over 65,000. We not only responded to requests for judges, speakers, and materials when asked, we actively offered ourselves as a resource to schools and other groups each year. We are now a regular presence at large school district science fairs (such as Gwinnett County) as well as at the Georgia State Engineering and Science Fair. Many of these are face-to-face contacts of members with students, teachers, and parents, providing educational materials and information.

- With topics straight out of the headlines, our monthly meeting programs provided members and guests with informative talks on DNA profiling, Forensic Microscopy, Nobel Prize Research, Intelligent Materials, Climate Change, Drug Development, and Responding to Chemical/Biological Terrorism. These programs helped clarify many important issues and breakthroughs, keeping members well informed.

- In hosting SERMACS 2013, information from many disciplines of chemistry was shared among over 1750 participants in a total of 1116 lectures and 223 posters. Many of our section members organized and chaired sessions, including workshops and symposia in the following areas:

- o New Opportunities for Chemical Business-hosted by our section's our Chemical Business group. Talks were directed to those seeking to start or grow their company's business worldwide. Subjects included 3-D printing and Fracking.

- o Chemical Patent and Trademark Law- with emphasis on the recently passed "American Invents Act".

- o Nanochemistry and Spectroscopy, commemorating the 80th birthday of Prof. Mostafa El-Sayed, Georgia Tech, member of the National Academy and recipient of the National Medal of Science.

- o Several Poster Sessions, including Computational, Inorganic, Materials, Analytical, Polymer and Physical Chemistry.

Strategic Goal 2: Advance Member Careers

- The Minority Affairs Committee held events to guide students on career choices, how to prepare for graduate school, how to build a network, and a panel on chemistry careers. These were either stand-alone events or as part of the SEMLINK Career Fair or the Hands-On Future Tech 2013 programs.

- The Women Chemist Committee of our section hosted a reception at SERMACS where a speed networking activity fostered interaction with chemists at all stages of their careers.

- The Younger Chemists Committee held an "Entrepreneurship in Science" event to discuss and encourage those interested in pursuing this increasingly popular career path.

- We took great pleasure in recognizing the careers of our members who had achieved 50-60-and 70 year milestones, and awarded the Herty Medal to Professor David Lynn to recognize and encourage both his

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| | <p>academic research career and efforts in public outreach.</p> <p>Objective 3. Improve Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our section again supported the Chemistry Olympiad, conducting review sessions for 58 students from six different high schools. Thirteen students were selected to take the National Exam, two of whom received honors/honorable mention status. • As part of Herty Medal celebration, the section sponsored a symposium for undergraduates at Morehouse College (HMURS). Students heard lectures from the medalist and other professors, and then presented posters on their own research. • At SERMACS 2013, our committee organized a "Future Fair" career expo to allow students to interact with various graduate schools and industries in the Southeast in a face-to-face setting. • Again this year the section provided three \$1000 grants to educators to promote science education activities to their students • We again awarded prizes to students for their participation in the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day illustrated poetry contest. • Our MAC presented the third annual Percy Julian Awards to recognize and support high school and undergraduate students majoring in Chemical Sciences. • Educational events organized by our members at SERMACS 2013 included the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o New Pedagogy and Approaches to Improve Student Learning Outcomes in Undergraduate Chemistry Education. o Undergraduate and High Research Symposia. o 223 Poster Presentations, largely by students, many of whom were Undergraduates. <p>Objective 4. Communicate Chemistry's Value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Public Relations committee estimated that it reached over 80,000 people, using handouts, display banners, booths and press releases, and by its presence at 28, often non-chemist, public events. • Our PR committee chair was also privileged this year to represent ACS as part of ceremonies commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Herty Advanced Materials Development Center (HDAC). It was the initial nomination and promotional speeches by this chairman that led in no small part to the designation of HDAC as a National Historic Chemical Landmark by ACS. The event was widely covered by the media, and in a speech by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal, he pointed out that the Center has spawned and supported thousands of jobs and billions in revenue. • At SERMACS, our section organized a symposium titled "Southern Chemistry History Lessons for 21st Century America" in which each speaker highlighted the rise, significance and potential viability of the chemical enterprise in the South and keys to success in the 21st century <p>In conclusion, because of the dedication of a growing cadre of willing volunteers, our section saw the continued growth of its membership, quality programs, and public outreach. Encouraged by receiving six Chemluminary awards last year, the Georgia Local Section was motivated to continue its long successful programs and to foster several new ones. We were pleased that our overall efforts have been recognized—being a finalist for the 6th time in 7 years for the Outstanding Performance by a Local Section (Large) Chemluminary Award.</p> |
| <p>12. 2014 Chair's goals for the Section</p> | |
| <p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p> | <p>1. Have the proposed Bylaws revisions -cleared by the ExComm and -voted on by the section.</p> |
| | <p>2. Complete a financial audit of the sections books.</p> <p>3. Review alternatives for financial account transitions for better continuity of outcomes.</p> |

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| <p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p> | <p>Currently, the status of two newly elected officers is tenuous owing to issues around the transition between the old and new treasurer. The process seems to now be taking place albeit a month and a half late. But beyond the mere assumption of duties, questions of sole signature authority over accounts, whether a bond should be required of individuals with spending authority, and whether there are way to assist the treasurer need be addressed.</p> <p>I would like to see a broader cross section of members attend the monthly meetings and will be working with the meeting committee to ensure we are serving our members. At the same time, the challenge will be to keep having monthly meetings by preventing meeting committee members from loosing focus as they analyze factors affecting member participation, i.e., they may tend to get overly analytical.</p> |
| <p>13. 2014 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section</p> | |
| <p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p> | <p>Bolster program committee so to create a 4 month buffer of speakers.</p> |
| | <p>Change the diversity of topics, as well as timing, and locations of programs. Implement ACS webtools to improve the manner in which the ExComm shares information.</p> |
| <p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p> | <p>It has been a challenge to broaden the attendance of membership to monthly programs. Varying timing, location and topic diversity could improve that.</p> <p>There is an ongoing need for the Leadership Team to have the ability to recruit and enroll DEDICATED and CAPABLE volunteers to carry out important responsibilities.</p> |

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

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| <p>1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2013?*</p> | <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p> | |
| <p>a. If the response to 1 (above question) is YES, please select the committee and enter the chair's name.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> EHS <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Publications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominations <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Project SEED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists</p> | <p>Rigoberto Hernandez (Herty Medal) Susan Hornbuckle Heather Abbott David Sherrill David Sherrill (SERMACS Program) David Gottfried (CCED) Julius Green Deanna Hall Don Hicks Deanna Hall</p> |

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| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other | Lynn Sullivan Jamison Jackson John Faes (Monthly Programs) Holly Davis (Elections) Brian Lawrence (Undergraduate Symposium) Terry Say and Mark Mitchell (SERMACS) |
| 2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2013?* | 0 | |
| 3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2013?* | 0 | |
| 4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2013?* | 0 | |
| 5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2013?* | 0 | |
| 6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2013?* | <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | |
| 7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2013?* | 0 | |
| 8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2013?* | 75 | |
| 9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2013?* | 27 | |
| 10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2013.* (Check all that apply.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer supervisor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter to volunteer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition at an event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition on web <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition in newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> Other - | |

Local Section Administration Form - Communications

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| 1. How many local section meetings were held during 2013?* | 8 |
| 2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2013?* | 39 |
| 3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2013?*(Check all that apply.) | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Email to distribution list, various programs and activities |
| 4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2013?* | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| 5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?* | Our primary forms of communication in 2012 to the members were utilizing our distribution list via email, our website and section meetings. The distribution list reaches out to about 2600 people and an email is sent to announce any meeting notices, activities, special programs or events that the Local Section is seeking to communicate to the members whether it is asking for volunteers, attendance or special announcements. This is distributed at no cost through a ListServer at Georgia Tech. Professor Rigoberto Hernandez administers the site, ensuring that it remains current and moderating messages to ensure that no SPAM is released. In addition, he uploads attachments to external web site locations so that they need not be emailed to |

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| | <p>every member of the list.</p> <p>Another form we use is our website. Here members will find information regarding meetings, announcements, special events and programs, officers contact information, awards, and the opportunity to volunteer. The web site, managed by Professor Rigoberto Hernandez, retains a look and feel consistent with ACS's current color scheme. Announcements for meetings and other activities are frequently updated. They have also been archived since 2005. As such, the web site, chemistry.gsu.edu/ACS, remains a useful site for up-to-date information about our activities and as a repository of our recent path.</p> <p>Our third primary form of communication is our section meetings. After welcoming everyone for attending, a few minutes are set aside during each meeting to make any special announcements for upcoming events, updates on recent events, ACS National news or recognitions of volunteers.</p> <p>Two of our most active committees, Minority Affairs and Younger Chemists, utilize social network sites, e.g., Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter to communicate with committee members and with those who are frequent participants.</p> <p>At the SERMACS meeting we hosted this year, we communicated the program through special website, where abstracts were available on-line and accessible through QR codes scannable onto smart phones. This was funded by a Local Section- IPG</p> <p>In today's fast paced and technology focused world, these 3 forms of communication best served us in reaching out quickly to our members and providing them with real time information.</p> |
| 5a How Often do these communications occur: | |
| 5a1 Number of newsletters published:* | 0 |
| 5a2 Number of meeting notices:* | 35 |
| 6. Did your local section have a website during 2013?* | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| 6a. If the answer to 6 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website? | http://chemistry.gsu.edu/ACS |
| 7. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2013?* | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |

Local Section Administration Form - Nomination

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| 1. Our Section would like to self-nominate for the Local Section Outstanding Performance Award.* | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No |
| 2. Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight local section's 2013 activities to support your nomination. | <p>During 2013, the Georgia Section served not only its own members by carrying out a large number of activities, but also proudly hosted 2013 SERMACS with events that served a broader audience.</p> <p>We believe our accomplishments this year match exceptionally well with the four strategic goals of the Society, as illustrated by the activities highlighted below:</p> <p>Objective 1. Provide Information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Public Relations committee reached well over 65,000 contacts, manning booths, judging science fairs and volunteering at other school programs. • Our monthly meeting programs provided members and guests with informative talks with subjects straight from the headlines. • We hosted SERMACS 2013, with 1750 participants, 1116 lectures and 223 posters. Our section members specifically organized several symposia, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o New Opportunities for Chemical Business o Chemical Patent and Trademark Law and o Nanochemistry and Spectroscopy, <p>Objective 2: Advance Member Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minority Affairs Committee held events to guide students on career choices, and skills needed for their chemistry careers. • The Women Chemist Committee of our section hosted a career networking reception at SERMACS. • The Younger Chemists Committee held an "Entrepreneurship in Science" event to explain and encourage this career path. <p>Objective 3. Improve Education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our section again supported the Chemistry Olympiad, |

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| | <p>conducting review sessions for 58 students from six different high schools, and giving the exam to 13.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of Herty Medal celebration, the section sponsored a symposium for undergraduates at Morehouse College (HMURS). • At SERMACS 2013, our committee organized a "Future Fair" career expo to allow students to interact with various graduate schools and industries. • The section provided three \$1000 grants to educators to promote science education activities to their students. • We again awarded prizes to grade school students for their participation in the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day illustrated poetry contest. • We presented the third annual Percy Julian Awards to recognize and support high school and undergraduate students majoring in Chemical Sciences. • We organized three symposia and workshops at SERMACS 2013 for college and high school educators and their students. <p>Objective 4. Communicate Chemistry's Value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Public Relations committee estimated that it reached over 80,000 people, using handouts, display banners, booths and press releases, and by its presence at 28, often non-chemist, public events. • Our PR committee chair represented ACS as part of ceremonies commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Herty Advanced Materials Development Center (HDAC), a National Historic Chemical Landmark by ACS. The event was widely covered by the media, and a speech by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal pointed out that the Center has spawned and supported thousands of jobs and billions in revenue. • At SERMACS our section organized a symposium titled "Southern Chemistry History Lessons for 21st Century America" in which each speaker highlighted the rise, significance and potential viability of the chemical enterprise in the South and keys to success in the 21st century. <p>Our section had a very productive year, with a measurable increase in breadth of activities and member participation compared to last year. We are proud of the accomplishments of our section and of the increasing number of volunteers whose hard work insured our success.</p> |
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Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

| File Name | File Size | Brief Description |
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| Georgia 2013 Archi Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Archive Report |
| Georgia Bylaws Rev Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | Bylaws Report |
| Georgia Chem Abass Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | Chemistry Ambassadors Report |
| Georgia Chemical B Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Chemical Business Symposium |
| Georgia Chemistry_Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Chemistry Olympiad Report |
| Georgia Chemists C Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | CCED Report |
| Georgia Elections Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | Elections Report |
| Georgia Georgia St Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | GSEF Report |
| Georgia Guest Lect Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Guest Lecture Report |
| Georgia Gwinnett R Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Gwinnett Fair Report |
| Georgia Herty Nati Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | Herty Lab 75th Event Report |
| Georgia HMURS Unde Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | HMURS Event |
| Georgia K-12 Scien Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | K-12 Science Report |

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| Georgia Member Rec Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Member Awards Recognition |
| Georgia Mini Grant Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Mini Grant Event |
| Georgia Minority A Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Minority Affairs Report |
| Georgia Monthly Pr Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Monthly Programs |
| Georgia Nominating Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | Nominating Committee |
| Georgia Public Rel Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | Public Relations Report |
| Georgia Senior Che Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | Senior Chemists Event |
| Georgia SERMACS_2 Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | SERMACS 2013 |
| Georgia SuperSonic Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | Supersonic Report |
| Georgia WCC Networ Event 2013.pdf | 0.02 MB | WCC Report |
| Georgia YCC Monday Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | YCC Monday Event |
| Georgia YCC Networ Event 2013.pdf | 0.01 MB | YCC Report |

Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

The Georgia Section continued all its activities at an increased level. This was achieved in spite of the fact that the Georgia Section organized and hosted SERMACS 2013 this year. The meant many volunteers were pulling double duty.

Approved & Submit for Review

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This form has been submitted for your approval. Please review each tab for completeness and accuracy, make any necessary edits, and save all changes before approving this form. After the form is approved, it will be submitted for review. The approved form will be placed in read only mode and no additional edits will be allowed. Your approval will submit this form as part of your official annual report to ACS.

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