

American Chemical Society

Form: Part II - Annual Narrative Report
Organization: St Joseph Valley
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: Percy Julian Recognition

Description
(Please limit to
b) one paragraph): We invited two speakers to come and speak about the life of Percy Julian to local section members and high school students. The event was open to the public and a few community member attended. We watched part of the PBS special and then listened to the speakers and had a short Q & A following the talks. About 40 students, 10 section members, and 5 community members attended the event.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #2

a) Title Student Paper Day

Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph): The section sponsored Student Paper Day where local college students present research or literature reviews to their peers and faculty. We coupled this with a science research symposium where students were presenting papers across science and engineering disciplines. The top chemistry students presentations on a research and on a literature topic were awarded a monetary prize. We also supplied the judges.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #3

a) Title National Chemistry Week

Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph): We participated in National Chemistry Week coupling with "Science Spooktacular" an annual event that has students participating in Halloween theme chemistry activities. We also had a second location with hands on chemistry activities using the ACS theme.

c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #4

a) Title: Chemistry Olympiad

- Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph): We sponsored students participation in the Chemistry Olympiad. We had eight students competing though none advanced beyond this level. We honor the participants at a local section meeting each spring with a small prize and dinner for them, their teacher and their parents.
- c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #5

- a) Title
Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph):
- c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #6

- a) Title:
Description
(Please limit
b) to one paragraph):
- c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #7

- a) Title:
Description:
(Please limit to
b) one paragraph):
- c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #8

- a) Title:
Description:
(Please limit to
b) one paragraph):
- c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #9

- a) Title:
Description:
(Please limit to
b) one paragraph):
- c) This activity was new in 2007

Activity #10

- a) Title:
Description:
(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.

The other events were the monthly meetings of the section and the annual family picnic which occurred in the fall this year. It was a low key year for the section.

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) Increase engagement of local section teachers. We did increase participation in the Chemistry Olympiad to new schools this year. Goal 1 is partially met.

2) Increase attendance at local section meetings. We did not increase attendance at local section meetings. Goal 2 not met.

3) Explore establishing a scholarship for one or two high school students. We are establishing high school scholarships in memory of two long time members. The criteria are yet to be established. Goal 3 partially met.

b) 2007 Chair's Goals and Assessment:

1) Host an event honoring Percy Julian. We had the event goal 1 met.

2) Establish better connections to local graduate students and newer faculty. Goal 2 not met.

3) Establish a local section YCC or WCC. Goal 3 not met.
Perhaps this year.

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. Work more closely with chemistry and biochemistry departments in local colleges.

2. Provide more topics on chemistry related subjects such as life science, nanotechnology to local members.

3. Establish a local section YCC, involving students from Notre Dame, St. Mary's, IUSB, ,Purdue North, etal.

b) 2008 Chair's Goals:

1. Introduce new opportunities in chemistry to chemists from the local downsizing industry.

2. Establish better connections to local graduate students and newer faculty.

D. Suggestions/Concerns

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