

Southern California Regional Chapter

ANNUAL REPORT: 2021-2022

May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

I. Officers/Committees:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
President:	Wenyue Hu	Keri Cannon
Vice President:	Keri Cannon	Gina Yanochko-Hoffman
Vice President-Elect:	Gina Yanochko-Hoffman	Mamta Behl
Secretary:	Michael C. Boyle	Elizabeth Baker
Treasurer:	Vince R. Torti	Dale Baker
Past President:	Najah Abi-Gerges	Wenyue Hu
Councilors:	Cynthia J. Davenport	Tian Xia
	Tejas Lahoti	Tejas Lahoti
	Tian Xia	
Postdoc Representative:	Sumira Phatak	
Grad Student Representative:	Esther E. Omaiye	Marisol Arellano

II. 2021 Membership total: 222

III. Key Outcomes in 2021-2022:

- A. Regular online meetings of the Southern California Regional Chapter Council
- B. Participation in RC-FUTURE Committee meetings
- C. 2022-2023 Chapter Leadership Ballot and election
- D. Review/Endorsement of topics and symposiums for 2022 SOT Scientific Sessions
- E. Career workshop for undergraduate students in California
- F. Updating and revising Chapter membership records
- G. Ensure that Chapter maintains strong cash balance

IV. Activities:

- A. 2022 SOT Annual Meeting Activities (e.g. courses, scientific sessions, or receptions):
Due to COVID situation, the decision was made to not host a reception this year
- B. 2022 Awards Information:
Graduate student travel award
- C. Other Educational Activities Conducted (e.g., webinars, in person meetings): N/A
- D. Communication Activities:

1. Newsletter publication frequency: N/A
2. New or Significant Announcements/blogs: N/A
3. Highlight of Website enhancements: N/A

E. Mentoring activities: N/A

F. (Regional Chapters only) Activities supporting undergraduate students:

A career workshop was hosted on Nov. 16th, 2021 for undergraduate students in the biomedical field. We invited scientists and experts from the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, academia, and government to present their career stories, especially in the field of toxicology. More than 60 people registered for this event. There was an interactive Q&A session, where the students had an opportunity to network and receive career advice from experts in the field. We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants.

V. Feedback and Ideas:

- A. In what ways is your group fostering and maintaining an inclusive environment?
We have regular on-line regional chapter council meetings and once a year F2F meeting
- B. How might SOT better support your group's activities (perhaps something 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?):
Note: If funding is listed, please provide detail on the membership need that the funding would support.
- 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.)?
- D. What changes do your component group anticipate making in the way in which it operates in the coming year?