

VI-J-Section Affairs-SciX 2017

**SAS Regional, Technical, and Student Section Affairs, Report to the Executive Committee
August 15, 2017**

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Poehlman Award. The Committee has selected the Cleveland Regional Section as the recipient of the 2017 William J. Poehlman Award. The award will be presented at the SAS Reception at SciX.

New Sections. At Pittcon, the Executive Committee approved the formation of the Purdue Student Section. They have already participated in two outreach activities and hosted a speaker. They are currently planning a symposium, tentatively titled “Symposium on Applied Spectroscopy and Photonics 2017”, scheduled for September 16. As of this writing, the program is still being organized, but already a number of outside speakers and student poster presenters have been confirmed. The section is off to a great start!

At Pittcon, we had several discussions with students from other universities about new section formation. Unfortunately, these have not developed further but may yet with additional effort and encouragement. Likewise, there has not been any change in status of technical or regional sections.

Webinar update. In late April, the New York section hosted a meeting in the Albany area and some of the organizers expressed an interest in having the seminar be available by webcast. Unfortunately, we were not able to settle all of the technical details in time to have the webinar available and adequately advertised. (Fortunately, the in-person attendance was good and the meeting was otherwise a success!) This experience highlights the need to have a set procedure for making webinars so that busy professionals and/or students will be able to set things up with as small a learning curve as necessary. As part of its subscription with GoToMeeting, SAS has the ability to host meetings as a webinar with limited access for audio two-way communication but unlimited watching. This service could be the basis for future work. Early communication between the hosting section and a local IT person seems to be necessary to work out the problems ahead of time.

Annual Report. As mentioned in our previous report, we have developed a new Word-based form for the annual report. A picture of the form is attached. There is space for open-ended responses to questions (the text boxes in the Word document will expand to fit the text entered). There is also space for new questions to be added, at the discretion of the EC. We hope that this form will facilitate more nominations for the Poehlman Award.

Previously identified activities. To follow up on topics mentioned in the previous report: (1) Updates to the Officers’ Handbook pertaining to this section will be prepared by the end of 2017. Other items related to succession plans are ready. (2) There seems to be have been good response from sections with respect to the submission of news items to the newsletter. It’s likely that periodic calls and reminders will be necessary to keep the submission rate higher.

Respectfully submitted,
Regional, Technical, and Student Section Affairs Committee



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2017 Section Questionnaire
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Your section dues distribution will not be sent unless this form is completed and returned.
PLEASE FILL OUT THE HIGHLIGHTED SECTIONS AND RETURN BY DECEMBER 31, 2017.

SECTION: SUBMITTED BY:

ACTIVITIES

Please list meetings and activities held in the past year, as well as the results of any section initiatives. Examples of initiatives include website development, member recruitment, or other activities that improve the section without being formal events. In addition to a brief description of each item, include any collaboration with other groups, external sponsorships sought/obtained, or other information that may be of interest to other sections in SAS. Please also indicate if the item was publicized in the SAS Newsletter. The highlighted sections will auto-size to include all text entered into them. Add new rows to the table if necessary. Photos and other supporting materials may be submitted as separate files.

Date	Event	# Att.	Description

If you would like your section to be considered for the **POEHLMAN AWARD** please check here. Please submit any additional supporting information by **March 1, 2018** to the Executive Office (exec@as-s.org) and Sections Coordinator. ☐

OFFICERS

Please note below the results of your most recent elections. All officers must be SAS members in good standing. We will send your distribution check to the person noted as treasurer, or to the chair if no treasurer is indicated.

	Chair	Chair-elect	Secretary	Treasurer
Name				
Address				
Phone				
E-mail				
Term end				
	Date of last election:		Date of next election:	

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions, or enter "N/A" as appropriate.

If the section has a web address, please indicate it here. (Type "SAS Web Site" if the primary section page is hosted at s-a-s.org.)	
Please provide the name and contact info (if not listed above) for the web editor or content provider.	



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For student sections, please provide the name and contact info for the faculty advisor.

Did you participate in the Tour Speaker Program? Please provide any feedback on your experience.

Did you request assistance from the Society Office? Please provide any feedback on your experience.

Do you have any comments, questions, concerns, or suggestions that are not addressed above?