

Mountain West Regional Chapter

**ANNUAL REPORT: 2024–2025**  
May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

**I. Officers:**

<u>2024–2025</u>	<u>2025–2026</u>
President: Kristofer Fritz Vice President: Alessandro Venosa Vice President-Elect: Sebastian Medina Secretary-Treasurer: Derek Drechsel Past President, Councilor: Aikseng Ooi Councilor: Luke Montrose Councilor: Kinta Serve Postdoctoral Representative: Sumira Phatak Senior Student Representative: Courtney McGinnis Junior Student Representative: Michaela Hvizdak	President: Alessandro Venosa Vice President: Sebastian Medina Vice President Elect: Zeliann Craig Past President, Councilor: Kristofer Fritz Secretary-Treasurer: Derek Drechsel Councilor: Jocelyn Cuthbert Postdoctoral Representative: Sumira Phatak Senior Student Representative: Michaela Hvizdak Junior Student Representative: Charlotte McVeigh

**Committees:**

**II. 2025 Membership total:** 121

**III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2024–2025:**

The Mountain West Regional Chapter accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person Regional Chapter meeting/mixer
- Social event at SOT Annual Meeting
- Mentoring/career development events
- Poster session for trainees
- Trainee awards conferred

**IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:**

The Mountain West Regional Chapter collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

**V. Communication Methods:**

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

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Regional Chapter website
- LinkedIn

**VI. Promotion of Inclusivity**

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

- Solicit equitable input from all executive committee leaders
- Utilize virtual meetings for convening Regional Chapter leadership

- Rotate locations for meetings across sites
- Ensure accessibility of meeting locations
- Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
- Highlight trainee research
- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

**VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:**

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

- Career panel(s)
- Mentor-mentee program within the Regional Chapter
- Mentoring luncheon or reception

**VIII. Activities Supporting Undergraduate Students:**

The Mountain West Regional Chapter engaged undergraduate students with the following activities:

Attendance at Regional Chapter meeting

**IX. Awards Given:**

<b>Trainee</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Early Career</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Mid Career</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Late Career</b>	<b>0</b>

**X. Key Outcomes and Improvements:**

A. **1) Improved trainee engagement and development through initiation of mentor/mentee program. 2) Established LinkedIn page for regional chapter**

**XI. Strategic Plan:**

The **Mountain West** Regional Chapter supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Support the development and application of tools that advance toxicology
- Effectively communicate scientific advances
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future
- Provide training and education that reflects the needs of members
- Provide mentoring and networking opportunities for all career levels
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

**XII. Regional Chapter Meeting Highlights**

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

Implementation of mentoring program for trainees Annual regional meeting in Utah was well attended despite occurring only 6 months after national SOT in same city High trainee engagement via mentoring program and poster/platform presentations

**XIII. Scientific Topics of Interest:**

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

Use of AI in toxicology and ethical considerations

**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?
- B. Create collaborative event between RC presidents/executive committees to share ideas What is the one thing the Society is currently doing that impacts the Regional Chapter that should be changed (e.g., stopped, modified, etc.)?

None

