

Allegheny-Erie

ANNUAL REPORT: 2022–2023

May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023

I. Officers/Committees

<u>Officer</u>	<u>2022–2023</u>	<u>2023–2024</u>
President:	Elizabeth Bowbridge	Elaine Freeman
President-Elect	Elaine Freeman	Ivan Olfert
Vice President:	Ivan Olfert	Weimin Gao
Secretary:	Robin Gandley	Robin Gandley
Treasurer:	William Mackay	William Mackay
Past President:	Britt McAtee	Elizabeth Bowbridge
Councilors:	Mark Weisberg	Aaron Barchowsky
	Marisa Kreider	Bharat Bhushan
	Todd Stueckle	Britt McAtee
	Aaron Barchowsky	Marisa Kreider
	Bharat Bhushan	Timothy Nurkiewicz
	Timothy Nurkiewicz	Todd Stueckle
	Albert Pilkington	Albert Pilkington
Postdoctoral Representative:	Mackenzie Newman	Beethi Sinha
Graduate Student Representative:	Zachary Clemens	Zachary Clemens
	Julie Griffith	

Committees:

Awards:	Julie Miller
Communications:	Julie Griffith
Education:	Aaron Barchowsky
Finance:	William Mackay
Membership:	Tim Nurkiewicz
Nominating:	Elizabeth Bowbridge
Program:	Britt McAtee
Web Liaison:	Mackenzie Newman

II. 2022 Membership total: 74

III. Key Outcomes in 2022–2023:

- A. AESOT annual meeting was held in person.
- B. AESOT co-hosted a regional social event with the Michigan and Lake Ontario Regional chapters as a part of the 2023 national SOT meeting in March in Nashville.

IV. Activities

A. SOT Annual Meeting Activities (e.g., courses, scientific sessions, receptions):
AESOT co-hosted a regional social event with the Michigan and Lake Ontario Regional chapters as a part of the 2022 national SOT meeting in March in Nashville.

Offered travel award to national SOT meeting

B. 2023 Awards Recipients: (sample format included)

Award winners for best post-doc presentation, best graduate student presentation, and best undergraduate student presentation.

Zachary Clemens, University of Pittsburgh

Adam Jasper, University of Pittsburgh

Allison Dunn, West Virginia University

Best posters (post-doc), graduate student, and undergrad

Julie Griffith, West Virginia University

Zachary Zimmerman, University of Pittsburgh

Jithin George, University of Rochester Medical Center

C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g., webinars, in-person meetings):

The 36th Annual Allegheny-Erie Society of Toxicology Meeting was held May 2-3, 2022 at the West Virginia University Alumni Center in Morgantown, WV. There were 3 plenary presentations by Dr. Yongho Kim (US Environmental Protection Agency); Dr. Alex Carll (University of Louisville); and Dr. Meghan Rebuli (University of North Carolina). The keynote speakers were followed by fifteen-minute oral presentations by undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and young investigators. The meeting was well attended with the breakdown of attendance for the meeting being:

- 5 High School/Undergraduate Students
- 6 Student/Postdoctoral Nonmembers
- 15 Student/Postdoctoral Members
- 24 Chapter Members
- 20 Chapter Nonmembers

D. Communication Activities:

1. Newsletter publication frequency: No longer issue a newsletter.
2. Communication Highlights: All "news-worthy" communication and announcements are posted on our website and distributed via email and ToXchange. Updates included the annual meeting announcement.
3. Highlights of website enhancements: Updates included the annual meeting announcement.

E. Mentoring Activities: Lunch with an expert at the annual meeting. Encourages students to reach out to leadership with questions regarding employment opportunities.

F. *(Regional Chapters only)* Activities Supporting Undergraduate Students:

Undergraduate studies are welcome and invited to the AESOT annual meeting. Oral presentation and poster presentations are encouraged, and awards given specifically to undergraduates.

V. Feedback and Ideas:

- A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment? Please give examples of any current practices used to support inclusion in processes such as 1) leadership selection and promotion, 2) award descriptions and selection, and 3) endorsement of proposals for the annual meetings.

More details to be provided.

- B. What is one thing the Society should be doing that we currently do not do (or do not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of your component group?

The cost of chapter reception at the SOT annual meeting is increasing every year. It would be great if SOT looks into this and decreased the cost associated with organizing an onsite chapter reception. In order to increase membership, AESOT and other regional chapters would benefit if SOT could help provide some funds for membership drives. AESOT currently has a student membership drive that covers membership fee for the first year. With the help of SOT, we could extend it to regular members. Through this free 1-year membership drive, we hope to showcase the advantages of being a member. This could increase our membership dues in the long-term.

- C. What is one thing that the Society is currently doing that impacts your component group that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

Cutting funding - more details to be provided.