

2008 Division Annual Report for History of Chemistry (HIST)

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Division Information

Name of the Division submitting this Annual Report

Division Acronym: HIST

Full Name of the Division: History of Chemistry

Contact Information for Individual filling out this annual report

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Division Governance

1. Were Division elections conducted according to the Bylaws?

Yes

2a. Are the Bylaws reviewed and up-to-date?

(It is recommended that Bylaws be reviewed annually and updated at least every five years.)

No

2b. Bylaw review by the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

Date of last review: 1995

3a. Is the Division Procedures Manual reviewed and up-to-date?

Yes

3b. Division Procedures Manual review:

Date of last review: 2008

4. Please complete the following table of positions within the Division

	Position Filled? (Y/N)	# of candidates who ran	# who held other <u>elected</u> positions in the Division	# who have held other <u>appointed</u> positions in the Division	# with ≤ 2 years of service to the Division
Chair-Elect	Y	2	0	1	1
Secretary	Y	2	1	1	0
Treasurer	Y	2	2	1	0
Councilor					
Alternate-Councilor					
Member-at-Large					
Other Position (1)*					
Other Position (2)**					

* Position (1) Specify: Secretary/Treasurer

** Position (2) Specify:

Volunteers

5. Please indicate the approximate number of active volunteers in your Division. (A volunteer is defined as a member who helps plan or organize a meeting or activity, serves on a committee, or is an elected official including Councilor and Alternate Councilor.)

Total number of volunteers: 18

Number of new volunteers in 2008: 8

Succession Planning

6. How does your Division identify and nurture future division leaders? (Check all that apply.)

Self-Nominations

Solicitation or advertising

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Outreach to new members

Arm-Twisting

Other. -

7. Describe your Division’s long-term plan and procedures for developing new leaders and/or volunteers.

We continue to ask members of the Division who are not taking an active role to volunteer for various activities, including organizing symposia at national and regional meetings, participate in strategic planning.

Communication with Members

8a. How does the Division communicate with its members? (*Check all that apply.*)

Print Newsletters

Electronic Newsletters

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E-Mail Blasts

Pre-Meeting Separates

Division Website. Date of last Division website revision? Specify: Febraury 2009

Open Division Meetings

Other: Bulletin for the History of Chemistry

8b. How does the Division provide meeting content to its members? (*Check all that apply.*)

ACS Symposium Series publications

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Other. Specify: Bulletin for the History of Chemistry

Programming

9. Contact Information for your Division's Regional Meeting Coordinator:

Last Name: Strom

First Name: E. Thomas

Phone: 817-272-5441

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10. Contact Information for your Division's Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group (MPPG)

Representative:

Last Name: Rasmussen

First Name: Seth

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National Meeting Programming

Enter information below for the Spring and Fall National Meetings.

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

2 years

11b. What were your Division activities at the Spring National Meeting? (*Check all that apply.*)

Organized Programming

Cosponsored symposia with other ACS Units (Do not include co-listed symposia)

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11c. What were your Division activities at the Fall National Meeting? (*Check all that apply.*)

Organized Programming

Cosponsored symposia with other ACS Units (Do not include co-listed symposia)

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Divisional, Regional, or Local Section Meeting Programming

Enter information below for any other meetings your Division may have developed or participated in. (Divisional meetings are meetings your Division hosted for your Division members.)

Meeting #1 Information

12a. Type of Meeting #1:

Regional

12b. Details of the Meeting #1:

SWRM - South West Regional Meeting

12c. What were your Division activities and responsibilities at Meeting? (*Check all that apply.*)

Organized Programming. Briefly describe: provided contact to act as symp organizer

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Meeting #2 Information

13a. Type of Meeting #2:

13b. Details of the Meeting #2:

13c. What were your Division activities and responsibilities at Meeting? (*Check all that apply.*)

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Meeting #3 Information

14a. Type of Meeting #3:

14b. Details of the Meeting #3:

14c. What were your Division activities and responsibilities at Meeting? (*Check all that apply.*)

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Meeting #4 Information

15a. Type of Meeting #4:

15b. Details of the Meeting #4:

15c. What were your Division activities and responsibilities at Meeting? (*Check all that apply.*)

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Other Meeting Programming (e.g., non-ACS Meetings, International Meetings, etc.)

Other Meeting #5 Information

16a. Details of other Meeting #5 Information:

16b. What were your Division activities at the Other Meeting #5? (*Check all that apply.*)

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Other Meeting #6 Information

17a. Details of other Meeting #6 Information:

17b. What were your Division activities at the Other Meeting #6? (*Check all that apply.*)

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Multidisciplinary, Thematic, and Cooperatively Sponsored Programming

Enter information below for Division activities that fostered multidisciplinary, thematic, and cooperatively sponsored programming at any meetings held in 2008.

18a. Briefly describe programming with other divisions, committee, or other entities that were multidisciplinary is topic coverage.

At the Spring meeting in New Orleans we were the primary organizer of a symposium entitled “Women Chemists in the National Inventors' Hall of Fame: Telling Their Stories” which was co-sponsored by CHED, TECH, WCC, and I&EC. We also hosted a symposium co-sponsored by the Bolton Society (a sub-society of the Chemical Heritage Foundation) entitled “A Festival of Chemistry Entertainments”. At the Fall meeting in Philadelphia we co-sponsored a multitude of symposia (over 20 held by other divisions!) and ran a symposium entitled Classic Books in Chemistry V: Chemical Engineering, which was co-sponsored by CINF and the Bolton Society.

18b. Briefly describe any programming with other divisions, committee, or other entities that supported the national meeting thematic programs.

See 18a

18c. Briefly describe any cooperatively-sponsored symposia with other divisions, committee, or other entities.

See 18a

Divisional Planning

19. Does the Division have a Vision and/or Mission Statement?

Yes

20. When was the last Division long range planning session?

April 7, 2008

Membership

21. Looking at your Division [membership history](#) over the last few years, list specific Division actions that have favorably or unfavorably impacted your Division demographics and growth.

We continue to create innovative programming, increase the circulation of the Division's Bulletin for the History of Chemistry, develop broad award programs and get ask new folks at Division meetings how they'd like to be involved.

Awards

22. Did your Division use funds from an Innovative Projects Fund Grant during 2008?

Yes

If Yes, then please complete the following Innovative Projects Fund Grant report

23a. Innovative Projects Fund Grant Information:

Project Title: Women Chemists in the National Inventors' Hall of Fame: Telling Their Stories

Division Project Funds Contact (Name and Email): Mary Virginia Orna, mvorna@cnr.edu

Amount of funding received from the Division Activities Committee (DAC): 7500.00

Amount of other funding received to support this project: other expenses were paid by Chemsorce Inc.

23b. Please provide a brief description of the activity funded by your Innovative Projects Grant, and its results:

In accord with the ACS goal of promoting inclusiveness throughout the chemical enterprise by advocating for the participation and recognition of underrepresented members, the purpose of this project was to not only recognize the women chemists in the National Inventors Hall of Fame through a symposium at the New Orleans ACS meeting, but also to bring those still living among us to come tell their own stories of how their work moved forward other aims of the ACS strategic plan: promoting innovation,

solving humanity's pressing needs, improving people's lives – all through the transforming power of chemistry. Women are no longer underrepresented even in the higher echelons of the ACS, but as it turns out, they are painfully almost invisible in other organizations, particularly those that recognize individual achievements. One of these is the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF). It is projected that this half-day symposium highlighting women chemists who are already members publicized this situation in such a way as to inspire new nominations of women inventors and promote the recognition of innovative women in general. The proceedings of the symposium will be published on various ACS-based websites and in the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry. Information on the symposium was forwarded to the selection committee of the NIHF and other appropriate organizations.

23c. Briefly describe the impact of the Innovative Project Funds on the Division (if applicable):

The funding was used to support speaker travel and a reception (as described in the proposal).

24. List Division Awards in 2008

Award #1

Name of Award: Edelstein Award

of Nominees: Executive committee does not get involved in the process

How candidates were identified: Nominated candidates were reviewed by a committee made up of previous winners of the award appointed by the Division Chair

Award #2

Name of Award: Outstanding Paper Award

of Nominees:

How candidates were identified: A committee chose the winner from papers published in our journal (the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry) during the previous three years

Award #3

Name of Award: Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs

of Nominees:

How candidates were indentified: A committee reviews nominations and picks approx. 4 to 6 awardees per year.

Award #4

Name of Award:

of Nominees:

How candidates were indentified:

Award #5

Name of Award:

of Nominees:

How candidates were indentified:

Award #6:

Name of Award:

of Nominees:

How candidates were indentified:

Award #7

Name of Award:

of Nominees:

How candidates were indentified:

25. How does the Division recognize its volunteers (*Check all that apply*)?

Certificates

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Outreach and Additional Division Activities

As background on this section, please see [Best Practices to Share with Other Divisions](#).

26a. Describe any partnerships and activities the Division has with non-ACS US-based entities (e.g., sponsorships, publications, etc.)

We signed an agreement (approved by ACS) with the Chemical Heritage Foundation to become an Affiliate Member of CHF. This has given us a seat on the Heritage Council (the CHF advisory board made up of representatives of their affiliate societies).

26b. Describe any partnerships and activities the Division has with non-ACS global (i.e., non US-based) entities (e.g., sponsorships, publications, etc.)

We share information for our newsletters with the Royal Society of Chemistry's Historical Section. We also have an agreement with the journal *Ambix* (published in England) where they advertise our *Bulletin for the History of Chemistry* and we advertise *Ambix*.

27. In which of the outreach activities (not associated with Programming) does the Division participate (*Check all that apply.*)

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Other. Specify: We have provided subscriptions to targeted college libraries to the *Bulletin for the History of Chemistry*

28. Describe Division activities that promote chemistry to the general public.

29. What activities, during this year, were targeted to groups under-represented in the profession or in the ACS (for example, younger chemists, minorities, women, chemical technicians, or undergraduates)? Please highlight new activities.

Activity #1

Group Targeted:

Describe the Activity:

Measure of Effectiveness:

Activity #2

Group Targeted:

Describe the Activity:

Measure of Effectiveness:

Activity #3

Group Targeted:

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Measure of Effectiveness:

Activity #4

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Activity #6

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Activity #7

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Measure of Effectiveness:

Activity #8

Group Targeted:

Describe the Activity:

Measure of Effectiveness:

Activity #9

Group Targeted:

Describe the Activity:

Measure of Effectiveness:

30. List the Division activities/programs that support the [ACS Strategic Plan](#).

We have a program called "See and Be Seen" which was initially funded by an Innovative Projects grant a few years ago in which we help sponsor history-based symposia at regional meetings. We also support numerous symposia whose themes support the ACS Strategic Plan, such as the symposium at the New Orleans ACS Meeting: Women Chemists in the National Inventor's Hall of Fame: Telling Their Stories.

Miscellaneous

31. Describe benefits the Division provides to its members (Check all that apply.)

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Web access to programming

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Social events at meetings

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32. What impediments does the Division experience in achieving its Mission?

We do not have enough volunteers to carry out our plans. We also do not have the financial resources to do everything we would like to do. We currently are having difficulty finding the funding for our Edelstein Award.

33. What can ACS/DAC do to support the Division's Mission?

We appreciate the funding that DAC has given us to through Innovative Project grants over the past several years. Continued funding for good proposals is always appreciated by the division.

34. What can DAC do to improve the Annual Review Process?

We only described one of our Innovative Project Grants because the area of the online report form only is set up to report on one grant. We received two grants last year. The other one was for a proposal entitled "Outreach and Professional Education and Diversity: Involvement of ACS Local Sections in Divisional Activities" and was submitted by Jeff Seeman. This was for the funding of the Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs Award program. \$5000.00 was funded, but only \$75 was used so far. The project is becoming a success and we will be continuing to use that money for this purpose in the future. In 2008 we also received two additional IPG's, one to Mary Virginia Orna (\$5000) to fund a symposium about Chemical History Study Tours, and one to Janan Hayes (\$7500) to fund a symposium on Past ACS Presidents. Both of these grants will be spent during 2009.