

American Chemical Society

Form: Part II - Annual Narrative Report
Organization: Philadelphia
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: Family Night at the Elmwood Park Zoo

Description
(Please limit to
b) one paragraph): Our September Meeting was an evening at the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, PA., where we had the complete "run" of the zoo to ourselves. This was an opportunity for Section members and their families to enjoy an event together. The event was funded by Rohm & Haas Company and attended by about 100 people including one of our High School Student Affiliate groups. The talk that evening was presented by Dr. Chris Whittle who spoke on her research involving the chemical scent-marking by male Alaskan Moose.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #2

a) Title 2007 Ulliyot Public Affairs Lecture

Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph): This event was held at the Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, PA and featured Dr. Shirley M. Tilghman, President of Princeton University. Her training is as a biochemist and the title of her talk was "Strategy or Happenstance: Science Policy in the U.S.A. About 250-300 people attended this event.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #3

a) Title Hosted 39th MARM

Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph): The Section Hosted the 39th MARM in May at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA. The theme of the MARM was "Forging New Connections in Chemistry". 867 people attended 52 sessions and 11 workshops where 482 papers and 219 posters were presented. The Section held our May Meeting in conjunction with the meeting and was delighted to have Dr. Bassam Z. Shkhashiri as speaker. This was especially appropriate since we also honored our 2007 outstanding middle school science teacher and our 2007 outstanding high school and college chemistry teachers.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #4

a) Title: 7th Grad and 2nd Undergrad Poster Sessio

Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph): Our January Meeting featured the Section's seventh annual Graduate Poster Session and our second annual Undergraduate Poster Session. About 100 people participated with 18 Graduate posters and 16 Undergraduate Posters. Cash awards were presented in both the Graduate and Undergraduate divisions.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #5

a) Title: USDA ERRC Natl Historic Chem Landmark

Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph): The Eastern Regional Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture was dedicated as a National Historic Chemical Landmark in April. The Section Leadership participated in the didication and took the opportunity to have Dr. Kevin Hicks speak about the major contributions that the center made in the past 67 years at our April Section Meeting. At the meeting we also honored the top student from each of the Chemistry, Biochemistry and Chemical Engineering Departments at our local Colleges and Universities.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #6

a) Title: 2007 Philadelphia Section Award

Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph): Each year the Section honors a outstanding Research Scientist. This year we honored Dr. Robert J. Levis at our October Section Meeting. He presented a lecture entitled "Strong Field Chemistry: From Photonic Reagents to Standoff Detection" to about 75 people at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #7

a) Title: Herb Bassow Memrial Chemical Demonstrati

Description:
(Please limit to
b) one paragraph): This annual event was held at La Salle University in Philadelphia, PA and presented Chemical Demonstrations and Hands on Activities for all ages. This event was attended by about 100 people.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #8

a) Title: Edgar Fahs Smith Memorial Lecture

The Phila Section and the University of Pennsylvania presented the 2007 Edgar Fahs Smith award to Dr. David A. Tirrell from the California Institute of Technology at our March Meeting. About

Description: 75 people attended his lecture entitled "Non-Canonical Amino Acids in Protein Design, Evolution and Analysis".
 (Please limit to
 b) one paragraph):

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #9

a) Title: WCC Expand Your Horizons

Description: The Philadelphia LSWCC held an "Expand Your Horizons Mini-Conference for Sixth Grade Girls" (EYH) on November 3rd at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, PA. 129 female students from 36 schools and 49 volunteers participated in the fun filled day of science.
 (Please limit to
 b) one paragraph):

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #10

a) Title: Honoring 50 Year Members

Description: This year we again honored our 50 year members at a luncheon meeting. The speaker this year was Katie Hunt, National President and a member of our own Section. Her topic was "We have ignition...We have liftoff! Education, Collaboration, Innovation" Katie then personally presented each of the 50 year members prestnt with their certificate.
 (Please limit to
 b) 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.

2007 was a typically busy year for the Section. Most of our meetings and activities are discussed in Section A of this Narrative. Highlights that may not have been mentioned are summarized below.

National President Katie Hunt actively participated in four of our events this year: the USDA ERRC National Historic Chemical Landmark, the 50 Year Member Luncheon, the 39th MARM Meeting, and the Ullyot Public Affairs Lecture. We also collaborated with Villanova and Lehigh Universities to bring Dr. John Collier to the area to present a lecture entitled "Making Scotch: Chemistry, Engineering and Education".

The Section also sponsored a Haiku Contest for Earth Day 2007 and a Poster Contest for National Chemistry Week 2007. Additionally, members of the Section worked with several of the newly formed High School Chemistry Affiliate groups.

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:**

See part b) below

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

Although no goals were included in last year's annual report, I did have three goals at the beginning of 2007. I did not make a distinction between my goals and the Section's goals. My three goals were:

1. To have a family oriented event.
2. To get new faces involved in the governance of the Section.
3. To use our Website to communicate more effectively with our membership.

Assessment of 2007 Goals:

1. Family oriented event: We succeeded in achieving this goal. We sponsored a meeting at the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, PA where we had the "run" of the zoo from 6:00-9:00. While this event was successful, it may have been better to have this in the Summer when children do not have homework and school the next day.

2. New faces: Our election this year included many first time name and several were elected to positions. I will continue working on this goal in 2008, since I am responsible for creating the 2008 election ballot.

3. Section Website: When I took over as Chair, the Section Website was not being maintained on a regular basis. I initially took over the Website so that at least the current meeting information was available. I soon realized that I did not have enough hour in the day to do everything. The Section decided to hire a person to develop and maintain our Website. This is currently a work in progress.

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):**

My goals for the section are:

1. Support our membership by improving and maintaining effective communication and providing a responsive local section administration.
2. Promote increased general public technology awareness through at least one new or expanded program or event.
3. Support our students by hosting or co-hosting at least one new or expanded student event.

b) **2008 Chair's Goals:**

My goal as chair is to support the goals of the section by providing effective leadership including seeking resources and recommending actions to accomplish those goals. One of my specific goals is to continue the efforts of the previous chair to implement and maintain an up-to-date section web site. An additional goal is to present interesting and exciting monthly meetings that will result in increased interest by members and others not previously directly involved in section activities.

D. Suggestions/Concerns

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