

2006 DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

Division of: History of Chemistry (HIST)

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Division Governance

1. Are all officer positions filled? Yes No

1a. If no, list the positions that are vacant:

1b. Please provide contact information for the Regional meeting coordinator:

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2. Were Division elections conducted according to Bylaws? Yes No

3. Are bylaws reviewed and up-to-date? Yes No

Provide date of last review: 1995

4. Is the Division Procedures Manual reviewed and up-to-date? Yes No

Provide date of last review: 2005 with on-going updates in 2006

5. What is the approximate number of currently active volunteers in your Division? (Volunteer is defined as a member who helps plan or organize a meeting or activity, serves on a committee, or is an elected official.)

fewer than 10 10-20 20-50 50-75 more than 75

5a. What is the percentage of new volunteers in your Division?

fewer than 10% 10-20% 20-50% 50-75% more than 75%

6. What is the current number of elected officials, councilors, alternate councilors, and committee chairs who:

6a. Have held other ***elected*** positions in the Division?

0 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 more than 12

6b. Have held other ***appointed*** positions in the Division?

0 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12 more than 12

6c. Are in their first two years of service?

0 1 2-4 5-7 7-9 10 or more

7. Do candidates often run unopposed for office in your Division? Yes No

7a. Number of candidates who ran unopposed in your last Division election:

0 1 2 3 4 5 more than 5

7b. Please list all offices that ran only one candidate: Secretary/Treasurer

8. Does the Division recognize volunteers in some way? Yes No

8a. If yes, please check all that apply.

Certificates Gift Award Letter to volunteer Letter to Volunteer's Supervisor Recognition at an event Other (please indicate)

9. Other than the normal succession from chair-elect to chair, how does your Division identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline? Check all that apply.

Self-nominations Solicitation or Advertising Outreach to New Members
 Look to Affiliate Committees (e.g. Local YCC, WCC, Technician Affairs, Student Affiliates) Formal Succession Planning Formal Leadership Training Process
 Arm-Twisting Other (please indicate)

9a. Does the Division have a succession plan? Yes No

Communication with Members (check all that apply)

10. Newsletter In-Print Electronic On Web
 Division Website Last Updated: Feb. 7, 2007
 Open Division Meeting Open Division Executive Committee Meeting
Other (please explain)

Programming

11. How far in advance does your division plan its programming?

- 1 year 2 year 3 years 4 years or more

11a. Spring National Meeting (*check all that apply*)

- Organized Programming Cosponsored symposia with other ACS Units
 Cosponsored Meeting with Other (non ACS) Organizations Held Workshops
 Held Tutorials Other Activities

11b. Fall National Meeting (*check all that apply*)

- Organized Programming Cosponsored symposia with other ACS Units
 Cosponsored Meeting with Other (non ACS) Organizations Held Workshops
 Held Tutorials Other Activities: Annual Fall ACS National Meeting Concert

11c. Regional Meeting

Name and Date of Regional Meeting: We plan on contacting Regional Meeting organizers, to ask if they would be interested in presenting HIST's new award plaques (Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs) at their meetings.

- Organized Programming Cosponsored symposia with other ACS Units
 Cosponsored Meeting with Other (non ACS) Organizations Held Workshops
 Held Tutorials Other Activities

Explanation (*please explain all checked activities*)

11d. Regional Meeting

Name and Date of Regional Meeting

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 Cosponsored Meeting with Other (non ACS) Organizations Held Workshops
 Held Tutorials Other Activities

Explanation (*please explain all checked activities*)

11e. Regional Meeting

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 Cosponsored Meeting with Other (non ACS) Organizations Held Workshops
 Held Tutorials Other Activities

Explanation (*please explain all checked activities*)

11f. Local Section Meeting

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 Cosponsored Meeting with Other (non ACS) Organizations Held Workshops
 Held Tutorials Other Activities

Explanation (*please explain all checked activities*)

11g. Local Section Meeting

Name and Date of Local Section Meeting: We routinely have programming at ACS National Meetings which involves programming by local sections. We also provide speakers for local section programming.

- Organized Programming Cosponsored symposia with other ACS Units
 Cosponsored Meeting with Other (non ACS) Organizations Held Workshops
 Held Tutorials Other Activities

Explanation (*please explain all checked activities*)

11h. Other Programming (Non-ACS)

Name and Date of Other Programming

Description of Other Programming (*please explain activities*)

Multidisciplinary/Thematic Programming

12. What activities is the division doing for to demonstrate multidisciplinary aspects?
(*Please describe*) HIST has initiated and organized a number of ACS Presidential symposia in 2004 ("Responses to Changing Needs in Doctoral Education" for Chuck Casey); in 2005

("Transitions in the U. S. Chemical Profession in the 20th Century: Crisis, Turning Points and Their Resolutions" for Bill Carroll); in 2006 ("Pharmaceutical Research and Development over the Past 25 Years: Investment in Basic Research Leading to Benefits for Society" for Ann Nalley); and in 2007 ("Going with the Flow: Water Sustainability: Past, Present, Future" for Katie Hunt). (2) 2nd Annual Fall ACS National Meeting Music Concert: HIST initiated, organized and co-sponsored with the CHF a piano concert held on Tuesday afternoon of the San Francisco, CA meeting. The concert featured a number of chemistry students from the CalTech chamber music group along with chemist-pianist Victoria Bragin. (3) HIST has also obtained an IPGA focused on archiving its own records and teaching other Divisions how to do the same.

Divisional Planning

13. Does the Division have a Vision and/or Mission Statement? Yes No

14. Describe how the division does short term and long term planning. Initiations from the current Chair, form a small committee, present to the Executive Committee early drafts for their input, develop a consensus goal, then a consensus strategic plan, than a consensus tactical plan.

Membership

15. What is the division doing to address [membership](#)? (Please use link.) Create more innovative programming, increase the circulation of the Division's Bulletin for the History of Chemistry, develop broad awards programs, get new folks at Division meetings to be involved.

Awards

16. Did your Division apply for [Innovative Project Funds](#) in 2006? Yes No

16a. If yes, how much was your grant for - two grants, one for \$5000 and another for \$7500

17. What awards were given by the Division? (1) 2006 Sidney M. Edelstein Award to Peter Morris; (2) 2006 Outstanding Paper Award to Lyman R. Caswell; (3) Certificate of Appreciation award to Paul R. Jones (Editor, Bulletin for the History of Chemistry) and Vera V. Mainz (Secretary/Treasurer, HIST), and (4) ten awards were given in the year of the Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs award program (see C&EN, July 3, 2006, page 49).

Outreach Activities

18. What activities (not associated with Programming) does the division participate in (*check all that apply?*)

Educational Outreach Public Outreach Outreach to Government Officials

National Chemistry Week Other (Specify): Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs Award program

19. What activities, during this year, were earmarked to reach out to a specific group of under represented groups (i.e. younger chemists, minorities, women, chemical technicians, undergraduates, other)?

Activity	Group Targeted	Measurement of Effectiveness
Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs	Undergraduates	Plaques being placed in the halls of academic institutions.

20. List Activities/Programs that Support the [ACS Strategic Thrusts](#): Presidential Symposium Spring 2006 - "Pharmaceutical Research and Development over the Past 25 Years: Investment in Basic Research Leading to Benefits for Society;" in Spring 2007 ("Going with the Flow: Water Sustainability: Past, Present, Future"). The symposium in Spring 2007 will be the fourth symposium in four years focusing on the then ACS President's interpretation of the ACS Strategic Thrusts.

21. What ideas/technical improvements can ACS do to help with the Division's Mission?
Increase staffing and resources in its Technical Division staff at ACS National.

22. What barriers prevent the Division from achieving the Division's Mission? What can DAC do to help? Give each Division the opportunity to state one specific need that it could use ACS staff or funding to help. Have a DAC program to "make that happen."

23. Provide any comments/concerns regarding the Annual Review Process?