



Northeastern Local Section Administration Form 2014

Local Section Administration Form - Governance	
1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2014?*	10
2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2014?*	6
3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2014?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Email <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Teleconference <input type="checkbox"/> ACS Network <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - face-to-face
4. What percentage of your councilors were in official attendance at the Spring and Fall ACS Council meetings?*	100%
5. Did a member of your local section attend the Local Section Leaders Track at the 2014 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 2014?*	<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 2014?*(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 type="checkbox"/> Long term plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members <input type="checkbox"/> Arm-twisting <input type="checkbox"/> Other -
8. Did your local section conduct an officer election during 2014? *	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9. Did your local section conduct its elections electronically during 2014?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
10. How many members voted in your local section officer election in 2014?*	357

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.

11. 2014 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges:*

The Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society (NESACS), the largest Local Section, had a busy, interesting and productive year in 2014. This was made possible by the great co-operation and hard work of the Board of Directors (including Officers, Councilors and Alternate Councilors, and Directors-at-Large) and the Committees (both Chairs and members), our Administrative Secretary, and a steadily increasing number of volunteers. We valuable support from the National ACS and our adjacent Local Sections. The NESACS held ten regular monthly meetings, numbering from the 937th to the 946th in its long history, and sponsored many professional, educational and social activities for its members and the community. Attendance at these meetings was strong, with several exceeding 150 participants. A meeting of the Board of Directors preceded each of the monthly meetings of the section. Regular meeting programs and networking events targeted at younger chemists significantly increased their involvement. Speakers at the monthly meetings included 2013 Nobel Prize in chemistry winner Prof. Martin Karplus from Harvard Univ., and 2014 ACS Priestley Award winner Prof. Stephen J. Lippard from MIT. More than fifty events sponsored by NESACS are documented in this report; there are undoubtedly more that did not make it into the tables. NESACS presented two major awards: the Gustavus John Esselen Award, for scientific and technical work that has contributed to the public well-being and has thereby communicated positive values of the chemical profession, to Prof. David R. Walt, Tufts Univ., and the James Flack Norris Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Teaching of Chemistry, to Prof. Thomas J. Greenbowe, Iowa State Univ., and selected the winner of the 2014 Theodore William Richards Medal, for conspicuous achievement in chemistry (which will be presented to Prof. Harry Gray, California Inst. of Technology, in March 2015), as well as many other types of recognition for academic and industrial achievements and service to ACS and the community. Among these were the Henry A. Hill Award for Outstanding Service to NESACS, presented to Dr. Mukund S. Chorghade and the Arno Heyn Memorial Book Prize, presented to Prof. Morton Z. Hoffman. At the October 2014 meeting, ACS certificates were presented to members who had reached 50, 60 or more years of service. Progress toward the eventual establishment of subsections was made with successful meetings of the Southeastern Massachusetts group at Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst. and at Bridgewater State Univ. and the New Hampshire group at Dartmouth College, the latter a joint program organized with the Vermont Local Section. Almost 300 attended these functions. Partial funding for this exploration of feasibility was provided by a grant from the ACS LSAC. The Public Relations Committee was extremely active, providing the media with information and news releases, and organizing activities to engage the public. The NESACS celebrated 50 years of its sponsorship of the ACS National James Flack Norris Award for Physical Organic Chemistry by participation in the 50th anniversary symposium held at the Spring ACS 247th National Meeting, and the NESACS Chair joined in the symposium and in the ceremony for presentation of the 2014 award to Matthew S. Platz, former Professor of Chemistry at Ohio State Univ., who is now Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the Univ. of Hawaii at Hilo) The NESACS received three ChemLuminary Awards: for Outstanding Collaboration Between a Local Section and a Division, for Best New High School Chemistry Club Event and for Global Engagement. Four Student Chapters (Simmons College, Suffolk Univ., Tufts Univ. and UMass Lowell) received Honorable Mention and two (Gordon College, Northeastern Univ.) received Commendable ratings. Green Chemistry Awards went to four Student Chapters (Gordon College, Northeastern Univ., Suffolk Univ., UMass Boston). The site of the Edwin Land Laboratory was designated as a National Historic Chemical Landmark. The dedication will take place during the 250th ACS National Meeting in Boston in August 2015. Three members of the NESACS were designated as ACS Fellows. A member of our Government Affairs Committee was selected to serve as an ACS Congressional Fellow for 2015. Many activities focused on students and their teachers. The annual Education Night in May honored

	<p>accomplishments during the 2013-2014 academic year. Workshops and examinations prepared students for advanced chemistry and selection for awards and the Olympiad. The NESACS-German Exchange saw two undergraduates, ten graduate students and four members of the NESACS-GDChE organizing committee travel to Jena, Germany, for the Frühjahrsymposium and visits to local universities and research facilities. One student was selected as a winner in the poster category and was selected to present a short talk. Twenty-two ACS scholars were receiving their education at colleges and universities within the NESACS geographical region; one is sponsored by NESACS. The NESACS provided funds for travel to ten students, for participation in the ACS National and Northeast Regional Meetings. National Chemistry Week and Earth Day lectures and hands-on activities at the Museum of Science, the Children's Museum and numerous other venues reached thousands of students and members of the public. NESACS members were central in a number of STEM programs, some organized in co-operation with schools and Boy/Girl Scout groups. The Connections to Chemistry workshop provided training and tools for high school teachers.</p> <p>Activities aimed at industrial chemists included a workshop organized with the ACS Entrepreneurial Resources, two symposia organized by the Medicinal Chemistry Group, and symposia on Process Chemistry and the Future of Chemistry. Panel discussions also addressed alternative careers for chemists and aided those seeking employment. A new group, formed to organize meetings and activities for Senior Chemists, held two meetings. The NESACS took an important step forward in its effort to preserve and share its heritage when it signed a contract with Salem State Univ. to house and maintain its Archives. Physical and internet access will be provided to members and the public. We believe this arrangement could provide a model for other Local Sections.</p> <p>The Fundraising Committee tried new strategies, the most successful being targeting funding to specific meetings and activities. More than \$40K was raised as cash and in-kind donations. The Trustees reported a significant increase in the value of investments held by the NESACS. NESACS members are looking forward to hosting the attendees of the 250th ACS National Meeting in Boston in August 2015, and to events scheduled in conjunction with the meeting, including the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Henry Hill, the dedication of the Edwin Land National Historic Chemical Landmark and the 15th NESACS-German Exchange.</p>
<p>12. 2015 Chair's goals for the Section</p>	
<p>a. Please list your top 3 goals:</p>	<p>To increase engagement and active participation of NESACS members in NESACS activities.</p>
	<p>To communicate more effectively with our membership: improve the NESACS website and monthly e mails.</p>
	<p>To provide career-oriented programming and networking opportunities, to help members' careers.</p>
<p>b. What are your concerns and challenges?*</p>	<p>The job market for chemists has been challenging. Many NESACS members are in transition. We have been working to publicize ACS career resources; provide career-oriented programming, such as panel discussions and ACS Leadership Development training; and create networking opportunities for NESACS members.</p> <p>NESACS has a dedicated core of volunteers. What can we do to get new people actively involved in NESACS committees and activities? We support work that has been done to serve a broader geographic area within NESACS, including meetings in Cape Cod and New Hampshire. We work with the NS-YCC to engage younger chemists. We are also updating a brochure which provides information on what various NESACS committees do.</p> <p>Balancing the NESACS operating budget is a continuing issue, and one area that presents a budget deficit is "The Nucleus", the NESACS newsletter. We have been supporting the efforts of the NESACS Board of Publications to come up with innovative ways to address the shortfall, such as making it an "opt-in" policy to receive a paper copy of The Nucleus, reformatting, and so on.</p>
<p>13. 2015 Chair-Elect's goals for the Section</p>	

a. Please list your top 3 goals:	To increase engagement and active participation of NESACS members in extended areas (NH and MA)
	To communicate more effectively with our membership and provide an updated and effective calendar
	To support networking and career-oriented opportunities among our members
b. What are your concerns and challenges?*	A primary challenge in my opinion is to find ways to get new people actively involved with NESACS committees and activities. We also need to outreach to the extensions and boundaries of our section and actively engage more of our current members in our activities. I would also like to see a more extended interest in our global friends and work to get them actively involved in ASC activities.

Local Section Administration Form - Organization

1. Did your local section have any active committees with two or more members during 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
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 type="checkbox"/> Career assistance/Employment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chemistry Olympiad Steve Lantos <input type="checkbox"/> Community Activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuing Education Mikund Chorgade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational Marietta Schwartz <input type="checkbox"/> EHS <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government Affairs Doris Lewis <input type="checkbox"/> Industry Relations <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 James Phillips <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominations Liming Shao <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Relations Mukund Chorgade <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project SEED Cheryl Schnitzer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Relations Jack Driscoll <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior Chemists Michaeline Chen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women Chemists Pam Mabrouk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Younger Chemists Jackie O'Neil <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Archives - Timothy Frigo Fundraising - Lee Johnson Bylaws - Catherine Costello Richards, Norris and Esselen Award Committees
2. How many subsections were active in your local section during 2014?*	0
3. How many subsection meetings were held by your local section during 2014?*	0
4. How many topical groups were active in your local section during 2014?*	2
5. How many topical group meetings were held in your local section during 2014?*	3
6. Did your local section support (financial or otherwise) an existing Technician Affiliate Group (TAG) during 2014?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

7. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your local section during 2014?*	12
8. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your local section during 2014?*	200
9. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your local section during 2014?*	50
10. Please indicate all the ways that your local section recognized volunteers during 2014.* (Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - recognition in e-media

Local Section Administration Form - Communications

1. How many local section meetings were held during 2014?*	10
2. On average, how many members attended a local section meeting during 2014?*	110
3. How did Councilors report to your local section members about national ACS matters during 2014?*(Check all that apply.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At a section meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At an executive committee meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the newsletter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On the local section web site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other - e-media
4. Did your local section have a representative on your Regional Meeting Board or Steering Committee during 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. How does the sections leadership communicate information to its members?*	The Administrative Secretary efficiently coordinates communication among Board members, NESACS members and the public. Official notices, announcements of activities and opportunities, and reports from Councilors, committees and student scholars are published in the section newsletter, The Nucleus, and on the section website, www.nesacs.org . Additional messages and announcements are sent through electronic means, e.g., Twitter, Constant Contact, Facebook (www.facebook.com/nesacs), LinkedIn. (NESACSLinkedIn@network and the section blog: http://blog.nesacs.org/ Committees also have their individual communications channels, websites and social media-based pathways, as noted in their reports.
5a How Often do these communications occur:	
5a1 Number of newsletters published:*	10
5a2 Number of meeting notices:*	50
6. Did your local section have a website during 2014?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
6a. If the answer to 6 (above question) is YES, what was the URL for your local section's website?	www.nesacs.org
7. Did your local section post its Annual Report on your website during 2014?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 2014 activities to support your nomination.	The NESACS continued its vibrant activity in 2014. Ten monthly meetings featured outstanding programs, with speakers who included Martin Karplus, 2013 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry and Steve Lippard, 2014 Priestley Medalist, and award winners for Chemistry in the Public Interest (Esselen Award) and Outstanding Teaching (Norris Award), Med-Pharma symposia, and panels address issues in career planning and the Future of Chemistry. NESACS also celebrated 50 years of its sponsorship of the ACS National James Flack Norris Award for Physical

	<p>Organic Chemistry. NESACS received three ChemLuminary Awards in 2014: for Outstanding Collaboration Between a Local Section and a Division, for Best New High School Chemistry Club Event and for Global Engagement. Four Student Chapters received Honorable Mention and two received Commendable ratings. Green Chemistry Awards went to four Student Chapters During 2014, the site of the Edwin Land Laboratory was designated as a National Historic Chemical Landmark. The NESACS-German Exchange sent two undergraduate students, ten graduate students and four members of the NESACS-GDChE organizing committee to Jena, Germany, for the Frühjahrssymposium and visits to local universities and research facilities. One student, selected as a winner in the poster category, was invited to present a short talk.</p> <p>During 2014, 22 ACS scholars were receiving their education within the NESACS geographical region; one of these is sponsored by NESACS. NESACS provided funds for travel to ten students, for participation in the ACS National and Northeast Regional ACS Meetings. National Chemistry Week and Earth Day lectures and hands-on activities at the Museum of Science, the Children's Museum and numerous other venues reached thousands of students and members of the public. NESACS members were central in a number of STEM programs, some organized in co-operation with schools and Boy/Girl Scout groups. The Connections to Chemistry workshop provided training and tools for high school teachers.</p> <p>Activities aimed at industrial chemists included a workshop organized with the ACS Entrepreneurial Resources, two symposia organized by the Medicinal Chemistry Group, and symposia on Process Chemistry and the Future of Chemistry. Panel discussions also addressed alternative careers for chemists and aided those seeking employment. A new group was formed to organize meetings and activities for Senior Chemists.</p> <p>NESACS took an important step forward in its effort to preserve and share its heritage when it signed a contract with Salem State University to house and maintain its Archives. Physical and internet access will be provided to members and the public. We believe this arrangement could provide a model for other Local Sections.</p> <p>The Fundraising Committee tried new strategies, the most successful being targeting funding to specific meetings and activities. More than \$40K was raised as cash and in-kind donations. In addition, the Trustees reported that the favorable movement of the financial world was reflected by a significant increase in the value of investments held by the NESACS.</p> <p>The members of NESACS are looking forward to hosting the attendees of the 250th ACS National Meeting and Exposition in Boston in August 2015, and to events scheduled in conjunction with the meeting, including the 100th Anniversary of the Birthday of Henry Hill, the dedication of the Edwin Land National Historic Chemical Landmark and the 15th NESACS-German Exchange.</p>
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Local Section Administration Form - Supporting Materials

File Name	File Size	Brief Description
Chair_with pictures.pdf	0.75 MB	Report of the Chair
Chair-elect - Program Chair.pdf	0.17 MB	Report of the Chair-Elect, Program Chair
Secretary.pdf	0.14 MB	Report of the Secretary
Report of the TREASURER.pdf	0.18 MB	Report of the Treasurer
Board of Trustees.pdf	0.14 MB	Report of the Board of Trustees
Archivist.pdf	1.42 MB	Report of the Archivist
Auditor.pdf	0.38 MB	Report of the Auditor
BAGIM.pdf	0.3 MB	Report on BAGIM
Comm on Chemistry Education.pdf	1.02 MB	Report on Chemical Education Committee
Comm on Constitution and	0.15 MB	Report on Const and Bylaws Committee

Bylaws.pdf		
Comm on T W Richards Medal.pdf	0.14 MB	Report on Richards Medal Committee
Esselen Award Committee.pdf	4.28 MB	Report on Esselen Award Committee
Fundraising Committee.pdf	0.4 MB	Report on Fundraising Committee
Government Affairs Committee.pdf	0.5 MB	Report on Government Affairs Committee
Medicinal Chemistry Group.pdf	0.16 MB	Report on Medicinal Chemistry Group
Membership Committee.pdf	0.17 MB	Report on Membership Committee
Norris Committee 2014.pdf	0.87 MB	Report on Norris Awards Committee
Northeast Regional Meeting.pdf	0.13 MB	Report on NERMACS
Phyllis A Brauner Memorial Lecture.pdf	0.15 MB	Report on Brauner Lecture Committee
Subsection Task Force.pdf	0.16 MB	Report on Subsection Task Force
Summerthing.pdf	1.35 MB	Report on Summerthing
YCC - German Exchange.pdf	0.15 MB	Report on YCC- German Exchange
Younger Chemists Committee.pdf	0.18 MB	Report on Younger Chemists Committee
Public Relations Committee.pdf	2.71 MB	Report on Public Relations - bad links
Public Relations Committee.docx	1.58 MB	Report on Public Relations - good links

Local Section Administration Form - Approval

Comments

I am sorry that this is late but I have had much difficulty with this form, as I have discussed with the ACS office on several occasions.

Cathy Costello, NESACS 2014 Chair and NESACS Councilor

Approved & Submit for Review

Catherine Costello

04/06/2015

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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