



Toledo Review Form 2014

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Stephanie Watson: Great job to a very active Local Section-keep up the good work! You entered your 16 events and several outreach events in FORMS and self-nominated for Chemluminary Awards and Outstanding Performance Award. You can also continue to enter your events as they occur, which is a very good habit. You used the IPG program for the Sam Kean event and held a successful event! You also held a variety of events that included both members and the community: Water Talk, Social at the Ballgame, NOAA library talk, Botanic Gardens event. There were several education outreach programs-NCW, Chemistry Olympiad, and Fizz, Boom, Read program, and spelling bee fundraiser. You have a succession plan, which is also very important for the continuation of your LS. The section is active on the National level-attending council meetings and the Leadership Institute. Elections were held but electronic elections tend to reach more members. Active committees help to maintain member participation. You have good communication and the website appears to be up-to-date with easy to find information on officers, but the newsletters are not updated. Newsletters are a good way to summarize events and encourage members to attend the next activity. Finances show a \$4k deficit and should be watched to maintain assets.

Peer to peer contact revealed that the Section has been thinking about a succession plan and has had difficulty in attracting new people. They have found that retired chemists may have more time, but are also busy. The section has updated the bylaws and is trying to find an inexpensive way to hold elections. They are a small section with limited funds and so could afford \$250. Talked about IPG feedback and apparently response from the grants and awards subcommittee; I assured her that the subcommittee has been providing reasons for denying or reducing funds.

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Response To Review Comments		
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Dear Stephanie Watson and ACS,
Thank you for our review and speaking with me directly about it.
During our conversation I told Stephanie how thrilled we were to be honored with the Central Reg P3 Award in Grand Rapids on June 30, 2014, for our partnership with the Toledo-Lucas county Library system and for being finalists for 2 different ChemLuminary Awards in Boston, pertaining to that partnership. We will see you in Boston!
I also did query Stephanie as to how we fared on overall Section (for our size) ChemLuminary Award nominations, as I thought we had a truly significant year last year, but alas we were not finalists. I do wonder what we have to do more of or less of or change to be considered worthy of being a finalist for Section ChemLuminary Award of our size.
We are having another great year of outreach and programming events! And just submitted our bid (was accepted) to host the 2018 Central Regional Meeting - big project for small section!
We continue to look into how to do email- electronic elections.
We continue to look for more volunteers and new section leadership - ongoing challenge.
Our thanks again to the ACS committees who helped us with grants in 2014 and 2015!

Joanna Hinton (Past Chair 2014, Chair-Elect)

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