

## American Chemical Society

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**Form:** Part II - Annual Narrative Report  
**Organization:** Kansas City  
**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: 2007 Midwest Regional Meeting

Description  
(Please limit to one paragraph): The 2007 Midwest Regional Meeting was sponsored by the Kansas City Section. The meeting was held in Kansas City, MO November 7-10, 2007 and attracted approximately 1000 attendees. Margie St. Germain served as the meeting General Chair.

c)  This activity was new in 2007

#### Activity #2

a) Title 2006 Spencer Award

Description  
(Please limit to one paragraph): The 2006 Spencer Award was presented to Dr. Russel J. Molyneux on February 16, 2007 at the Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology. The award presentation was preceded (on 2/16) and followed (on 2/17) by a Spencer Award Symposium featuring 8 speakers including the awardee.

c)  This activity was new in 2007

#### Activity #3

a) Title Joint Meeting the Univ of Kansas Sec

Description  
(Please limit to one paragraph): A joint dinner meeting was held with the KU section at the Holyfield winery on October 16, 2007. This meeting featured ACS tour speaker Wayne Jones and was attended by more than 60 members.

c)  This activity was new in 2007

#### Activity #4

a) Title: Vinland Map Meeting

Description  
(Please limit to one paragraph): A joint meeting between the Kansas City Section, the Friends of Linda Hall Library, and the Kansas City da Vinci Society was held at Linda Hall Library on July 20, 2007. This meeting featured Dr. Michael Henchman, Professor of Chemistry, Brandeis University, Waltham MA speaking on Analytical Chemistry and the Vinland Map. Genuine or a \$25M hoax?

- c)  This activity was new in 2007

**Activity #5**

- a) Title: Student Awards Meeting

- Description:  
(Please limit to one paragraph):
- A student awards meeting was held in April 2007 to recognize outstanding students and teachers in our region. Four scholarships were awarded to students (2 from the KC section and 2 from Bayer Cropscience) and two of our regional chemistry teachers were honored as well.

- c)  This activity was new in 2007

**Activity #6**

- a) Title: ACS Tour Speaker Al Hazari

- Description:  
(Please limit to one paragraph):
- The Kansas City section welcomed ACS tour speaker Al Hazari in September to start off the academic year program. This meeting was attended by approximately 40 regional science educators and students.

- c)  This activity was new in 2007

**Activity #7**

- a) Title:

- Description:  
(Please limit to one paragraph):

- c)  This activity was new in 2007

**Activity #8**

- a) Title:

- Description:  
(Please limit to one paragraph):

- c)  This activity was new in 2007

**Activity #9**

- a) Title:

- Description:  
(Please limit to one paragraph):

- c)  This activity was new in 2007

**Activity #10**

- a) Title:

- Description:  
(Please limit to one paragraph):

- c)  This activity was new in 2007

**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.

Much of the focus of the section was on the planning and execution of the 2007 Midwest Regional meeting. This effort occupied a large number of our human resources. Other activities included a jointly sponsored laboratory safety workshop for area high school chemistry teachers and National Chemistry week distribution of materials to a number of North Kansas City elementary schools. A total of 5 students were sponsored in Project SEED program at three institutions. The 2007 Chair departed from the section to take a new position in July. The Chair-elect assumed the responsibilities of chair at that time.

### 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 goals.

a) **Local Section Goals and Assessment:**

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

The 2007 Chair departed in the middle of the year. That Chair's goals were not identified in the 2006 report. As such it is not possible to assess progress toward these goals.

**2008 Goals.** (This section should be completed by the 2008 local section chair.) Please list below at least 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):

- Increase attendance at local section meetings by 10% compared with 2007 attendance.
- Hold one topical discussion group meeting on education.
- Increase communication with the membership by employing more electronic formats including improvements to the website, electronic newsletter distribution, listserves, and email contact.

b) 2008 Chair's Goals:

- Improve communication withing the section. Especially between the Executive Committe and the membership of the section.
- Increase participation by members at the Executive Committee level.
- Provide a broader range of meeting topics and

formats to attract a more diverse population of members to local section meetings.

#### **D. Suggestions/Concerns**

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