

American Chemical Society

Form: Appendix 7 -- Women Chemist Committee Report **Optional**

Organization: Michigan State University

Year: 2009

WCC Annual Report

Goals of the LSWCC Annual Report

The purpose of LSWCC Annual Reports is to summarize and highlight the achievements of Local Section (LS) WCCs every year. This accomplishes several objectives:

- (1) continuity within each LSWCC to use for future reference and succession planning;
- (2) increased awareness of LSWCC programming to share with the LS ACS and the National WCC;
- (3) conveyance of event ideas with other LSWCCs. Along those lines, Annual Reports are used to select LSWCC award winners.

Submission of the LSWCC Annual Report

This form must be completed if you wish to be nominated for a LSWCC award. If you do not wish to be nominated for an award or do not have a LSWCC, this form is optional.

I. Overall Evaluation

Provide a brief, general overview of the LSWCC. Reflect on the state of the committee -- if the goals of last year were accomplished, possibly commenting candidly about the activities.

ACS Women in Chemistry (WiC) was founded at Michigan State University in 1997 to address the needs and concerns of women who have or are pursuing advanced degrees in chemistry and related fields. WiC provides opportunities for women chemists to interact with one another, and establishes programs which are designed to facilitate both professional and personal growth. Opportunities are also available for network building and for establishing mentoring relationships among members. Our members consist of graduate students, postdocs, specialists, and faculty members in the MSU Department of Chemistry. This year has proven to be quite successful both in terms of outreach and educational opportunities, as interest in WiC events increased. While our mission remains the same, we continue to hold a variety of new activities which we hope will appeal to a variety of different audiences. The specific goals of 2009 were to maintain a strong outreach program, provide opportunities for networking, and to increase participation in WiC activities.

II. Officers and Members

Provide a list of current LS officers and committee members. Note who is writing and submitting Annual Report. It is strongly suggested that this list contain contact information, e.g. email addresses, phone numbers, and mailing addresses, for the:

LSWCC Officers

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WCC Members

Steering Committee Members: Samantha Frawley, Christine Hay, Jill Pinter, Alison Brown, Lisa Harlow, Heather Crawford, Amber Hupp, Jaime Curtis, Erica Schwander.

III. Activities

This section highlights each LSWCC activity in more detail, such as: a description of the event, how many people attended, what did and did not work, obstacles encountered, photographs, websites, etc.

Our outreach program focused on encouraging and sustaining the interest of young people in the sciences. The following demonstrations were performed for elementary-aged students at Science Fun Day in East Lansing: Invisible Ink , Colorful Milk , and Things That Glow. Participation among WiC members was high for this event, and the activities were a hit with the kids.

WiC also provided activities which offered a supportive environment within the community and to increase participation. WiC members again participated in the American Cancer Society s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk by raising over \$2000 towards the fight against breast cancer. WiC raised money by collectin personal donations, and through the sale of cookies, other baked goods, pink ribbons and pins, the symbol of breast cancer awareness.

IV. Budget

Itemize each event with the cost, and acknowledge the source of funds.

New Graduate Student Luncheon \$140

All funding was provided by the ACS Local Section. Supplies for outreach activities are generally provided without cost to Women in Chemistry by the MSU Dept. of Chemistry.

V. Future Plans

State the short-term objectives such as brain-storming ideas and point-people for specific projects. Also, state the long-term goals, e.g. the purpose of the LSWCC.

Plans for 2010 include maintenance of the past outreach activities, continued involvement in Meet the Speaker events, and increased participation in activities devoted to establishing mentoring relationships among members.