



## Central Pennsylvania Review Form 2016

### Publish Comments

Lawrence Steffen: Dear Central Pennsylvania ACS Section Leaders,

I am writing this letter in review of your 2016 ACS annual report. I am again glad to have the opportunity to review your sections activities this year.

Your Whitmore Lecture was clearly a success for the local section, bringing together a diverse crowd for an interesting presentation on climate challenges and opportunities. Although you had only one local section dinner it does look interesting. Likewise, the student research poster session clearly presented local undergraduates a great opportunity to present their research and it was well attended.

The finances of the Section are again of concern. There was, as described, a major deficit although nearly half seems to be associated with the Whitmore Lecture program costs. The rest appears to be primarily in awards and subsidized meals. You have also run a deficit for 5 years in a row which is not sustainable as evidenced by the downward trend in your net assets.

What are the challenges for the Section? Clearly, getting a hand on your finances so that you can minimize the deficit spending and preferably bring it to zero or a slight positive change in order to help cover leaner years (like when you have the Whitmore lecture). Getting more active committees will help in general. It might be time to send a member to the ACS leadership institute again, it is a great way to get fresh ideas and learn from other local sections and national leaders. I also wholeheartedly agree with your suggestion that Board members do a better job of communicating throughout the year to help the section run smoothly.

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

L. Kraig Steffen  
Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry  
Fairfield University, Fairfield CT 06824  
203 254 4000 x 2254

File Name	File Size	Brief Description
Response To Review Comments		

--- END OF REPORT ---