

Sustainable Chemicals through Contemporary Toxicology Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2024–2025

May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

I. Officers:

<u>2024–2025</u>	<u>2025–2026</u>
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	President: Damani Parran Vice President: Sara Farahmand Vice President Elect: Jennifer Tanir Past President, Councilor: Lauren Brown Secretary-Treasurer: Colleen McLoughlin Councilor: Kel DeShong Councilor: Shoba Iyer Postdoctoral Representative: Opeyemi Ogunsuyi Student Representative: Milica Pavlovic

Committees:

Finance committee - Colleen McLoughlin, Damani Parran, Britt Baisch (former) Communication committee - Kel Deshong, Monika Roy (former), Shoba Iyer Awards - Sara Farahmand, Damani Parran, Lauren Brown, Collen McCloughin

II. 2025 Membership total: 94

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2024–2025:

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
- Mentoring/career development events
- Trainee awards conferred
- Member highlights
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

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

- Biotechnology

- Dermal Toxicology
- Exposure
- Mechanisms
- Mixtures
- Molecular and Systems Biology
- Occupational and Public Health
- Risk Assessment
- Out Toxicologists and Allies , GLSC, PDA

V. Communication Methods:

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

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Newsletter(s)
- 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
- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

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 panel(s)
- SCCT co-sponsored the mentoring event at the annual meeting and provided multiple mentors for the event.

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	2
Early Career	0
Mid Career	0
Late Career	0

IX. 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
- 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

X. 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.

- Success stories related to sustainable chemistry and toxicology
Improving science communication in a politicized environment

XI. 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?

Providing training to the speciality sections on fundraising does and don't

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Increase speed at which financials are posted.

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