



# Women Chemists Committee Local Sections Manual 2022





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## Welcome to the ACS Committee on Women Chemists (WCC)

Welcome! Congratulations on expanding your network by developing a local WCC group. You are an important part of the WCC and the ACS. Through individual and group efforts, we can propel forward women in chemistry.

This manual provides a description of the WCC mission and goals, important contact information, ways to develop your local WCC group, and examples of events that other local WCC sections have done over the years. Feel free to make up your own events or modify ones that have been reported previously.

Make sure you follow the ACS WCC facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/acsnationalwcc>), our website (<https://acswcc.org/>), and our twitter handle (<https://twitter.com/acswcc>) for additional information about events and information.

A special thanks to Indu Kheterpal, Semora Smith, and Despina Strong for their help in organizing this manual.

Please contact me or our ACS Staff Liaison, Semora Smith ([s\\_smith@acs.org](mailto:s_smith@acs.org)), if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on how to improve this manual. I look forward to our upcoming year together!

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## **I. CHARTER, VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS**

### Charter

The Women Chemists Committee (WCC) Charter is set forth by the American Chemical Society (ACS) and is detailed in the ACS Governing Documents (Bulletin 5). It states ...

The Women Chemists Committee of the American Chemical Society was established in 1927 as the Women's Service Committee to encourage women chemists to take an active interest in Society activities. The committee shall:

- a. Serve as a forum for women in chemistry and related professions.
- b. Develop recommendations regarding issues of interest to women chemists.
- c. Provide a means of increasing and improving participation of women in the chemical sciences and the society.
- d. Promote the recognition of women chemists.
- e. Inform the Council and other appropriate society bodies of the committee's activities.

### Vision

Empowering women throughout the chemical enterprise

### Mission

Attract, retain, develop, promote, and advocate for women to positively impact diversity, equity and inclusion in the Society and the profession

### Goals

1. Increase engagement and retention of women
2. Advocate and education within the Society on issues of importance to women
3. Enhance leadership and career development opportunities for women
4. Highlight contributions of women

## **II. KEY CONTACTS**

2022 WCC Chair:

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Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/acswcc>

Webpage:

<https://acswcc.org/>

### **III. STARTING A LOCAL WCC SECTION**

1. Identify members interested in having a local WCC section.
2. Compose a procedural manual to help manage the local WCC section. Some suggestions can be found in the Local WCC Section Bylaws Example document. At a minimum:
  - a. Elect a Chair by end of the year. The WCC Chair may need to be appointed officially by the Local Section Chair and Executive Committee (EC). This typically happens annually in January for most sections. If you start the committee mid-year, notify the LS Chair who will make the appointment. The Chair calls meetings and reports to the EC.
  - b. Assign other roles such as treasurer and secretary as needed.
  - c. Develop a mission, vision, and series of goals. Feel free to adopt the national WCC ones on page 4 of this manual.
  - d. Seek out new WCC committee members from the local section by placing an announcement in the forms of communication used by the local section.
  - e. Develop a succession plan.
3. Have the Chair attend EC meetings to connect with the section leadership. Provide verbal reports to the EC if time allow and/or send brief email reports to the local section EC to keep them informed and engaged.
4. Seek a budget from the EC through the annual budget process. Plan and estimate an amount and ask for a line-item funding. If needed, seek approval for additional funding in advance and or seek mini grants.
5. Report your events to ACS through the Annual Report and nominate your event(s) for a WCC ChemLuminary Award.
6. Network with the National WCC.
  - a. Follow National WCC social media pages for additional information regarding national events.
  - b. Support the national events by sharing them on your local section social media pages.
  - c. Attend WCC events at a national meeting.
7. Contact the National WCC with any questions/concerns at [wcc@acs.org](mailto:wcc@acs.org).

### **IV. SUGGESTIONS FOR WCC EVENTS**

For a new local section, start with one or two events in the first year. General examples of WCC events are found below. Once the WCC local section is established, consider organizing or co-organizing events with other local sections and at your regional meeting.

Representative WCC Events held by other local WCC sections can be found on page 12 of this manual.

Networking Event: A networking event provides an opportunity for individuals to interact with other people within their local section.

#### Best Practices for Networking Event:

1. Create a theme surrounding the networking event (i.e., career advice, balancing work-life, chocolate tasting). The theme does not need to be related to chemistry but should be of interest to those that attend.
2. Recruit connectors who work to introduce those not actively participating with others. Connectors can encourage guests to mingle and mix. In a virtual setting, these connectors can be facilitators in break-out rooms.
3. Consider a networking exercise or “ice breaker” game to warm up the room.
4. Keep public speaking to a minimum.
5. Provide appetizers and drink options if hosting an in-person event.
6. Plan the event several weeks in advance and advertise. Consider email and social media reminders before the event. Share event information with other neighboring WCC committees. Create attractive flyers with photos.

Presentations: A presentation at an event can feature technical talks (on a particular technical theme, leaders of the future, memorial symposia, feature a national award winner from your local area or region, etc) or career related talks (balancing career and family, tips for career success, etc). Audiences appreciate all types of talks. In general, luncheon and dinner speakers should stick to nontechnical talks.

*Don't hesitate to ask someone to speak, or to recommend potential speakers. Most of us love to be asked to speak! Many women are flattered that their story may be of interest to others. In fact, the stories of successful women chemists who have faced the work/life/family balance are especially educational for students and younger chemists.*

#### Best Practices for Presentations:

1. Confirm the time and location with the speaker(s). If the event is virtual, provide information of how the speaker(s) can attend.
2. If hosting an in-person event, tell the speaker(s) what AV equipment will be available. Familiarize yourself with it before the event.
3. Ask speaker(s) for a biographical sketch. Consider writing introductions if you aren't comfortable doing them from memory.
4. If hosting an in-person event, check out the room in advance. Is everything there? If you have a panel discussion, is the room set up appropriately? Does the AV equipment project properly on the screen?
5. If you have asked dignitaries to make opening remarks or introduce a speaker, determine if you need to write something for them.
6. Plan the event several weeks in advance and advertise. Consider email and social media reminders before the event. Share event information with other neighboring WCC committees. Create attractive flyers with photos.

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner Event: If you are planning a breakfast/lunch/dinner event, consider using a different venue than a hotel. Local colleges, high schools, science museums or sites of interest may provide a unique venue.

#### **Best Practices for Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner Event:**

1. Prepare written introductions for luncheon or dinner speakers. Ask them to provide a biographical sketch (or use Google). You may be more comfortable reading the introduction.
2. Provide a small thank you gift for your luncheon or dinner speaker. This could be something special from your region.
3. Consider who will sit at the head table. Will you ask any ACS dignitaries to sit there? Most will be happy to have you ask them to sit someplace special. They enjoy unassigned seating, too, since it gives them the chance to talk with attendees they might not meet otherwise.
4. Consider a printed program for your luncheon or dinner. This will list the activities as well as the speaker's biography. It also provides a chance to thank sponsors.
5. For the luncheon or dinner, work with your event coordinator to determine number of seats, meal selections, AV equipment, etc.
6. Plan the event several weeks in advance and advertise. Consider email and social media reminders before the event. Share event information with other neighboring WCC committees. Create attractive flyers with photos.

## **V. MINI-GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the WCC**

Funding Agency: WCC

The ACS Women Chemists Committee invites you to be part of its "95th Anniversary Celebration of the WCC" by hosting an event to commemorate this special occasion and the work of women chemists around the world. To help with the event, WCC is offering a limited number of grants (up to \$100) for any local section, student chapter, or international chapter that wish to host an event.

Grant Requirements:

1. The event must follow the WCC mission to "attract, retain, develop, promote, and advocate for women to positively impact diversity, equity, and inclusion in the Society and the profession."
2. The event must have at least 10 participants.
3. The following documents must be uploaded here:  
<https://fs7.formsite.com/acsdiversity/WCCLSGrant/index.html>
4. An electronic copy of your invitation/announcement.
5. A screen shot of your Twitter and/or Facebook post using the hashtags #WCC95, #ACSWCC
6. An electronic copy of the receipts from the event

7. All events must be held by November 1, 2022, so apply for your grant soon.

Grant funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis upon the approval of the National WCC. Apply at: <https://fs7.formsite.com/acsdiversity/WCC-breakfast-reimburse/index.html>

### **Local Section Innovative Project Grant**

Funding Agency: ACS Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC)

Proposed innovative projects must:

1. Be new to the applying local section
2. Stimulate local section member involvement, and
3. Be pilot projects for a continuing section activity or else take advantage of a unique upcoming opportunity for the local section.

Projects that support interaction with other ACS local sections, ACS divisions, ACS committees, other professional associations, or community groups are especially encouraged, as are programs that foster inclusiveness and participation of diverse section membership or segments of the general public.

Apply at: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/grants/local-section-innovative-project-grant.html>

### **Corporation Association Seed Grant**

Funding Agency: ACS Committee on Corporation Associates

The ACS Committee on Corporation Associates considers requests for seed grants that further CA's role in areas agreed upon by the Committee. Funding guidelines for each applicant are generally up to \$5,000 per calendar year.

CA suggests the following areas for consideration:

- Education in the field of chemical sciences
- Education of the public regarding the chemical industry
- Enhancement of professionalism or safety in chemistry

Apply at: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/grants/corporation-associates-seed-grant.html>

### **Local Section Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) Grant**

Funding Agency: ACS Committee on Local Section Activities

To provide up to \$3,000 to local sections for embracing and advancing inclusion and equity across ACS and in their communities.

The ACS Committee on Local Section Activities (LSAC) encourages applications for DEIR projects and programs that:

1. Support interaction with other ACS local sections, ACS divisions, ACS committees, other professional associations, or community groups
2. Foster inclusiveness and participation within your local section
3. Naturally, your local section's interpretation of how to approach the topic may be very different, and LSAC looks forward to a wide array of grant proposals.

Apply at: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/grants/local-section-diversity-equity-inclusion-respect-grant.html>

### **Science Café Mini-Grant**

Funding Agency: ACS Committee on Local Section Activities

The ACS Committee on Local Section Activities provides \$500 mini-grants to local sections that wish to host 2022 Science Cafés in their communities. Interested local sections should submit a mini-grant application by October 15, 2022.

By hosting a Science Café, you can help promote scientific literacy within your local community and invigorate your local section about questions of the day with a scientific underpinning.

Apply at: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/grants/science-cafe-mini-grant.html>

## **VI. AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship: Female Undergraduate Majors in Chemistry or Related Disciplines**

The Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship was established by Paul R. Jones, in memory of his wife, to provide scholarships for female undergraduate majors in chemistry or related disciplines who are beginning their junior or senior years of study. Priscilla Carney Jones wished to have this scholarship established because of the difficulties she faced as a female chemist early in her career.

#### Application Deadline:

May 1st

#### Application Materials:

1. Rising junior or senior female undergraduate student
2. Enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university
3. Major in chemistry or chemistry-related science
4. Students in pre-med programs who intend to go to medical school are not eligible for this scholarship.

5. Completed research or plan to conduct research during undergraduate years
6. Minimum overall GPA of 3.25
7. US citizen or permanent resident
8. Able to demonstrate evidence of financial need

Apply at:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/scholarships-fellowships/priscilla-carney-jones-scholarship.html>

### **Overcoming Challenges Award**

The Overcoming Challenges Award recognizes a female undergraduate for her efforts in overcoming hardship to achieve success in chemistry. The awardee receives a monetary prize of \$250 and up to \$1,500 for travel expenses to attend the ACS Fall National Meeting. The awardee is presented with a plaque and recognized at the WCC Luncheon at the fall meeting.

Application Deadline:

April 1st

Application Materials:

1. Applicant must be a female undergraduate currently enrolled in a two-year chemistry-related program or pursuing a major or minor in a four-year chemistry program at a school that does not grant doctorates in chemistry. Applicant must have completed one semester of college-level chemistry.
2. Applicant must demonstrate that she has overcome hardships (economic, personal, or academic) in pursuit of her education.
3. Applicants are reviewed on: (1) Improvement; (2) Initiative; (3) Successes; and (4) Grades from the previous two semesters (not cumulative grade point average)

Apply at:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/awards/women-chemists-overcoming-challenges-award.html>

### **WCC Merck Research Award: Funding for Individuals in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Year of Graduate School**

The Merck Award recognizes eight individuals\* who present their research at an awards symposium held during the Fall ACS national meeting. Awardees receive a \$1,500 stipend to cover Fall ACS national meeting expenses. They present their research at a WCC/Merck half-day symposium and be recognized at the Awards Symposium Luncheon and the WCC Luncheon.

\*This includes female-identified individuals and persons assigned female at birth (AFAB). For more information regarding the gender inclusive language used here, see these [Gender Inclusive Language Tips and Tools](#).

Eligibility: Individuals in their 3rd & 4th year of graduate school with a research focus in one or more of the following - Organic, Medicinal, Analytical, Chemical Biology, Computational or Structural Chemistry and related disciplines. Open to US citizens (studying anywhere) and non-U.S. citizens attending a graduate program in the U.S. or Canada.

Application Deadline:

December 1st

Application Materials:

1. A resume or C.V. (include permanent address).
2. A brief cover letter detailing how this award will impact your career in science
3. Proposed abstract submission for the WCC/Merck Research Award Symposium
4. A letter from your research advisor commenting on your technical ability and potential, as well as confirming your participation in the ACS national meeting at which you are making your presentation

Apply at:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/awards/women-chemists-merck-research-award.html>

**Rising Star Award: Funding for Mid-Level Women Scientists**

The WCC Rising Star Award recognizes up to ten outstanding women scientists approaching mid-level careers who have demonstrated outstanding promise for contributions to their respective fields. The award is open to all individual\* ACS members in chemistry and chemical engineering working in academic, industrial, government, non-profit or other employment sectors. Appropriate candidates will typically be no more than 15 years from receipt of their terminal scientific degree and have demonstrated outstanding promise for contributions to their respective fields. Applicants can either be self-nominated or be nominated by another individual for this award. The nominator does not need to be an ACS member.

\*This includes female-identified individuals and persons assigned female at birth (AFAB). For more information regarding the gender inclusive language used here, see these [Gender Inclusive Language Tips and Tools](#).

Awardees present contributions at a WCC-sponsored symposium at the spring ACS national meeting. A \$1,000 stipend to cover spring national meeting travel expenses and awardees are recognized at the WCC 'Just Cocktails' reception and at the WCC Luncheon.

Application Deadline:

June 15<sup>th</sup>

Application Materials:

1. Nominee's resume or Curriculum Vitae (C.V.)

2. Primary nominator letter in support of nomination. Letter should not exceed 800 words (maximum of 2 pages), with no less than 11pt font.
3. A second nominator letter in support of nomination is optional but recommended. The letter should not exceed 800 words (maximum of 2 pages), with no less than 11pt font.

Apply at: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/awards/women-chemists-rising-star-award.html>

### **WCC ChemLuminary Award: Award to WCC Local Sections**

The ACS ChemLuminary Awards recognize volunteer participants in ACS Local Sections and Divisions whose efforts have helped to achieve excellence. The WCC sponsors one award for local sections each year to be presented at the ChemLuminary ceremony during the ACS Fall National Meeting.

Application Deadline:  
February 15<sup>th</sup>

Application Materials:

- Best Overall WCC Local Section (Odd Year Events): Best overall WCC local section events, activities, and dedication to the mission of being leaders in attracting, developing, promoting, and advocating for women in the chemical sciences in order to positively impact society and the profession.
- Outstanding Women Chemists Local Section Event (Even Year Events): This award recognizes events that are focused on the advancement and/or promotion of Women in the Chemical Enterprise.

Apply at: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/awards/chemluminary.html>

## **VII. SAMPLE LOCAL WCC EVENTS WRITTEN FOR WCC CHEMLUMINARIES**

### Kentucky Local Section: "The Perks of Being (a Woman) in Chemistry"

A slide show was presented during dinner that contained pictures and personal stories about women who had inspired people within our section. This included several stories of women who challenged our assumptions about what a career in chemistry had to look like, and of passionate women who had mentored, encouraged, or inspired members to grow professionally and personally.

Then, our speaker gave an inspiring talk on "The Perks of Being (a Woman) in Chemistry," which included a frank discussion on challenges faced by women while obtaining a chemistry education and employment. The speaker addressed several questions about her experience in navigating the chemistry field and challenges she faced that were not faced by her male colleagues. We talked about how more than one section member knew of chemistry buildings

that did not even have female rest rooms in the original design and how we must be advocates for women, addressing the reasons why we do not have as many active females in our section.

We sponsor Science Centers for the children who attend the local section meetings. The Science Center runs concurrently with the speaker presentation; they allow section members to attend and participate in the meeting while the children are engaged in a supervised science-themed activity center. The Science Center theme for this meeting was "Women in Science and the Nobel Prize." It taught the children about Marie Curie, Dorothy Hodgkin, and Rosalind Franklin through hands-on activities, demonstrations, and stories. We wanted to envelop our children in a mindset from an early age that women can be anything they want to be. Seven children aged two to seven, from four different families within our section attended; this was a fantastic turn-out for our small size.

We publicized the event in our monthly newsletter and Science Center flier that are mailed to all section members and posted within our departments. Further, as we wanted to promote the recognition and contribution of women in science, we encouraged our university students to attend; 25% of the adults in attendance were student members.

#### Nashville Local Section: Expanding Your Horizons Conference

For 19 years, the Nashville LS has supported the MTSU Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) Conference. We provide "scholarships" for inner city girls and their teachers to attend EYH. Opening words of encouragement were given by our chair-elect, Jennifer McKenzie. This year, visiting scholars from China hosted the Glitter Girls (cosmetics chemistry) workshops. Another favorite workshop was Become a PI, on the analysis of drugs. Undergraduate and grad students served as role models to more than 300 girls.

For 19 years, the Nashville Local Section WCC has offered events and activities and has clearly shown dedication to the mission of attracting, developing, promoting and advocating for girls and women in the chemical sciences. It is our (LS-WCC) mission to positively impact society and the profession by showing all EYH girls that they can have a successful and satisfying career in the chemical sciences. EYH is the signature program of the Nashville LC WCC. (See EYH event description below.) Today there are 5 other EYH sites in Tennessee. In addition to EYH, we host an annual Woman in Chemistry Invited Lecture, professional development on role models and mentoring for teachers, parents, and other community leaders. We also provide inner city girls with hands-on STEM activities through our Green Girls program. Middle school girls learn how to keep a science notebook as they participate in various Green energy activities. The Nashville LS WCC events definitely relate to the award theme. We (LS-WCC) also co-sponsors DigiGirlz with community partners Nissan and Microsoft and Girl Day with the MTSU engineering department.

#### Pittsburgh Local Section: National Chemistry Week event at Ronald McDonald House

The Section's NCW program was expanded in 2015 to include a new "first time" event on October 31st at the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh. The 2-hour event was organized by members of the WCC and included 12 volunteers from the WCC, Section Officers, and students from the University of Pittsburgh ACS Student Affiliate organization. The event

featured seven (7) stations of hands-on experiments/activities/demonstrations and served approximately a dozen families who were staying at the facility.

In 2015 our list of sponsored events included:

- A Careers in Chemistry Symposium (highlighting panels of women in various positions and stages of their careers in both industry and academia, geared towards high-school and undergraduate students);
- A Couture, Cosmetics, and Chemistry Workshop (geared towards 7-10th grade students and also provided for Girl Scouts to earn their Science of Style badge);
- A STEM-ulate Success Science Showcase (poster session for high school students to begin to learn the art of scientific presentations and undergraduates to learn more evaluative skills by serving as judges);
- a Scientific Presentation Skills Workshop and Scientific Writing Skills Workshop (geared towards upper-level undergraduates and early career graduate students, but also attended by those who have already completed their education);
- a Proposal Writing Seminar (geared towards graduate students applying for NSF fellowships); a Self-Defense Workshop (focused on the special challenges faced by women who encounter physical aggression);
- a Professional Development Workshop for Undergraduates (focused on preparing undergraduates for entrance into the job market or applying to graduate programs);
- participation in NCW (to support established programs within the section); Networking Dinner (featuring a talk by Ayana Ledford regarding gender related issues encountered in negotiations);
- endowing local WCC awards (to provide recognition of those who encouraging women in science and for personal scientific achievement);
- NCW Event at Ronald McDonald House at Children’s Hospital (featuring stations of hands-on activities that served families who were staying at the facility and due to medical reasons were not able to attend the Section’s annual two-day event at the Carnegie Science Center held the previous weekend); and
- organization and delivery of 300 filled stockings to veterans at a local VA hospital (to increase our exposure to and give back to our community at large).

#### East Central Illinois Local Section: “Bonding with Chemistry: A Day for Girls” Day Camp

Each year, the East Central Illinois WCC at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign organizes a day camp, “Bonding with Chemistry: A Day for Girls”. Since its inception in 2008, this camp has invited middle school girls from the area and around the state to participate in a full day of chemistry related activities led by graduate students at the university. The day camp has consistently been a great success for our organization with full attendance of 90 girls over two weekends. We often have campers who have enjoyed themselves so much they return for multiple years, which encourages the graduate student volunteers and organizers to keep the experience exciting and new.

Overall, the central goals of the camp are to expose the students to a more realistic and exciting view of chemistry as well as nurture a deeper interest in a field to which they may not have otherwise had much exposure or interest. Students participate in rotating stations, each with a

unique theme related to natural phenomena and chemical principles. We also aim to extend the experience beyond the day with take-home items, projects, and a lab notebook of all the day's activities. A favorite event of the campers has been t-shirt chromatography in which they tie-dye shirts while learning the principles of liquid chromatography. Furthermore, in an effort to serve the entire community, all of these activities and additional outreach is at no cost to the student.

In our last year alone, we had 90 girls attend camp, nearly 50 graduate student volunteers, and two central organizers from our executive board. These statistics are a snapshot of the annual involvement and project our impact to have reached hundreds of middle school girls (some of which are now well into college!) and graduate students.

### **VIII. AWARD DEADLINES**

<b>WCC National Award</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
WCC ChemLuminary Award	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
Overcoming Challenges Award	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Priscilla Carney Jones Scholarship	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
WCC Rising Star Award	June 15 <sup>th</sup>
Merck Research Award	December 1 <sup>st</sup>

## IX. NATIONAL WCC EVENTS *(Schedule Subject to Change)*

WCC National Event	Date
ACS Webinar: WCC co-sponsored webinar discussing self-awareness with a focus on advancement in the workplace	ACS Webinar Series March 8 <sup>th</sup> 2-3 pm EST <a href="https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/acs-webinars.html">https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/acs-webinars.html</a>
WCC Breakfast Networking Event	ACS Spring National Meeting March 21, 2022: 7:30-9 am PST
ACS Award for Encouraging Women Into Careers in the Chemical Sciences in honor of Mindy Levine	ACS Spring National Meeting March 21, 2022: 8-11:45 am PST
Advances in ADVANCE	ACS Spring National Meeting March 21, 2022: 2-6 pm PST
WCC Rising Stars Symposium	ACS Spring National Meeting March 22, 2022: 8-11:30 am PST
Eli Lilly Travel Award Poster Session	ACS Spring National Meeting March 22, 2022: 11am-12 pm PST
WCC Luncheon	ACS Spring National Meeting March 22, 2022
"Just Cocktails" WCC Open Reception	ACS Spring National Meeting March 22, 2022
Celebrating 10 Years of the Rising Star Award	ACS Fall National Meeting
Celebrating 95 Years of the WCC (Women Chemists Committee)	ACS Fall National Meeting
Past WCC Award Winners in Organic & Medicinal Chemistry	ACS Fall National Meeting

## X. 2022 REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Contact regional meeting organizers near your location to see how your local section WCC can participate in the regional meeting.

### Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM)

Host Local Sections: Trenton  
Meeting Venue: The College of Jersey  
Location: Ewing, NJ  
Dates: June 1 – 4, 2022  
General Chair: Benny Chan  
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Program Co-Chair: Joseph Baker  
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Program Co-Chair: Matt Crowe  
[Matthew.crowe@ingredion.com](mailto:Matthew.crowe@ingredion.com)

### Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM)

Host Local Section: Rochester  
Meeting Venue: Hyatt Regency Rochester  
Location: Rochester, NY  
Dates: October 2 – 5, 2022  
General Chair: Mark Heitz  
[Mark.h@nrm2022.org](mailto:Mark.h@nrm2022.org)  
Program Chair: David McCamant  
[David.m@nrm2022.org](mailto:David.m@nrm2022.org)

### Western Regional Meeting (WRM)

Host Local Section: Southern Nevada  
Meeting Venue: Flamingo Hotel  
Location: Las Vegas, NV  
Date: October 19 – 22, 2022  
General Chair: Rampur Viswanath  
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Program Chair: Pradip K. Bhowmik  
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### Central Regional Meeting (CERM)

Host Local Section: Huron Valley  
Meeting Venue: Eastern Michigan University  
Meeting Location: Ypsilanti, OH  
Meeting Dates: June 7 – 10, 2022  
General Co-Chair: Harriet Lindsay  
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General Co-Chair: Wade Tornquist  
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### Midwest Regional Meeting (MWRM)

Host Local Section: Iowa  
Meeting Venue: Hotel TBD  
Location: Iowa City, IA  
Dates: October 19 – 21, 2022  
General Chair: Tori Forbes  
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Program Chair: Renee Cole  
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### Southeastern Regional Meeting (SERMACS)

Host Local Sections: Puerto Rico  
Meeting Venue: Puerto Rico Convention Center  
Location: San Juan, PR  
Dates: October 19 – 22, 2022  
General Chair: Ingrid Montes  
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### **Southwest Regional Meeting (SWRM)**

Host Local Section: Baton Rouge

Meeting Venue: Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

Location: Baton Rouge, LA

Dates: November 6 – 9, 2022

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### **XI. WCC STANDING RULES EXAMPLE – SEE BELOW**

## ACS WCC Local Section – Sample Standing Rules

The following example can be used as a model to develop or revise the bylaws of your local WCC section. It can be modified to suit your specific local situation or circumstance.

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Standing Rules of the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of your local section) WCC local section.

### Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the \_\_\_\_\_ (name of your local section) WCC local section.

### Article II. Objectives

The objectives of this local WCC section shall be to increase engagement and retention of women chemists, advocate and educate within the Society on issues of importance to women chemists, enhance leadership and career development opportunities for women chemists, and highlight contributions of women chemists.

### Article III. Membership

The membership of this organization shall be composed of the local section's Membership of the American Chemical Society. Those who are not an ACS member are welcome to attend events but may neither hold office nor have voting power.

### Article IV. Officers

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute the Executive Committee. The officers shall be elected at the first meeting in \_\_\_\_\_ (month) from nominees chosen by \_\_\_\_\_ (nominations from the floor, a nominating committee, etc.). They shall take office in \_\_\_\_\_ (month) and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are duly elected.

### Article V. Duties of Officers

Section 1. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices and such other duties as may be assigned to them from time-to-time by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The duties of the President shall be to preside over meetings of the Executive Committee and Membership in the ordinary course of conducting business.

Section 3. The duties of the Vice President shall be to assist the President in the direction and management of the local WCC section and assume the duties of the President in the event of her or his unavailability or inability to serve.

Section 4. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep accurate and up-to-date records of the minutes of the meetings, send notices to the Membership as the business of the WCC local section may require, and preside over meetings in the absence of the President and Vice President.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall have charge of the WCC local section's funds, keep accurate and complete records of all financial transactions, and make only those disbursements authorized by the Executive Committee.

#### **Article VI. Meetings**

Regular meetings shall be held \_\_\_\_\_ (*on the first Tuesday of each month, once a month, etc.*). Special events may be arranged through the Executive Committee. There shall be at least four activities per year.

#### **Article VII. WCC Local Section Reports**

The WCC Local Section shall submit a report of its activities to the ACS Local Section. This report shall be submitted online in the Spring yearly.

#### **Article VIII. Amendments**

These Standing Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members, provided that the amendments shall have been proposed at least one meeting previous to the time of voting.