

Mixtures Specialty Section

ANNUAL REPORT: 2025–2026

May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026

I. Officers:

<u>2025–2026</u>	<u>2026–2027</u>
President: Jennifer Schlezinger Vice President: Allison Phillips Vice President Elect: Justin Conley Past President, Councilor: Courtney Roper Secretary-Treasurer: Christopher Kassotis Senior Councilor: Rachel Dee Junior Councilor: Kristin Eccles Postdoctoral Representative: Paul Deford Graduate Student Representative: Olga Skende	President: Allison Phillips Vice President: Justin Conley Vice President-Elect: Craig Harvey Secretary-Treasurer: Christopher Kassotis Past President, Councilor: Jennifer Schlezinger Senior Councilor: Kristin Eccles Junior Councilor: Amelia Smith Postdoctoral Representative: Jennifer Toyoda Graduate Student Representative: Sarah Miller

Committees:

No appointed committees

II. 2026 Membership total: 125

III. Key Outcomes and Accomplishments in 2025–2026:

The Mixtures Specialty Section accomplished the following activities throughout the year.

- In-person meeting/mixer
- Virtual meetings
- Endorsed session(s) at the Annual Meeting
- Mentoring/career development events
- Poster session for trainees
- Trainee awards conferred
- Scientist investigator awards conferred
- Newsletter(s)
- Webinars
- Business meeting (communicated operations/finances to members)
- Updated standard operating procedures

IV. Collaborative Partnerships with Other SOT Organizations:

The Mixtures Specialty Section collaborated with the following organizations within SOT.

- Risk Assessment

V. Communication Methods:

The Mixtures Specialty Section stayed in contact with its members throughout the year through the following mechanisms.

- Emails through SOT Headquarters
- Specialty Section website
- LinkedIn

VI. Promotion of Inclusivity

The Mixtures 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
- Provide volunteer activities for the membership to be engaged
- Use multiple approaches to communicate with membership

VII. Mentoring and Career Development Activities:

The Mixtures Specialty Section hosted the following mentoring activities throughout the year for its membership.

- Networking luncheon/reception

VIII. Awards Given:

Trainee	3
Early Career	2
Mid Career	1
Late Career	1

IX. Key Outcomes and Improvements:

- A. We continue to strive to support trainees and early career scientists. An important aspect of this is our Jane Ellen Simmons Travel award. For the third year, we have been able to provide this award for an excellent young scientist.
- B. We are a small Specialty Section and continue to struggle with the cost of hosting the reception at the annual meeting (we prefer to use our resources to support trainees). We made a couple of changes to help minimize the cost of the reception: We only provided drink tickets (as this was the least expensive option). We bought our own projector (which will be passed from president to president) to minimize AV costs. Also, we now only give out ribbons (no plaques).

X. Strategic Plan:

The Mixtures Specialty Section supported the following SOT Strategic Priorities.

- Proactively pursue impactful scientific content
- Foster connectivity across scientific disciplines
- Develop a talent pool of toxicologists for the future

XI. Scientific Topics of Interest:

The Mixtures Specialty Section is interested in seeing the following topic areas developed into sessions at future SOT Annual Meetings.

- This is a topic that we addressed with our endorsed workshop session this year, but it needs more attention! I would recommend more sessions on the interaction between diet and toxicity. Too few researchers think about the diet that they use! Of course, nanoplastics are all the rage, but sessions on how to accurately measure nanoplastics (in people and in media) are needed. We need to move beyond the "classic" PFAS to the short-chain and ultra-short chain PFAS.

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?

Assisting with connecting potential sponsors to Sections. Assist in identifying sources of funding for sponsorship of award prizes and travel costs: who can we contact and how to contact them

- 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.)?

Assisting small specialty sections to collaborate on the receptions, so that costs can be minimized.