

Midwest Regional Chapter

ANNUAL REPORT: 2024–2025

May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

I. Officers:

<u>2024–2025</u>	<u>2025–2026</u>
President: Matthew Wolter President-Elect: Keegan Baldauf Secretary: Lei Wang Treasurer: Ellen Baker Past President, Councilor: Tracy Henriques Councilor: Charlotte Mintie Councilor: Amy Sheppard Councilor: Elvis Ticiani Councilor: Puneet Vij Postdoctoral Representative: Laura Dean Graduate Student Representative: Sana Iqbal	President: Keegan Baldauf President-Elect: Simon Kaja Past President: Matthew Wolter Treasurer: Ellen Baker Councilor: Angela Lynch Councilor: Charlotte Mintie Councilor: Elvis Ticiani Councilor: Puneet Vij Postdoctoral Representative: Angela Dean Graduate Student Representative: Monica Ridlon

Committees:

Brian Chanas handles the Awards for MRC.

II. 2025 Membership total: 122

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2024–2025:

The Midwest Regional Chapter accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person Regional Chapter meeting/mixer
- Social event at SOT Annual Meeting
- Poster session for trainees
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Midwest Regional Chapter collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- Central States
- Ohio Valley

V. Communication Methods:

The Midwest Regional Chapter stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Regional Chapter website

Newsletter(s)

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Midwest Regional Chapter maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

Nominate a diverse slate of candidates for elections
Rotate locations for meetings across sites
Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
Highlight trainee research
Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Midwest Regional Chapter hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- Outreach to local universities that lack a formal toxicology program

VIII. Activities Supporting Undergraduate Students:

The Midwest Regional Chapter engaged undergraduate students with the following activities:

Attendance at Regional Chapter meeting

IX. Awards Given:

Trainee	1
Early Career	1
Mid Career	1
Late Career	1

X. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

A. We started soliciting additional donations from regional companies to aid in funding conferences. We were able to diversify our Executive Committee membership.

XI. Strategic Plan:

The **Midwest** Regional Chapter supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XII. Regional Chapter Meeting Highlights

The Midwest Regional Chapter had the following highlights from their Annual Meeting:

We had an exceptional turnout with over 70 registrants and 30 posters. This was a significant up tick from previous meetings and bodes well for the future of the Regional Chapter.

XIII. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Midwest Regional Chapter is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- More sessions on Drug Development and modalities would be a nice addition.

XIV. Feedback to the Society:

- A. What is the one thing the Society should be doing that it currently does not do (or does not do effectively) that would be of importance/benefit to the members of the Regional Chapter?

I think it would be great to share EC leadership information across chapters so we can connect and potentially have cross-regional meetings.

- B. What is the one thing the Society is currently doing that impacts the Regional Chapter that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

Not allowing EC members to send emails directly to members.