



Central Pennsylvania Review Form 2015

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Lawrence Steffen: Dear Central Pennsylvania ACS Section Leaders,

I am writing this letter in review of your 2015 ACS annual report.
I am glad to again have the opportunity to review your sections activities this year.

Although you had only two regular meetings they were clearly appropriate to ACS goals. It was not clear if the J. Reeves Seminar series was to continue over 3 years or if the other two presentations did not happen. Having such an endowed lectureship series is a great idea. Please consider using the "Events, Activities, and Meetings" section on the FORMS page. Your Undergraduate Research Symposium appears to be flourishing and is to be commended. Your support of travel expenses for young chemistry scholars to attend ACS National meetings is a great way to encourage the next generation. Establishment of your new Graduate Student, Speakers, and Env. Committees are strong new developments for the section and will no doubt help you engage a wider range of chemists in your section.

The finances of the Section are in need of careful review. Lines 34 and 35 should, normally, never differ. Major changes occurred this past year with your CD and "investments" being cashed out. This should simplify the accounting for 2016. The disparity in the actual deficit does seem to be related to how the investment dollars and last years mysterious "other assets" of \$731 was rolled into 2015. Actual expenses and revenues are in order. Finally, \$4,500 was listed as a subsidy for "subsections, topical groups, or affiliate groups" but it is not clear who received this money. ACS national has staff willing to help you sort it out.

What are the challenges for the Section? With 17 committee members now the section continues doing a good job building up their cadre of volunteers. Your outreach to the Graduate students and the establishment of an Environmental Committee are very positive movements. Outreach to the K-12 community would appear to be a reasonable area for new activities. It is important that the board work with the section treasurer to work through the inconsistencies in the annual financial report.

Please let me know if you have any questions and good luck in the coming year.

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