



History of Chemistry Technical Division Administration Form 2019

Technical Division Administration Form - Governance	
1. Does the Division have a Vision and/or Mission Statement?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
2. What was the date of the last Division strategic planning session? *	4/7/2008
3. What are the primary challenges confronting your Division?*	We need to engage more of our members to contribute to programming at regional, national, and international meetings, both in terms of contributed general papers, talks, and the organization of specific symposium. We continue to try to increase our opportunities to program with other divisions and build connections with other groups interested in the history of chemistry and science. We need to actively recruit new members for the health of the division.
4. Were Division elections conducted according to its Bylaws?*	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5. What offices were filled by elections during the past year?	None this year. Our elected officers, other than councilors, serve two years. Elections are held in even years.
5a. Were any positions left unfilled that were expected to be filled?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
6. What additional support do you need from DAC or ACS staff?	ACS should handle elections for the division.
7. What can DAC do to improve the Annual Review Process?	We have no specific recommendations.
8. How many Executive Committee meetings were held during the calendar year?	2
9. Did your Division hold an open meeting for Division members?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
9a. Do the Division by-laws require an open meeting?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

Technical Division Administration Form - Member Relations	
1. Did your total membership increase or decrease in 2019?*	Increase
2. Did the Division have an adequate number of volunteers to cover your requirements?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
2a. If the answer to 2 (above question) is NO, please explain.	Our programming is completely dependent upon volunteers. We continue to try to involve members in participation in programming. We have seen an increase in Division membership, from 675 in 2017, to 971 in 2018, to 1122 in 2019. We believe this is an important indicator that both programming and the Bulletin are reaching our members and others in the ACS.
3. How does your Division use its website to serve its members?	The website allows us to notify members of current news and events. It is the gateway to the HIST journal, the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry. The website serves as an active archive of Division business, including executive committee minutes, annual reports, the current executive committee roster and officer contact information, upcoming symposia, meeting abstracts and schedules, newsletters, and calls for nominations for awards as well as the information on the awards given by the Division. Hosted by UIUC, the website has now a large number of resources available for anyone interested in the history of chemistry.
3a. What is the URL for your website?	http://acshist.scs.illinois.edu/
4. When was your Divisions website last updated?	1/13/2020
5. Does your division have subdivisions?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
5a. If the answer to 5 (above question) is YES, please list.	Archaeological Chemistry Subdivision

Technical Division Administration Form - Programming	
1. In general, how would you assess the programming your Division delivered during 2019 ACS national meetings?*	HIST had very strong programming at both national meetings in 2019, as well as significant symposia at three regional meetings, GLRM, SWRM, and SERMACS. At the spring meeting in Orlando, we had three 1/2 day sessions for general papers, as well as two popular symposia: 1)

	<p>Archaeological Chemistry, part 1 (Metals & Related Metallic Compounds), part 2 (Glasses, Ceramics & Organic Materials), and part 3 (Color in Archaeology & Pedagogy) (three 1/2 day sessions) and 2) Pioneers of Magnetic Resonance (one 1/2 day session). Both these symposia have resulted in symposium volumes, one through the ACS symposium series and one through another publisher. At the fall meeting in San Diego, we had a 1/2 day session of general papers and four other symposia. The "150 Years of the Periodic Table" symposium, co-sponsored by CINF, INOR and PRES, was HIST's celebration of the International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT), and consisted of three 1/2 day sessions. There was also a full day of programming in honor of O. Theodor Benfey, the 2019 HIST Award winner, a 1/2 day session on the Bibliography of Chemistry, and a 1/2 day session on 150 Years of the Publication of the 1st Issue of Zhurnal Russkogo Fiziko-Himicheskogo Obshtetra (coincidentally, the journal where Mendeleev first published the periodic law). At the regional meetings, the HIST symposia continue to be some of the most popular events, arguably because of their interdisciplinary nature and general interest to a broad audience. At the GLRM, we organized a very well-attended session that concluded with a tutorial paper on how to carry out historical research. At the SWRM, the symposium was another IYPT event, "Celebrating the Elements and Their Discoverers." The SWRM organizers told us this was the best attended of all symposia at the meeting, to the extent the room had to be extended to accommodate all who were interested. The symposium at SERMACS (two half-day sessions, also celebrating the IYPT and entitled "The past, present, and future of the periodic table", was also well attended.</p>
<p>2. How far in advance does your Division plan its national meeting programming?*</p>	<p> <input type="radio"/> Less than 1 year <input type="radio"/> 1 Year <input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 Years <input type="radio"/> 3 Years <input type="radio"/> 4+ Years <input type="radio"/> Others </p>
<p>3. Do you have a Regional Meeting Coordinator for your Division?*</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>a. If the answer to 3 (above question) is YES, provide contact information for your Division's Regional Meeting Coordinator.</p>	
<p>i. First Name</p>	
<p>ii. Last Name</p>	
<p>iii. Phone</p>	
<p>iv. E-Mail</p>	
<p>b. Did someone attend a planning session last year?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>4. Do you have a Program Chair for your Division?*</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>a. If the answer to 4 (above question) is YES, provide contact information for your Division's Program Chair.</p>	
<p>i. First Name</p>	
<p>ii. Last Name</p>	
<p>iii. Phone</p>	
<p>iv. E-Mail</p>	
<p>b. Did someone attend a planning session last year?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>5. Do you have Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group (MPPG) Representative for your Division?*</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>a. If the answer to 5 (above question) is YES, provide contact information for your Division's Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group (MPPG) Representative.</p>	
<p>i. First Name</p>	
<p>ii. Last Name</p>	
<p>iii. Phone</p>	
<p>iv. E-Mail</p>	
<p>b. Did someone attend a planning session last year?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>

Technical Division Administration Form - Best Practices	
1. Please describe techniques used to develop volunteers.	Volunteers are developed via participation. Input is requested from the membership on programming and division activities via the Newsletter, direct mail, and the HIST website. If the members attend symposia, they are invited to express their opinion about programming and asked to suggest ideas for future programming. Those who give talks in general sessions are approached, when appropriate, to submit a paper to the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry. They are also asked whether they have an interest in organizing a symposium on their specific interests in the history of chemistry.
2. Please describe how you recruit volunteers to serve the Division.	Volunteers are developed via participation. Input is requested from the membership on programming and division activities via the Newsletter, direct mail, and the HIST website. If the members attend symposia, they are invited to express their opinion about programming and asked to suggest ideas for future programming. Those who give talks in general sessions are approached, when appropriate, to submit a paper to the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry. They are also asked whether they have an interest in organizing a symposium on their specific interests in the history of chemistry.
3. How does your Division recognize its volunteers?	Volunteers are thanked verbally for their services. They are sometimes awarded a plaque in recognition of their service. The Division is now developing a divisional HIST Fellows program.
4. How does your Division provide meeting content to its members?	Through options given by the ACS, such as streaming talks given at national meetings. We also make the meeting abstracts available via the HIST website (and via the USPS for those members who request hardcopy). Some of the talks develop into papers, published in the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry, received by all members. We have also been very successful in the publication of ACS symposium volumes based on well-attended symposia, as well as publishing symposium proceedings with other publishers.
5. Describe outreach activities to serve members who don't attend national meetings.	Through options given by the ACS, such as streaming talks given at national meetings. We also make the meeting abstracts available via the HIST website (and via the USPS for those members who request hardcopy). Some of the talks develop into papers, published in the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry, received by all members. We have also been very successful in the publication of ACS symposium volumes based on well-attended symposia, as well as publishing symposium proceedings with other publishers.
6. What are the most important benefits your Division provides to its members?	The Bulletin for the History of Chemistry; the HIST Newsletter/Abstracts; the HIST facebook page (which has now exceeded 1,985 likes and over 2,035 follows); HIST now has a facebook following that is comparable to most of the "big" divisions of the ACS, which speaks to the inherent interest in the history of our science throughout the chemical community; directed emails.
7. How does the Division provide information to its members on Divisional activities?	The Bulletin for the History of Chemistry; the HIST Newsletter/Abstracts; the HIST facebook page (which has now exceeded ?? likes) (HIST now has a facebook following that is comparable to most of the "big" divisions of the ACS, which speaks to the inherent interest in the history of our science throughout the chemical community); directed emails.
8. Describe activities aimed at students and young professionals.	HIST encourages students to give talks and posters at national meetings. We continue to have talks given by undergraduates and graduate students at our general sessions. We have seen our Regular Student members increase from 55 to 89 (61.8% increase) and our Student members, undergraduate increase from 76 to 115 (51.3% increase). This is a result of our efforts to include these members at both national and regional meetings.
9. List any Division awards.	The HIST Award; the Outstanding Paper Award; the Citation for Chemical Breakthrough Awards, with a divisional HIST Fellows program under development.
10. Did the Division engage in any international outreach or activities, beyond inviting international speakers to present at a symposium or general session? Examples might be (but not limited to): meetings/symposia with international-based groups; a specific effort to recruit international speakers for the Division's meeting; the inclusion of international information in a newsletter or	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

on the website; or, looking at international trends for the specific topical area.	
10a. If yes, please describe.	The Citation for Chemical Breakthrough Award many times go to international locations. As of Jan 1, 2019, 67 awards have been made to 81 sites (due to multiple collaborations & locations) in 12 countries. Six awards were designated in 2019, which include three to sites in Germany, one to the U.K., and two to sites in the US. See the annual report at http://acshist.scs.illinois.edu/awards/Citations/2019%20Citation%20for%20Chemical%20Breakthrough%20Award%20Annual%20Report_190926%20revised.pdf and the other information available at http://acshist.scs.illinois.edu/awards/citations_chem-breakthroughs.php . We routinely include news from the British Society for the History of Alchemy and Chemistry and the History of Science Society in the HIST newsletter.
11. List nominations for ACS Fellows.	Seth Rasmussen
12. Does the Chair have any other issues to be considered?	We do not understand why our nominees for ACS Fellows are not successful. Continued failure of what we consider good candidates will inevitably lead to not wasting our time nominating anyone.

Technical Division Administration Form - Supporting Materials

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Quicken Report HIST 2019.pdf	0.09 MB	Quicken Report HIST 2019.pdf

Technical Division Administration Form - Approval

Comments

The Chair of the Division recently attended the ACS Leadership Institute in Atlanta, Georgia (Jan. 24-26) and hopes to implement several new ideas learned at the event to further the goals of HIST.

Approved & Submit for Review

Daniel Rabinovich

02/05/2020

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Technical Division Administration Form - Reasons for Return

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