**Committee on Local Section Activities**

Council Report, 2019 ACS National Meeting, Orlando, FL

Madam President and Fellow Councilors

The Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) would like to recognize local sections celebrating significant anniversaries in 2019. Will the councilors from the following sections please stand to be recognized for their anniversary as noted on the [SLIDE]. For their 25th – Tampa Bay; 50th—Central Utah; 75th— Hampton Roads, Northeastern Ohio, Southern Nevada, Wabash Valley; 100th— Midland and Oklahoma local sections and their 125th – Lehigh Valley. Please join me in congratulating these local sections. If your local section has an upcoming anniversary, please plan to celebrate this important milestone and consider submitting an Innovative Program Grant Proposal (IPG) to support the event.

At this meeting, LSAC approved the funding of 13 new IPGs totaling over $38,000. The deadline for the next round of IPG proposals is June 30th. 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 is developing ways to share best practices, learned through our grant programs, via our Local Section Digital Resource Guide and a planned webinar series.

LSAC has begun the review of the 2018 Local Section Annual Reports, and we’re proud to report that 153 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. Printed copies of the Chemists Celebrate Earth Week, or CCEW, edition of Celebrating Chemistry are available in English and Spanish at the resource table in the back.  The theme this year is “Take Note: the Chemistry of Paper.” All local sections are encouraged to participate in CCEW and consider hosting an outreach event or educational program.

LSAC reviewed the procedures for calculating local section allocations and recommends maintaining the existing allocation formula. The allocation formula, which has been in place since 2013, applies fixed percentages for a base and per capita allocation, as well as funds for LSAC grant programs. Details regarding the allocation formula are included in my written report on pages138-139 of the Council Agenda and were shared in the March 2019 issue of Councilor News and Committee Alerts.

Madam President, this concludes my report.

Jason Ritchie, Chair