

Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2023–2024

May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

I. Officers:

<u>2023–2024</u>	<u>2024–2025</u>
President: Brittany Baisch Vice President: Lauren Brown Vice President-Elect: Damani Parran Secretary-Treasurer: Joanna Klapacz Past President, Councilor: Margaret Whittaker Councilor: Azita Cuevas Councilor: Monika Roy Graduate Student Representative: Neha Paranjape	President: Lauren Brown Vice President: Damani Parran Vice President-Elect: Sara Farahmand Secretary-Treasurer: Colleen McLoughlin Past President, Councilor: Brittany Baisch Councilor: Kel DeShong Councilor: Monika Roy Postdoctoral Representative: Janine Cubello Graduate Student Representative: Kelly Rivenbark

Committees:

In 2023-2024 our Executive Committee worked on our subcommittees. Beginning in 2024-2025 volunteers from our survey will be included.

II. 2024 Membership total: 95

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2023–2024:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Virtual meetings
- Sponsored session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Trainee awards conferred
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)
- generated volunteer survey to enable formation of subcommittees and to foster membership engagement

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- non-SOT (EPA and A4)

V. Communication Methods:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- ToXchange
- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website
- Newsletter(s)
- Through Graduate Student/Postdoc Representatives
- LinkedIn

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section maintained an inclusive organization through the following activities.

- Nominate a diverse slate of candidates for elections
- Solicit equitable input from all executive committee leaders
- Utilize virtual meetings for convening Specialty Section leadership
- Utilize standardized rubrics for judging awards/posters
- Include inclusive descriptions of Awards
- Prioritize diversity in selection of speakers/panelists
- Highlight trainee research
- Solicit member feedback for development of Specialty Section activities (such as webinar topics)
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged
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- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership
- waive membership fees for awardees is not already SCCT members when they apply

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- career development webinars offered on Toxic Release Inventory Tool and tracker, how to use it webinar on alternatives assessment

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	1
Early Career	1
Mid Career	
Late Career	

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

In 2023-2024 we started using our LinkedIn social media account much more. We also heavily recruited to support a more diverse set of candidates for our ballot. Our luncheon at the Annual Meeting was a discussion forum for planning sessions and to seek feedback from members on future activities. The survey also helped us form committees for 2024-2025.

X. Strategic Plan:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section 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
- Enhance member recognition and visibility at all levels

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- Emerging topics include microplastics, endangered species act implementation, future directions of toxicology in other countries and organizations/societies

XII. 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 Specialty Section?

We would appreciate if SOT would be more mindful of scheduling sessions endorsed by SCCT or where our president is speaking to not overlap with our Annual Meeting luncheon slot. Three of the sessions we endorsed were on the same day, two of them overlapped with each other as well as with our luncheon. For small component groups just getting started this is counterproductive and disperses our members and our leadership team. When Component Groups are just starting out it is best to have minimal overlap.

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

We encourage SOT to consider sustainability practices and recycling at future Annual Meetings as well as increase the number of vegetarian and vegan meal options. The trash cans in the convention center were overflowing with the same waste from the few boxed lunch options offered.