

Local Section Activities Committee
Council Report
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Madam President and fellow Councilors,

Last evening, the Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) presented the 2016 Awards for Outstanding Performance for Local Sections at the 19th Annual ChemLuminary Awards celebration. I am pleased to announce the award-winning sections as shown on the slide [SLIDE ONE]. Will the Councilors from the Binghamton, Kentucky Lake, Midland, Nashville, Indiana, and Chicago local sections please stand to be recognized for their outstanding performance?

[SLIDE TWO] LSAC was pleased to present the award for the Best Activity or Program Stimulating Membership Involvement to the Binghamton Local Section. The Local Section Partnership Award went to the Illinois-Heartland Local Section, and the Kanawha Valley Section was awarded the Most Innovative New Activity or Program in a Local Section.

Local sections must submit their annual reports and self-nominations by February 15, 2018 to be eligible for these awards recognizing their 2017 activity. Sections wishing to self-nominate for Outstanding Performance Awards must submit their annual reports by the deadline.

LSAC is concluding its review of the 2016 local section annual reports. 180 of the 185 local sections have completed their annual reports, and the committee is working to assist the remaining sections. Sections are encouraged to login into FORMS to access the review of their annual report by LSAC and may then provide a response to LSAC within the following six weeks.

[SLIDE THREE] LSAC's Grants and Awards Subcommittee received 16 proposals for the June 30th deadline for Innovative Program Grants (IPGs). 15 grants will be awarded for a total of \$33,000 -- bringing the total awards for 2017 to \$72,776. LSAC will also offer new grants for Members Engaging Through Technology (METT) beginning this fall.

Awards of up to \$2,000 each are also available to local sections hosting Leadership Development courses. [SLIDE FOUR] Details about section programming and funding opportunities can be found on the Get Involved, Stay Involved page at acs.org/getinvolved

LSAC endorsed the Petition on International Chemical Sciences Chapters and opposed the Petition for Election of Committee Chairs.

The committee approved a petition to amend the Princeton Local Section bylaws to create a topical group affiliation with the Princeton Fall Organic Chemistry Symposium.

[SLIDE FIVE] LSAC also recommends approval of the South Jersey Local Section Petition to annex the unassigned and adjacent territory of Ocean County. The petition is on page 94 of the Council agenda. Madam President, this petition is now ready for council action.

Yielded the floor to ACS President Allison Campbell for the vote, the petition was approved by the Council.

Madam President and fellow Councilors, this concludes my report.

Jason Ritchie
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Councilor, Ole Miss Local Section