

## American Chemical Society

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**Form:** Part II - Annual Narrative Report

**Organization:** Montana

**Year:** 2009

### A. Activities

Please describe and rank up to ten of your section's activities during 2009. 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 2009. If you wish to provide details beyond these paragraphs, please do so in Appendix 1.

#### Activity #1

a) Title: Annual Fall Social

For roughly twenty years, the Montana local section of the ACS holds an annual fall social in a geographic point that is central to most participating members. This year the event took place at Fairmont Hot Springs near Butte, Montana. Undergraduate chemistry majors from surrounding institutes presented posters of their research during the social. Its a relaxed time for chemists around the state to have time to talk to colleagues at other institutes. The highlight of the social was a keynote speaker talk by Dr. Howard Peters titled 'Chocolate-Food of the Gods'. The meeting was attended by over 40 ACS members of the section. Afterwards the ACS board members convened for a business meeting.

Description  
(Please limit

b) to one paragraph):

c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #2

a) Title: Spring Meeting in Minature

Every spring local section holds a spring meeting in which the focus are presentations and posters by graduate and undergraduate students in chemistry and biochemistry from academic institutes in Montana. This event took place in Bozeman, MT at Montana State University. Two keynote speakers, Edward Dratz and Edward Rosenberg, were invited to give talks entitled "Cell Signaling: Chemistry to Systems Biology" and Silica Polyamine Composites: Applications and Structural Design at the Polymer Surface Interface. Two awards were given for the best undergraduate and graduate presentations. Afterwards the ACS board members convened for a business meeting.

Description  
(Please limit

b) to one paragraph):

c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #3

a) Title Leadership Development Workshop

Description  
(Please limit to one paragraph):  
For the 2009 annual Fall Social a leadership development workshop was held concurrently for interested ACS members. The workshop was entitled "Leading Without Authority" and was led by Amber Hinkle. Ten people including board members, graduate students, undergraduate student and some ACS members attended the workshop. The workshop was sponsored through a mini-grant application through Local Section Activities section. The topic was relevant on how to approach supervisors and/or co-workers with tested methods.

Description  
(Please limit to one paragraph):

b) to one paragraph):

c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #4

a) Title:

Description  
(Please limit to one paragraph):

b) to one paragraph):

c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #5

a) Title

Description  
(Please limit to one paragraph):

b) to one paragraph):

c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #6

a) Title:

Description  
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b) to one paragraph):

c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #7

a) Title:

Description:  
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b) one paragraph):

c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #8

a) Title:

Description:  
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b) one paragraph):

c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #9

a) Title:

Description:  
(Please limit to one paragraph):

b) one paragraph):

- c)  This activity was new in 2009

#### Activity #10

- a) Title:

Description:

(Please limit to

- b) one paragraph):

- c)  This activity was new in 2009

## B. Summary - Overall Section Activities

Please summarize in *1,000 words or less*, the activities of the section in 2009 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 Leaders Conferences.

All major events have been discussed above in the Activities list. Documents that advertise or describe the events will be attached in Appendix 3.

## C. Local Section and Chair Goals

2009 Goal Attainment. The Local Section Activities Committee strongly encourages local section planning. As a result, the 2010 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

1. section and yourself, and report on the attainment of the goals.

- a) Local Section Goals and Assessment:

A top goal of our society this past year and prior years has been to get more participation of our members. Montana is a very large state geographically with our over 250 members spread out across the state. It is a challenge to get our ACS members together monthly so we compromise and meet twice a year at a central locale to most members.

- b) 2009 Chair's Goals and Assessment:

One of the top goals I wanted to address as chair in 2009 was to involve more undergraduates in our local section activities. As a section we have tried to make our meetings more friendly for undergraduates and graduates providing travel awards, and a venue for presentations in an amiable environment. Over the past few years undergraduate participation in our meetings is slowly increasing.

2010 Goals. (This section should be completed by the 2010 local section chair.) Please list below at least three goals that you and your

2. local section plan to accomplish during your term as local section chair.

a) 2010 Local Section Goals (Include at least three goals):

Local section goals include continuing to increase participation by undergraduate students, graduate students, post-doctoral students, and younger chemists. We are hoping a local section of the YCC will come into existence. We are interested in including more activities at the fall social of interest to younger members, such as short networking and informational sessions with Montana businesses, government agencies, and educational agencies. In addition we hope to increase participation of high school teachers.

b) 2010 Chair's Goals:

Primary goals include continuing to build the pipeline of volunteer members so that the local section board positions will rotate to members who have not previously held these positions; outreach to the communities through ACS national speakers via the speaker tour; and the local section goals.

## **D. Suggestions/Concerns**

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