**Committee on Local Section Activities**

Council Report, 255th ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, LA

Mr. President and Fellow Councilors

The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) would like to recognize local sections celebrating significant anniversaries in 2018. Will the councilors from the following sections please stand to be recognized for their anniversary as noted on the slide (slide 1), for their 50th—Heart o’Texas, LaCrosse-Winona, Northeast Georgia; 75th—Carolina-Piedmont, Lake Superior, Sabine Neches; and 125th— the Chemical Society of Washington and the Lehigh Valley local section. Please join me in congratulating these local sections. If your local section has an upcoming anniversary, please plan to celebrate your anniversary and consider submitting an Innovative Program Grant Proposal (IPG) to support the event.

At this meeting, LSAC approved the funding of 19 new IPGs totaling nearly $44k. The deadline for the next round of proposals is June 1st. LSAC will soon be requesting proposals for Science Café Mini-Grants, which will be due on May 31st and the Members Engaging Through Technology (METT) grants which will be due in October.

LSAC has begun the review of the 2017 Local Section Annual Reports and 146 local sections have completed their reports. Thank you and congratulations to those sections that have submitted their reports. LSAC will follow-up with those local sections that have not yet submitted their Councilor- approved annual reports in an effort to expedite their submission. LSAC expects to complete its review of annual reports by June 1st.

LSAC and the Committee on Community Activities (CCA) hosted a joint open meeting on Tuesday. On behalf of CCA, I would like to remind you that this year marks the 15th anniversary of Chemists Celebrate Earth Day, which has now expanded into Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW). Printed copies of the CCEW edition of *Celebrating Chemistry,* are available in English and Spanish at the resource table in the back. All local sections are encouraged to participate in CCEW.

A revision to the Legal Resources Guide for Local Sections and Divisions is now available on acs.org/getinvolved (slide 2). The manual now in its second edition is intended to guide ACS officers in managing the legal risks of operating their local sections or divisions. However, as laws are often complex, evolving and can vary from state to state; the manual cannot cover every issue and should not be substituted for legal advice and counsel from an attorney.

LSAC voted to endorse the Petition on Affiliation with Other Technical Organizations. LSAC also voted to endorse the Petition to Rename and Remove Restrictions for International Science Chapters.

Mr. President, this concludes my report.

Jason Ritchie, Chair