

## American Chemical Society

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Form: Part II - Annual Narrative Report  
Organization: Cincinnati  
Year: 2007

### A. Activities

Please describe and rank up to ten of your section's activities during 2007. Provide (a) the title of the activity, (b) a one paragraph description of the activity, and (c) an indication if this activity was new in 2007. If you wish to provide details beyond these paragraphs, please do so in Appendix 1.

#### Activity #1

a) Title: Programming to meet members' needs

Based on our 2005 membership survey, we continue with a meeting format that our members prefer consisting of technical discussion groups followed by a social hour, dinner, and a featured speaker. Our discussion groups have generally capitalized on technical talent from our own and nearby sections and have addressed a broad range of topics such as the application of nanotechnology for the development of sensing films, ultrafast time-resolved studies of reactive intermediates, and virtual screening for novel calcium ATPase inhibitors by computational docking. The chemical information discussion group held sessions on Chemistry and the Law which addressed the sometimes bewildering requirement for the filing of patent applications and Death in the Pot: One hundred years of bad food and good chemistry that traced the evolution of efforts to detect the adulteration of food using chemical analyses. The discussion sessions attracted members with specialized technical interests and afforded a chance to interact with the speakers. The after-dinner speakers generally spoke on chemical topics of interest to a broad cross section of our members. For example, Dr. Glenn Storrs, Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Cincinnati Museum Center reported on the CMC's Dinosaur Field School in Red Lodge, Montana, a citizen-scientist summer program on field excavation of 145 million year old dinosaur bones from a Jurassic graveyard; Shirley Corriher, a leading food writer, syndicated columnist, and TV food celebrity, gave very entertaining presentation on the secrets of food; and Prof. Matt Platz from The Ohio State University traced the development of technology using riboflavin and light to generate reactive intermediates capable of eradicating pathogens in blood products. In conjunction with the University of Cincinnati, we sponsored the 27th Ralph & Helen Oesper Banquet, Poster Session & Symposium where Prof. James P. Collman of Stanford University was presented the Oesper Award. A group of academic and industrial scientists spoke at the event including Prof. Collman's colleague, Prof. John Brauman and Nobel Laureate Prof. Barry Sharpless. We sponsored a 3-day training course on Experimental Design for Productivity and Quality in R&D taught by Prof. Stanley Deming with 20 people in attendance.

Two monthly meetings were devoted to awards. Hal Ebetino was named Chemist of the Year for his work on the mechanism of action of Actonel, a multibillion dollar drug for the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. Our K-12 Students and Teachers Night recognized student NCW poster contest winners, the high school and elementary Teachers of the Year, and winners of the Oesper and International Olympiad Examination competition. Our schedule of meetings begins and ends with celebrations. To start, the 4th Annual Family and Friends Picnic included a DJ, cornhole games, and a chemistry magic show by the retired chemists committee. Our year ended with a party night in conjunction with CERMACS at the Hofbrauhaus near the meeting venue. Several meetings were held jointly with other sections or professional societies. In 2007, The National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers, the Society for Applied Spectroscopy, the American Institute for Chemical Engineers, Iota Sigma Pi, and the Dayton Local Section joined us at one of our meetings. Average attendance this year was up versus last year from 88 to 103, an increase of 17%, a sign that we were indeed able to meet members needs.

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#### Activity #2

a) Title                      Regional ACS Meeting

CERMACS 2007 was held from May 20-23 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center and was hosted by the Cincinnati section. The meeting, with the theme Learn Today&Influence Tomorrow, had technical sessions, workshops, and poster sessions spanning the breadth and depth of the world of chemistry. The meeting was well attended with 827 total attendees including 191 graduate students, 121 undergraduate students, 27 high school teachers, four 50-year ACS members, and 2 Project SEED students. A total of 539 abstracts were submitted for the technical program of which 209 were for posters. The program consisted of: 50 Invited Technical Sessions, 10 General Technical Sessions, 3 Undergraduate Workshops, 1 day of High School Teachers workshops, and 1 day for the REEL program. The program featured several multi-day symposia that were well attended. These included: Illuminating Molecules, Chemical Sensors, Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry, Mass Spectrometry, Chemical Education, Brewing Science and Art: Beer and Beyond, by the Masters Brewers Association of the Americas, and Investigative Forensic Science featuring William Dean, Chief of Forensic Science and his team at the Hamilton County Coroner s Office. Two special presentations were devoted to the Fantastic Four- Science Guys, presentations by David Katz, John Fortman, Al Hazari and Bassam Shakhashiri with their amazing chemical demonstrations. On Sunday May 20th, a variety of activities were organized specially for chemical educators. A number of three-hour hands-on workshops at Northern Kentucky University were

offered including Light in the Chemistry Lab; Getting Your FILL of Chlorophyll; Chemistry Informs Healthy Teen Choices; The Use of Molecular Modeling Software in the High School Chemistry Classroom. Twenty-five high school teachers registered for the event. The afternoon was spent at the CERMACS meeting to attend a session by renowned chemical historian Bill Jensen of the University of Cincinnati and chemical demonstrations by three nationally known chemical demonstrators David Katz, Al Hazari, and John Fortman. There were also ambitious programs for undergraduate and graduate students including workshops and sessions on Targeting the Job Market, Resume Preparation, Interviewing Skills, and Going Somewhere?--Career Paths in Chemistry. Prior to the start of CERMACS, a 2-day workshop on Preparing for Life after Graduate School was organized by Joel Shulman at Xavier University. About 30 graduate students attended. A grant from the ACS Committee on Corporation Associates subsidized the workshop, allowing attendees to participate for a nominal fee of \$25. CERMACS concluded with a reception held in conjunction with the Cincinnati local section. Surplus revenue from CERMACS totaled \$26,178.

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### Activity #3

a) Title                      National Chemistry Week

About 150 volunteers took NCW to 44 different locations across communities in Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and Eastern Indiana interacting directly with over 2,500 people. In addition, we reached thousands more through our Newspaper in Education (NIE) program with the Cincinnati Enquirer/Post with four days of quarter-page descriptions of chemistry activities. The newspaper was distributed free of charge to schools in the Tri-State. In addition to the articles published in newspapers, all the NCW events were publicized through the Cincinnati ACS local section website (<http://www.acscincinnati.org/acs/>), the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and the Cincinnati Museum Center websites, the Cincinnati Enquirer's event calendar, and through flyers distributed via e-mails to libraries and schools. This level of outreach across our communities reflects the strong support the local section receives from many organizations especially the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and the Cincinnati Museum Center (CMC). For the 8th consecutive year, the CMC allowed us to bring the excitement of chemistry to the public with a 2-day chemistry demonstration program at the museum. Milli Mole welcomed youngsters with balloons and newspapers (brought to life by volunteer students and Boys Scouts). Another venue, Living Waters Church, has allowed outreach to the predominantly Hispanic/Latino community in Hamilton, Ohio, for the 3rd consecutive year. Thirteen different companies contributed to NCW with cash contributions which grew to \$11,500,

other in kind contributions, and with numerous volunteers. Demonstrations that reflected The Many Faces of Chemistry theme were as wide-ranging as the theme implies: food chemistry was exemplified with tasty demonstrations on making ice cream and meringue; flavors/fragrances were offered for sniffing and then related to making root beer; the nutrient iron was extracted from cereal; the impressive volume of dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> in soda was revealed; the chemistry of cleaning was highlighted in multiple demonstrations on how bubbles form and the special ability of surfactants to remove stains; light diffraction and chemiluminescence were demonstrated; the aluminum in a can of soda was dissolved to reveal the thin polymer layer that separates the liquid and the can; chemistry wizardry was center stage as a high school Science Club put together a Harry Potter program. Our program is met with great enthusiasm from the kids and thanks from parents. The breadth of our outreach is a tribute to our diverse and dedicated group of student, teacher, and active and retired chemist volunteers.

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#### Activity #4

a) Title: Science Café

Our section broke new ground by sponsoring a Science Café on Chemistry Careers at the Community Center on the campus of Miami University, Middletown, on October 6. The Science Café was generously sponsored by the Cincinnati Section of the American Chemical Society, the National American Chemical Society, the Ohio Board of Regents, and Miami Middletown's Center for Chemistry Education. The organizers of the Café noted that teachers can't guide students to consider a career path if they don't know such careers exist. The objective of the meeting was to show teachers and the public a representative sampling of chemistry careers and to stimulate discussion on this topic. About 80 chemists, science teachers, and interested members of the public in the tristate area of southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Indiana attended. Bill Carroll (2005 President of the ACS) kicked off Café event with his presentation The Evolving Chemistry Enterprise: Nontraditional Jobs, Nontraditional Approaches, a global view of chemistry and the unique opportunities for chemists and students willing to engage unique challenges. Bill's inspiring presentation was followed by an active question and answer period and set the tone for lively presentations from local chemists in the tristate area. The discussions included: the use of infrared spectroscopy and thermal imaging to support consumer products research at P&G; the sweet smell of chemistry at Givaudan with the creation of strawberry flavor; the production of kosher and food grade products at Twin Rivers Technologies; the unique properties of several nanomaterials like memory wire, gold nanoparticles, and quantum dots from Miami University's Center for Nanotechnology;

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the importance of lawyers in technology from the Inventis Group Ltd.; the journey of phosphorus from sharks teeth, through fertilizer, corn, milk, and finally, to human teeth from Southern State Community College; and materials engineering research at Emerson Climate Technologies. In between sessions, Mickey Sarquis and Lynn Hogue demonstrated how teachers might use hands-on activities to present science careers to their students. Several teachers stayed late to talk further with the presenters.

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#### Activity #5

a) Title

Awards

The Cincinnati local section devotes two meetings each year to awards and, in 2007, the Central Regional Meeting, hosted by the section, offered additional opportunities for awards and recognition. At our February meeting, we recognized Hal Ebetino as our 2007 Cincinnati Chemist of the Year. Hal won this award for his contributions to medicinal chemistry at P&G. Foremost is his work on a class of bone-active agents, bisphosphonates, for the treatment of osteoporosis. A combination of synthesis, structure-activity studies, molecular modeling, protein crystallography, and enzyme kinetics has offered new insight into the mechanism of action of this class of drugs. At our April meeting, we recognized K-12 students and teachers from around the greater Cincinnati area. Andrew Felczan, was named High School Teacher of the Year. Andrew has taught for 16 years, has coached the Science Olympiad, the robotics team, the JETS team, the Science Bowl Team (recently 4th in the nation), and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Teachers. Wendy New, was named Elementary School Teacher of the Year. Wendy has taught for 35 years and recently used a Superintendent's grant to develop a Terrific Science Program to team high school physics and chemistry teachers and students with fourth graders. Each year high school students participate in the Oesper and Chemistry Olympiad examination competition. In 2007, eleven students were recognized for outstanding performance with certificates and cash awards ranging from \$60-\$300. Their teachers were given a one-year free subscription to the Journal of Chemical Education. We also sponsored a chemistry poster contest related to the NCW topic, The Many Faces of Chemistry. The challenge was to create a poster that could serve as a public service announcement emphasizing the role of science and chemistry in the community. Three winners were selected (from the 4th, 5th and 10th grade) and were presented award certificates. We also prepared certificates for the 50-year members of the ACS. Several awards were presented during the Central Region meeting of the ACS held May 20-24 at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center. These awards honor excellence in teaching, industrial innovation, volunteerism, and student research. There were two

award winners of the ACS Central Region Industrial Innovation Award, including Dr. Mark R. Sivik from the Cincinnati Section. The ACS Central Region Volunteer Award, was given to Dr. Victor Arredondo from the Cincinnati Section for his outstanding contributions to NCW. A number of gift card awards were given to the top poster presenters. Four \$50 awards were presented to a high school student and three undergraduate students. The high school student and one of the undergraduate students from Northern Kentucky University were from the Cincinnati area. Three \$100 gift cards were provided to three graduate students, all from the local section area (NKU and UC).

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#### Activity #6

a) Title: Project Seed

Since 2003, the ACS Washington office, the Cincinnati Section of the ACS, and an anonymous donor have generously sponsored the Project SEED program at the University of Cincinnati and Xavier University. In 2007, six students from local high schools participated in the program. The students worked on projects such as the development of synthetic routes towards the total synthesis of kalkitoxin, a fungal metabolite, the synthesis of vinyl alkyl azides, the development of solvent-free green technologies and the synthesis of multivalent glycoconjugates for pathogen detection, and synthetic methodologies for the construction of host-rotaxanes. These opportunities provided the students with an active learning environment, where they received hands-on training in a laboratory setting. The students were mentored on a daily basis by undergraduate or senior graduate students. This interaction was beneficial to the high school students AND the graduate students; the high school students learned from their peers and the graduate students learned how to teach, motivate and mentor junior students. This was a great experience for some of the graduate students who want to pursue a teaching career. With the help of Dr. Bruce Ault, we interfaced the SEED program with the UC Department of Chemistry NSF-sponsored Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program, which provided for eleven undergraduate students from around the country to engage in chemistry research at UC. At biweekly meetings, the SEED students were exposed to a variety of professional development topics, including employment opportunities, oral presentation skills, interviewing skills and reading and writing scientific papers. Clearly, the seminar series and interaction with the REU students was invaluable. Indeed, all the students in this program are in college or plan on attending college. Several of the SEED students were coauthors on poster presentations at the Oesper symposium, held in October, 2007, at the University of Cincinnati. The appreciation of the students for the SEED opportunity

- is clear from the following quote: "I feel privileged to have been a part of this program. Instead of learning about chemistry in a lecture setting, I got to see the actual research process occurring in action. I also got to see that the research process has as many failures as it does successes, but after the failures, the successes are that much more exciting."
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**Activity #7**

- a) Title: Retired Chemists Committee

The retired chemists Committee began their in-class chemistry demonstrations in 2003 and their reach has grown steadily since then. New in 2007 were the additions of a new school system and a new member of the Retired Chemist Committee (Art Sill, who is 85 years young). In 2007, the Retired Chemists Committee (RCC) gave chemistry demonstrations mainly in 5th and 6th grades of local schools. The RCC has nine members, all retired or semi-retired Ph.D. chemists or chemical engineers. They spent about six weeks in 2007 planning and presenting demonstrations. They again presented demonstrations at Winton Woods Schools to 30 classrooms of 5th and 6th grade students, about 600 students in all. The Winton Woods district has a diverse student body which is about 70% African-American. The RCC members focused on individual classes to maximize the participation and learning of individual students. Each demonstration lasts about 50-60 minutes and consists of 8-10 experiments involving gaseous and solid CO<sub>2</sub>, liquid nitrogen, pH experiments utilizing red cabbage extract and an orange juice chemical clock reaction. They again were featured in the local newspaper, the Hilltop News, and received awards from the Winton Woods School District. At Sharonville Elementary Schools, they presented demonstrations to a total of six 5th grade classes. They were invited back and plan to add six 6th grade classes next year. Feedback on the presentations was great. One family called to say that each demonstration was described in detail at the dinner table and the brothers and sisters were looking forward to attending the classes next year. RCC presentations have become so popular that number of requests now exceeds the capacity of the their membership

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**Activity #8**

- a) Title: Support for Chemistry Education

Our section continued its long-term support for primary and secondary school science education. Our Chemical Educators Discussion Group met to share new approaches towards teaching such as the POGIL (Process Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning) approach that simultaneously teaches content and key process

skills by arranging students in small, self-managed teams to collaborate on a topic and support each other's critical thinking. They also held a swap night where the participants took turns presenting a new activity, lesson plan, or resource. A Science Café on Careers in Chemistry was targeted towards teachers and provided descriptions of several different chemistry careers from chemists in the greater Cincinnati area. Our retired chemists Committee did chemistry demonstrations for about 700 students in thirty-six 5th and 6th grade classes. Our awards programs committed \$3,600 to recognize and reward outstanding achievement by K-12 students and teachers. Cash awards and pins were presented to eleven high school students for outstanding performance on the Oesper and Chemistry Olympiad examinations which were administered by the section. Four members of the local section worked with scouts on the Chemistry Merit Badge Challenge for 2007. They took about 30 Scouts through the badge at Sycamore high school during February and March. This year, the program will expand with badge training at two additional high schools. The local section also provided judging and awards at the Ohio Academy of Sciences Southwest District Science & Engineering Expo at UC. Thirty-two schools from five Southwest Ohio counties were represented with about 300 students from grades 7 to 12 participating. Students competed for the opportunity to advance to the state competition as well as for various special awards and scholarships. The section sponsored three \$100 rewards for superior projects where chemical concepts were involved. Two 8th graders and a 10th grader were awarded for their creativity, experimental design, and use of the scientific method. The projects included applying extraction and HPLC methods to quantitate anthocyanin levels in raspberries (organically grown raspberries contain higher levels), paper chromatography to identify an unknown ink marker, and the effect of the concentration of dyes on colorfastness.

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#### Activity #9

a) Title: Government Relations

In September, members of the ACS Cincinnati Local Section visited the Northern Kentucky offices of the two Kentucky U.S. senators to advocate for funding of physical science research and K-12 science education. Representing the Section were Diana McGill, Chair of the Northern Kentucky University Department of Chemistry; Allan Pinhas of the University of Cincinnati and a Kentucky resident; and Joel Shulman of the University of Cincinnati and Chair of the Section's Government Relations Committee. They visited with the Northern Kentucky staff of Senator Mitch McConnell and with Senator Jim Bunning himself. The key point of discussion was the America COMPETES Act, which was signed into law in August and authorizes significant funding increases

for research programs at the National Science Foundation, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the Department of Energy Office of Science. This Act places these agencies on a path to double their funding in the next five to seven years. In addition, the group discussed the importance of the Math and Science Partnership programs at the National Science Foundation and the Department of Education. Both visits elicited general support for our requests. Senator Bunning commented specifically that having a strong foundation in math and science education is critically important for both Kentucky and the entire nation.

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#### Activity #10

a) Title: Earth Day

This year we participated for the first time in ACS's Illustrated Haiku Contest (February 2007). The theme was Recycling Chemistry Can! We had 80+ entries from Cincinnati's public, private and home school students from grades K-12. They were all amazing. All entries were judged for their originality, illustration, neatness and adherence to the Haiku style and theme. Entries were judged by Laurie Breyfogle and Emily Adkison, Procter & Gamble; Lisa Sheerer, Knowledge Works Foundation; and Thomas Tsuchiya, artist. Our four Grand Prize Winners were sent on to the National Illustrated Haiku Contest in Washington, D.C. Unfortunately, none of the Cincinnati entries won at the national level.

On April 21, 2007, we had a 5-member team participate in Greater Cincinnati Earth Coalition's One Earth&One Chance Earth Day Celebration. It took place by the Ohio River at Sawyer Point. The fabulous team performed demonstrations & hands-on-activities with over 200 children. They learned about polymers and we had several hands-on polymer activities: making silly putty & recycled paper. They learned about different recycled plastics & their molecular imaging.

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Earth Day 2007's activities were a success!

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## B. Summary - Overall Section Activities

Please summarize in *1,000 words or less*, the activities of the section in 2007 which have not been already described. Outstanding events should be described in some detail and appropriate attachments included in Appendix 3. Programs described here may be featured in publications produced by the ACS Membership Division and/or at the Local Section Leadership Conferences.

A new feature was introduced at our December meeting: a poster presentation. Dean Stuart of UC

agreed to present a poster entitled, Analysis of Metabolites in Cerebrospinal Fluid Utilizing LC Chip Mass Spectrometry . The intent of the poster was to provide an opportunity for greater interaction between local section members and the student community in Cincinnati. It also offered a chance for students to chat with experienced chemists from the area to learn more about a career in chemistry and perhaps to inspire continued participation in local section meetings. We will likely repeat this poster presentation idea at future meetings and will assess if this should become a regular feature of our meetings.

The YCC activities for 2007 involved two events. In January, YCC sponsored a pizza and movie night where they watched "An Inconvenient Truth." The event was held at Xavier University, with about fourteen young chemists consisting primarily of University of Cincinnati and Xavier University students. Everyone had a positive review of the movie, and the event was very well received. They plan to make this a "first annual" YCC movie night that will continue in following years to show science-related movies. In early April, YCC held a happy hour at Red Robin restaurant in West Chester. An unexpected and possibly mutually-beneficial agreement was reached involving the transfer of used chromatographic columns from a local company to the University of Cincinnati.

A regular feature in our newsletter, CINTACS, is an educational piece that comes from our Chemical Information Discussion Group Chair. These articles are interesting and informative and reflect that enthusiasm of our CI Discussion Chair, Edlyn Simmons. Topics covered in 2007 include: an internet version of the IUPAC Compendium of Chemical Nomenclature a.k.a. the Gold book; Google patent searching; the history of computerized chemistry databases; copyright issues for chemists; the history of Chemical Abstracts service (on its 100th anniversary).

## C. Local Section and Chair Goals

**2007 Goal Attainment.** The Local Section Activities Committee strongly encourages local section planning. As a result, the 2007 local section annual report should follow-up on the attainment of goals. Please list the goals you set at the beginning of your term for your section and yourself, and report on the attainment of the

1. goals.

### a) Local Section Goals and Assessment:

1. Organize a Science Cafe, a first for the section

Assessment: National ACS awarded our application for a Science Cafe with a \$500 grant. This and additional funding supported our Science Cafe on Chemistry Careers. The details of the event are given elsewhere in this annual report.

2. Sponsor and help organize a successful regional

meeting

The CERMACS meeting at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center certainly met our expectations. It was well attended (827), offered sessions and workshops with broad appeal to professionals, students, and teachers, and turned a significant profit of \$26K. Details are given elsewhere in this annual report.

**b) 2007 Chair's Goals and Assessment:**

1. Encourage meeting attendance with speakers and activities of greatest interest to the chemistry community based on a survey the section members preferences

Assessment: Average meeting attendance rose from 88 to 103, an increase of 17%. The meeting format, venues, discussion speakers, and after-dinner speakers were all viewed positively by our membership

2. Encourage participation of students and recent graduates to sustain growth and vitality of the section.

Assessment: The Oesper Symposium serves as our October meeting and is held jointly with the University of Cincinnati. Many UC students participate in the poster session and there is a lot of interaction between local section members and students. The December meeting is held at Xavier University and many of their chemistry majors attend. A new activity at the Xavier meeting was a invited poster by a UC graduate student that was set up during the social hour. Many members took the opportunity to discuss the poster with the author who brought other UC students with him.

3. Continue the public outreach and education programs that have been a hallmark of the section's success (National Chemistry week, Earth Day, Project SEED, award programs)

Assessment: NCW is always an enjoyable and successful event for the Cincinnati section and this remained true in 2007. The CERMACS meeting afforded special opportunities for us to involve Project SEED students and to participate in regional awards some of which were won by local section members

**2008 Goals.** (This section should be completed by the 2008 local section chair.) Please list below at least 2. three goals that you and your local section plan to accomplish during your term as local section chair.

**a) 2008 Local Section Goals (Include at least three goals):**

1. Bring the benefits of membership in the ACS to the chemists and educators in the Cincinnati Section.
2. Promote meeting participation with speaker programs and activities of interest to the chemistry community.
3. Encourage participation of students, young chemists and teachers in section activities.
4. Continue and expand the public outreach and

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b) 2008 Chair's Goals:

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## D. Suggestions/Concerns

List any suggestions you have for the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC). How can LSAC specifically help your section?

Suggestion: When I became Chair and announced that I would try to get two ACS Tour speakers for our monthly meetings, former Chairs were pessimistic about the proposal due to the difficulties they experienced getting the speakers they wanted. To avoid similar difficulties, I contacted the Dayton and Columbus chairs and we worked together to identify speakers and dates that met each section's needs. Having three sections in the same area agree on a speaker for consecutive dates makes the whole process a lot easier. It also established better ties with other nearby local sections. I will encourage future chairs to consider the same approach.

Concerns: The Cincinnati local section is on an academic calendar which creates difficulties in writing the annual report because there are two Chairs sharing responsibility for a given calendar year. The same can be true for other executive board members, e.g., treasurer. The section needs to grapple with the option of changing to a calendar year schedule like most other local sections.

Membership lists are often inaccurate or out of date. Messages aren't delivered to a considerable number of our membership. I don't have any great suggestions on how to fix this but it sure would be helpful to have accurate lists.