

2007 DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

Division of: History of Chemistry (HIST)

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Division Governance

1. Are all officer positions filled? Yes No

If no, list the positions that are vacant:

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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: 2006

5. How many current elected officials, councilors, and committee chairs:

- Have held other elected positions in the Division: 4
- Have held other appointed positions in the Division : 2
- Presently hold more than one elected office : 0
- Are in their first two years of service : 1

6. For each election that was held in 2007 please give the number of members than ran for

- Chair-elect : 2
- Secretary : 0
- Treasurer : 0
- Other: Sec/Treas: 1

Our Division did not hold an election in 2007.

7. Did your Division hold an election for Councilor and/or Alternate Councilor in 2007?

Yes No (if No skip to Question 9)

8. For the positions of Councilor and Alternate Councilor, did your Division vote for a single list of candidates where those with the highest number(s) of votes being elected Councilor and those with the next highest number of votes elected Alternate Councilor?

Yes, please go to 8a No, please go to 8b

8a. What was the total number of Councilor and Alternate Councilor positions filled in 2007?

1 Councilor, 1 Alternate Councilor

8b. How many Councilor positions were filled in 2007?

What was the total number of candidates for Councilor in 2007?

How many Alternate Councilor positions were filled in 2007?

What was the total number of candidates for Councilor in 2007?

9. Please indicate the number of candidates, who ran for office in 2007, who:

- Held a previous leadership position: 1
- Who are new to division leadership: 2
- Who are new to division activity: 1

10. Please indicate the approximate number of active volunteers in your division. (Volunteer is defined as a member who helps plan or organizes a meeting or activity, serves on a committee, or is an elected official including Councilor and Alternate Councilor.) 18

How many of these volunteers were new in 2007? 2

11. How does your Division identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline?

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self-Nominations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitation or advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify active committee members | <input type="checkbox"/> Formal leadership training |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outreach to new members | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arm-Twisting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Look to affiliates (e.g. local sections, YCC, WCC, Technician Affairs, and Student Affiliates) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

12. Aside from the Chair-Elect becoming Chair, does your Division have a long-term plan for developing new leaders and/or volunteers?

Yes No

Comments:

Communication with Members (check all that apply)

13. What methods does your division use to communicate with members? (check all that apply)

- Newsletter In-Print Electronic On Web
 Division Website Last Updated: Feb. 12, 2008
 Open Division Meeting Open Division Executive Committee Meeting
 Other (please explain)

Programming

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

- 1 year 2 year 3 years 4 years or more

14a. 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

14b. 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

14c. Regional Meeting

Name and Date of Regional Meeting

- 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*)

14d. Regional Meeting

Name and Date of Regional Meeting

- 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*)

14e. Regional Meeting

Name and Date of Regional Meeting

- 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*)

14f. Local Section Meeting

Name and Date of Local Section Meeting

- 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*) We plan on contacting Local Section organizers, to ask if they would be interested in presenting HIST's new award plaques (Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs) at their meetings.

14g. Local Section Meeting

Name and Date of Local Section Meeting

- 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*) We routinely have programming at ACS National Meetings which involves programming by local sections. We also provide speakers for local section programming.

14h. Other Programming (Non-ACS)

Name and Date of Other Programming

15. Description of Other Programming (*please explain activities*)

Multidisciplinary/Thematic Programming

16. What activities is the division doing 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" and "Going with the Information Flow: Chemical Abstracts Service 100th Anniversary for Katie Hunt). (2) HIST has initiated, organized and co-sponsored with the CHF two piano concerts held at two National meeting (2005 and 2006) (3) HIST has also obtained an IPGA focused on archiving its own records and teaching other Divisions how to do the same.

Divisional Planning

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

The Division of the History of Chemistry (HIST) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) seeks to advance knowledge and appreciation of the history of the chemical sciences among chemists, students, historians of science, and the broader public by

- **Encouraging research and scholarship in history of the chemical sciences;**
- **Providing a welcoming environment for the discussion of history of chemistry in a variety of venues, particularly in symposia at national ACS meetings;**
- **Serving as a resource for chemical scientists in general, and members of the ACS in particular, who seek to understand the roots of their discipline, sub-discipline, or interdisciplinary subject;**
- **Recognizing major achievements from the past in the chemical sciences and the individuals who made those achievements;**
- **Publishing a scholarly journal in history of chemistry;**
- **Interacting with other organizations interested in the history of science; and**
- **Adding value to the ACS by helping it achieve its vision and missions.**

17a. Describe how the division conducts 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. HIST will be involved in a ACS moderated strategic planning exercise at the Spring National Meeting in New Orleans.

Membership

18. How has the number of division [members](#) changed in the last few years? (Please use link.)
Over the last five years the Division membership has been:

2002 – 921
2003 – 906
2004 – 906
2005 – 828
2006 – 855

The average membership over 5 years is 883. It has been stable within roughly 5% of this membership since 1996.

18a. What is your division doing to address membership? Create more innovative programming, increase the circulation of the Division's Bulletin for the History of Chemsitry, develop broad awards programs, get new folks at Division meetings to be involved.

Awards/Recognition

19 Did your Division apply for [Innovative Project Funds](#) in 2007? Yes No

19a. If yes, did your Division receive an IPF Grant? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the amount received: \$12,500.00

20. What awards were given by the Division? (1) 2007 Sidney M. Edelstein Award to Anthony S. Travis; (2) 2007 Outstanding Paper Award to Patricia Swain; (3) in 2007, the Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs award program awarded nine awards.

Outreach Activities

21. Does the Division recognize volunteers in some way?

- Yes No

21a. If yes, please check that apply.

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

22. 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)? Add additional rows if necessary.

Activity	Group Targeted	Measurement of Effectiveness

23. List Activities/Programs that support the [ACS Strategic Thrusts](#). Add additional rows if necessary.

Activity	ACS Strategic Thrust

24. 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.

25. 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."

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