**Report to Council**

**Committee on Local Section Activities**

**2012 San Diego Spring National Meeting**

Mr. President and Fellow Councilors,

The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) would like to recognize local sections celebrating significant anniversaries in 2012. [show slide] Will the Councilors of the sections listed on the slide please stand to be recognized? I would also like to acknowledge [show slide] the sections that celebrated significant anniversaries of over 100 years in 2011 and those that will celebrate during 2012.

LSAC would like to thank the 174 out of 187 local sections that have completed their 2011 Annual Reports. LSAC commends those local sections that submitted over 1200 events, meetings, and activities as a part of their annual report, and the many self-nominations for ChemLuminary Awards.

Staff briefed LSAC on the survey results regarding FORMS, the tool used for annual report submission, and due to multiple enhancements made to the system over the last year, overall satisfaction with FORMS increased from 34% to 76%. LSAC has been actively involved with this initiative, and is pleased to see such dramatic improvement in user satisfaction. FORMS will continue to evolve using feedback from users.

LSAC continues to be concerned by the distant relationship between R1 university chemistry faculty/departments and their local sections. We encourage the development of joint events that will benefit both groups.

The committee has reviewed the current local section allotment formula and is in the process of revising the formula for the 2013 issuance of local section allotments. LSAC will present a new formula to Council during the Philadelphia national meeting for action.

LSAC awarded 28 Innovative Project Grants for a total of $51,093 dollars compared to 44 for all of 2011. We also awarded 16 mini-grants to engage in member retention efforts. Recipients will be notified during April. Earlier this year LSAC funded four Leadership Development Grants and three Science Cafés. More information about all LSAC grants and those of other committees is available at [www.acs.org/getinvolved](http://www.acs.org/getinvolved). [show slide]

LSAC is pleased to recognize the grant program of Corporation Associates that awarded 13 grants to Local Sections to enhance industry-section relations.

We encourage sections to utilize the Online Speaker Directory. We also encourage sections and individuals to nominate/self-nominate and participate in this valuable service. We particularly encourage Career Counselors, ACS Webinar Series participants and interesting speakers you have heard to be submitted to speakers@acs.org.

Mr. President, this completes my report.

Lee Latimer, Chair