



Northeastern Local Section Administration Form 2012

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2012?*	8
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2012?*	6
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2012?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - working dinners, phone
4. What percentage of the local section's Councilors were in official attendance at the 2012 ACS Spring Council meeting?*	100%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2012 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 2012?*	<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 2012?*(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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arm-twisting <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2012? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2012?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2012?*	442
<p>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.</p>	

11. 2012 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*

This year has seen the members of the Northeastern Section involved in an array of programs, activities, and projects. In addition, several members as well as student chapters of the Section have received grants, awards, and recognition for their activities.

Our monthly programs feature outstanding speakers on current topics. Our on-going activities are principally driven by the Section's twenty-seven active committees. Significant contributions were made in the areas of chemical education, government relations, membership, constitution and bylaws, public outreach, publications, the Younger Chemists Committee, the German Exchange program, and changes in award nomination procedures. Particularly outstanding were public relations, NCW, professional relations and career planning, preservation of our archives, and long range planning committees. Some of these are described below.

At the beginning of 2012, our three top goals involved preservation of our archives, establishing a social media plan to better communicate with our members, and involving new members in the committees and governance of the Section.

The expanded activities in public relations and outreach give the Section greater visibility. A presence on LinkedIn <nesacsLinkedIn@network> and on Facebook <Facebook.com/NESACS > was established to publicize meetings and events and to promote networking. Various Twitter feeds and local news stations also carried events. The publication of THE NUCLEUS, our monthly news publication, is now available on our website <www.nesacs.org> as a pdf file. Our executive secretary and public relations Chair are now using Constant Contact for sending notices and information to the Section. Constant Contact coupled with the introduction of PayPal has resulted in significant improvements in the management of activities. The public relations committee has been diligent in publicizing the Section's monthly meetings and symposia, as well as its activities (with photos where possible) such as the NCW events, Earth Day events, Science Cafés, the STEM activities in our region, Science Festivals, the Chemistry Olympiad, and the programs sponsored by the various committees, such as the Education Committee, the YCC, the Government Affairs Committee, the German Exchange Program, and the Professional Relations and Career Services Committee.

National Chemistry Week events were held at many locations throughout the Section, including one of the Section's sponsored programs for Chemistry teachers, Connections to Chemistry, which is an afternoon -evening program of hands-on workshops and lectures to connect the teachers to the numerous educational resources of the ACS. In addition, an extensive National Chemistry Week program sponsored by the Section was held throughout the week at the Museum of Science and at the Children's Museum in Boston, MA. Approximately 1000 individuals participated in these activities. More than 100 volunteers from various organizations and local colleges and universities assisted with the program.

The Long Range Planning committee meeting was particularly successful. It focused on five issues: a task force on STEM education, engaging new members, consideration for establishing New Hampshire and Southeast MA subsections, creating endowments for select programs as funding initiatives, and succession planning for committee chairs and officers: The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) proposed STEM goals for the Section including legislative and informational objectives. The discussion focused on what should be the policy of the Section in STEM activities including government -sponsored, volunteer, and business-sponsored activities, as well as a possible role of the GAC in the state's legislative STEM Council and the Council of STEM Professional Societies.

Engaging new members is a priority. In addition to the welcoming letters that go to new members, a brochure will be included with the letter, which describes the committees and topical subgroups. Our website pages of

	<p>Current Events, Section Activities, and Career Opportunities were updated with a focus on being timely and more informative.</p> <p>The Northeastern Section stretches from the Canadian border in New Hampshire down to the Cape Cod seashore. The Section is effectively divided into three distinct regions: the Core area around Boston, MA, southeastern MA, and all of NH. A task force with members from southern MA, NH and the core area was proposed to explore the feasibility of establishing subsections.</p> <p>Some of our programs require special funding, such as the German Exchange Program and the NCW programs. Funding these programs through endowments is being explored.</p> <p>Local sections maintain an archive of their records and materials that represent their history. The oldest meeting notes for the Northeastern Section are from 1898 in a hand-written journal. Hard copies of our monthly newsletter, THE NUCLEUS, date back to 1924. The major considerations are: management and storage of the hardcopy materials, digitization of these materials and searching the digitized information. Drawing upon the experiences of other Sections, and advice from the Chemical Information, History of Chemistry, Computers in Chemistry Divisions and the Chemical Abstract Service, a viable management solution is being explored.</p> <p>The Professional Affairs Career Services Committee sponsored programs on career guidance, targeting the job market, personal assessment, identifying market trends, credentials, research and networking. The Committee also cosponsored a symposium on entrepreneurship with NOVA Biochemicals for start ups and small business owners.</p> <p>Awards and Recognition: Three Northeastern members were named as ACS Fellows . The ACS Committee on Education selected four student chapters in our Section for recognition. Also, three chapters were Green Chemistry Award recipients and one chapter received funding for its Community Interactions Grant proposal. The YCC received an Innovative Project Grant for a Career Symposium . Two graduate students were selected to participate in the ACS International-Domestic Student Summit (IDSS) 2012 in conjunction with the Southeast Region of the ACS (SERMACS) . Several Section members were tapped by ACS President-elect Dr. Marina Wu to participate in a "piloting" task force she titled "Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise" at the beginning of her electoral term.</p> <p>Significant progress has been made on the three major goals for 2012 by the combined efforts of our numerous committees as noted in this report. The challenge for the Section is to continue to work to develop these areas along with the long range issues identified in 2012. Attracting new members, who will be actively involved in the programs and governance, is a priority.</p>
<p>12. 2012 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>Reaching out with better communications. Proactively reach out to students and our local communities to increase the public appreciation of chemistry for meeting world needs. Expanding the amount of cross-functional activity in NESACS between different NESACS groups.</p>
	<p>Increasing the support for career development. Continue to sponsor workshops to help local scientists in their career development and net working for their job hunting. Explore innovative ways to train members for today's competitive global work environment.</p>

	<p>Enhancing Global Collaboration. Enhance international cooperation by supporting an expansion in the number of "international" symposia and exchange programs that bring academic and industrial scientists based in Europe and Asia to NESACS events to share ideas and to network. Explore setting up an international exchange fund to support such activities.</p>
<p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p>	<p>First, my biggest concern, as the Northeastern Section's 2013 chair, is the attendance of our 'routine' events, namely monthly meetings. As one of oldest local sections, the Northeastern Section of the ACS (NESACS) has a long and rich history and is one of the largest and most influential sections of American Chemical Society. The Section's base covers many academic institutions and a broad range of chemical, pharmaceutical and biotech companies. The diversity of the people (students, scientists etc.) and the organization make this chemistry community dynamic and vibrant. We have about 7,000 members, but for most monthly meetings during the calendar year, the attendance is less 1%.</p> <p>Second, due to the economy situation, we have more and more chemists facing a tough job market and struggling to prepare themselves for today's competitive global work environment. They need help.</p> <p>These concerns constituted the following challenges for 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How we can get more of our members involved? 2. Should we change programming to attract more members to attend? 3. How we can stimulate cross-functional collaborations and to increase common interests? 4. How can we increase our fund raising so that we can increase the financial support to these events? 5. How we can leverage some of our best programs (for example, the German Exchange Program), and expand them to benefit the world's chemists/students? 6. How can we more effectively provide tools and networking opportunities to help our unemployed members to find a job? How we can explore innovative ways to train members for today's competitive global work environment?
<p>13. 2012 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>1. Expand the participation of Members in the activities of the Northeastern Section.</p>
	<p>2. Provide Members with guidance and support at all stages - student, early career and mid/late career. Stimulate interest in STEM among middle and high school students.</p> <p>3. Inform the public and elected leaders about the positive contributions and value of the chemical sciences.</p>
<p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Members are underemployed or unemployed, graduates have fewer options than in the past, and young faculty have difficulty starting their research programs. Creative new approaches to career planning and job creation are necessary. • The pool of American-educated scientists must grow and stimulating opportunities must be made available. • Cross-disciplinary activities should integrate across the sciences and related fields, e.g., medicine and engineering. • Section-based programs should take advantage of the expertise of senior chemists and allow them opportunities to remain scientifically active after retirement, perhaps matched with younger colleagues or students. • Opportunities for international education, exchanges and collaborations should be developed. • Ethics must be an important part of scientific training. • Local companies should be engaged in Section activities. • Members living in New Hampshire should have local access to the ACS, forming a distinct section or subsection that will provide better contacts and opportunities than they have now, since most Northeastern Section activities take place within 25 miles of Boston.

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

1. Did your local section have any active committees with Yes No

two or more members during 2012?*	
a. If the response to 1 (above question) is YES, please select the committee and enter the chair's name.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards Dorothy Phillips <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance James Piper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment Chorghade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad Steve Lantos <input type="checkbox"/> Community Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational Marietta Schwartz <input type="checkbox"/> EHS <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government Affairs Doris Lewis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry Relations Mukund Chorghade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning Ruth Tanner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Membership/Membership Retention Michaeline Chen <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Affairs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter/Publications Michael Filosa, Mary Mahaney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominations Patrick Gordon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations Mukund Chorghade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project SEED Cheryl Schnitzer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Jack Dricsoll <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists Patricia Mabrouk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists Heidi Teng <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Local Arrangements, Mary Burgess Constitution and By-laws, Cathy Costello NCW. Christine Jaworek-Lopes German Exchange, Michael Strem
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2012?*	0
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2012?*	0
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2012?*	2
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2012?*	5
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2012?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2012?*	11
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2012?*	150
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2012?*	50
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2012.* (Check all that apply.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Awards <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recognition in newsletter <hr/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other -

Local Section Administration Form - Communications	
1. How many local section meetings were held during 2012?*	10
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2012?*	65
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2012?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At a section meeting <input type="checkbox"/> At an executive committee meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the newsletter <input type="checkbox"/> On the local section web site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - Written reports for Section Meetings
4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2012?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?*	<p>Monthly news publication: THE NUCLEUS is our monthly news publication and is available as hard copy and e-copy in pdf format. [Members may choose how they wish to receive it.] It contains the monthly meeting information, special announcements of coming events, award information, special reports, contact information of the Officers, a Calendar section for seminars occurring in the area, and a listing of a business directory.</p> <p>Website: www.nesacs.org is an extensive resource for meetings, current events, career programs, employment opportunities, awards, publications, information about the Section including a listing of the officers and a Handbook Section, among others</p> <p>Facebook: www.facebook.com/nesacs lends itself to posting the most up-to-date and immediate happenings of the month that may not have made other postings. It serves as a place where members may comment on programs and Section activities.</p> <p>LinkedIn: NESACSLinkedIn@network is a source of on-going information from our members to other members about career opportunities, meetings, and conferences. It serves as a place to also link up with other members.</p> <p>Constant Contact: a convenient way to easily and quickly send out information to the total membership. It is used by the Public Relations Chair and by the NESACS Executive Secretary.</p> <p>Section Blog: http://blog.nesacs.org/ which focuses on career management and developments</p> <p>Executive Secretary: A super efficient and very capable secretary who is the person to whom all of our members can direct their inquires for an immediate informed response.</p>
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	9
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	27
6. Did your local section have a website during 2012?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6a. If the answer to 7 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	http://www.nesacs.org
7. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2012?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Local Section Administration Form - Nomination	
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 2012 activities to support your nomination.	<p>This year has seen the members of the Northeastern Section involved in an array of programs, activities, and projects. In addition, several members as well as student chapters of the Section received grants, awards, and recognition for their activities.</p> <p>Monthly meetings featured outstanding speakers on current topics. Our on-going yearly activities are principally driven by the Section's twenty-seven active committees. Significant accomplishments were made in the areas of chemical education, National Chemistry Week, government relations, constitution and bylaws revision, public outreach, public relations, publications, long range planning, preservation of our archives, professional</p>

	<p>relations and career services, the YCC, the German Exchange program, and award nomination procedures.</p> <p>Our expanded activities in public relations and public outreach, including public social media, have given the Section greater visibility. National Chemistry Week events were held at many locations throughout the Section, including an extensive National Chemistry Week program sponsored by the Section at the Museum of Science and at the Children's Museum in Boston, MA, which saw over 1000 participants. The Long Range Planning meeting focused on five issues: a task force on STEM education, creating endowments for select programs as funding initiatives, engaging new members, succession planning for committee chairs and officers, and consideration for establishing North and Southeast MA subsections. Preservation of the archives of the Section's records and materials dating back to a hand-written journal from 1898 has become a major focus with considerations of storage and digitization/electronic capture of the hardcopy materials. The Professional Affairs and Career Services Committee presented programs on career guidance, the job market, personal assessment, market trends, credentials, research, networking and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>This year saw three of our members named as ACS Fellows. The ACS Committee on Education selected four student chapters within our Section for recognition. Also, three chapters were recipients of the Green Chemistry Award, and one chapter received funding for its Community Interactions Grant proposal. The YCC received an Innovative Project Grant for a Career Symposium. Two of our graduate students from Dartmouth College were selected to attend the ACS International-Domestic Student Summit (IDSS) 2012. Several NESACS members have been tapped by ACS President-elect Dr. Marina Wu to participate in a "piloting" task force she titled "Vision 2025: Helping ACS Members Thrive in the Global Chemistry Enterprise" at the beginning of her electoral term.</p> <p>At the beginning of 2012, the top three goals were the preservation of our archives, establishment of a social media plan to better communicate with our members, and attract new members to be active and involved in the programs and governance of the Section. Significant progress has been made on these goals which have involved the combined efforts of our numerous committees. The challenge for the Section is to continue to improve in these areas and to continue progress on the long range goals.</p>
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Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

File Name	File Size	Brief Description
Volunteer Brochure.docx	0.16 MB	Volunteer Brochure
Dec2012 Nucleus.pdf	1.08 MB	December Issue Newsletter
AWARDS COMMITTEE 2012 Report.docx	0.02 MB	Awards Committee Report
Award Committee 2012 Photos .doc	0.38 MB	Awards Committee Report Photos
Public Relations 2012-3.docx	0.12 MB	Public Relations Report
Education Annual Report.doc	0.1 MB	Education Report
Government Affairs Committee 2012 .docx	0.1 MB	Government Affairs Committee Report
Professional Relations Report.docx	0.02 MB	Professional Affairs and Career Services
YCC Annual Report 2012-1.docx	2.31 MB	YCC Activities
Annual Archives report.doc	0.08 MB	Archives Project
Membership report, letter.doc	0.05 MB	Membership Report
IDSS_Foy_with_pics.doc	0.11 MB	Student Summit
Richards Medal	0.22 MB	Richards Medal Program

Program.pdf		
Ed Night PROGRAM 2012-final.pdf	0.57 MB	Education Night Program
Program Report2012.docx	0.03 MB	Monthyl Programs
annual NERM report.doc	0.09 MB	NERM Report
BOP 2012 Annual Report.doc	0.03 MB	Board of Publications
Ex Comm Meet 4 26.doc	0.05 MB	Executive Committee Meeting

Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

The Northeastern Section benefited in 2012 by having an outstanding leader - Ruth Tanner - who kept the wheels of the section well lubricated to bring programs of interest and services to our membership. As indicated in Ruth;s report there were several activities in 2012 that aligned well with National ACS goals including student member involvement and Entrepreneurship.

 Approved & Submit for Review

Michael Singer

02/15/2013

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.

Local Section Administration Form - Reasons for Return**Approver Return Comments****Contributor Return Comments**

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