



ANS Local Section News

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Around the Nation

Your Local Section Committee

We all thank you for supporting the Local Sections. Please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone on the Committee with suggestions or comments on how to improve assistance to Local Sections.

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Carlsbad, NM

In 2011, the Carlsbad Local Section presented the first ANS-C Scholarship, a \$500 award given to an eligible high school senior in the surrounding Eddy County. Initially managed by the Section, they decided to partner with the Carlsbad Community Foundation, a local non-profit that manages many scholarships in their region. There are several advantages offered through this option: all donations are tax-free and the scholarship fund no longer comes from the ANS-C budget, making the section able to reliably fund the scholarship each year.

This serves as an excellent example of how a Local Section can utilize community resources to continue helping support its current and prospective members.

Oak Ridge/Knoxville, TN

The OR/K Section will be hosting the 2015 National Nuclear Science Week “Big Event,” October 22-24. The theme will be “Bringing the community and world together through nuclear science.”

Admission to this three-day event is free and open to all who have an interest in nuclear science and energy.

For more information, click here: <http://goo.gl/s8CU4r>.



Kansas City, KS

Under the leadership of Ryan Kinney, the Kansas City Local Section is undergoing revitalization. The first meeting of the section was held June 24.

There were 13 members in attendance who discussed the section’s goals and interests, as well as proposed bylaws.

Their plans include involvement of both the local student population as well as the Kansas City medical community.

ANS would like to recognize Kinney for his dedicated work to revitalize the section.



From left to right: Local Section member Greg Anderson and Chair Ryan Kinney.

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Savannah River, SC

The Local Section held its first Southeastern Summer Nuclear Institute weeklong teacher's workshop from July 15-17. They reported great participation and feedback, with 28 middle and high school teachers from Georgia and South Carolina in attendance. The Institute included a tour of the Vogtle Nuclear Power Station in Burke County, GA, as well as a tour of the Savannah River Site near Aiken, SC, and the Savannah River National Laboratory.

The goals of the Institute were focused on promoting the advantages of nuclear energy, stimulating pupils in this age group to pursue STEM-related careers, and providing positive public relations for the industry. Additionally, the goals support the southern nuclear utilities in their selection of nuclear power for future energy needs.



Teachers visited Vogtle, Unit 1 Simulator and participated in a training exercise. The teachers also visited the Unit 3 simulator and were impressed by the advanced digital technology.



Jon Guy explains the chart of nuclides using the [ANS Isotope Discovery Kit](#).

Eastern Washington, WA

Eastern Washington is “kicking off a new era” by hosting their first-ever Networking BBQ on August 18. It's a free event and friends, family, and colleagues are all welcome to attend. The Section created the event and shared it via email and on their [Facebook page](#).

Kudos to Carl Holder for spearheading this gathering and getting everyone excited about the upcoming year!



Officer Elections

Have you checked your charter lately?

The term of each officer elected to a Local Section's Executive Committee is one year. Please check your charter to see in which month your section holds its elections. Once officers are selected, please send an email update to Natalie Jones, Local Section Liaison, at njones@ans.org.

June Elections (July Installation)

- *Eastern Carolinas Section*
- *Northeastern Section*
- *Nevada Section*
- *Carlsbad Section*
- *Northeastern New York Section*

July Elections (August Installation)

- *Northern California Section*
- *Eastern Washington Section*
- *Wisconsin Section*

Local Sections Task Force

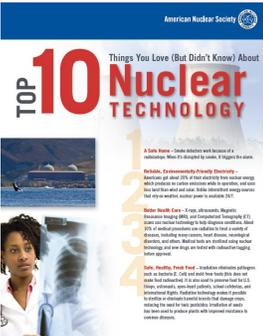
In 2014, a Local Sections Task Force was organized to fulfill the following purposes:

1. Review the strategic goals for Local Sections and, if necessary, recommend revisions to them.
2. Review the specific activities Local Sections conduct to fulfill these goals and, where necessary, recommend revisions to them.
3. Present a report with findings and recommendations to the Local Sections Committee for consideration.

The findings of [this report](#) can be found on the [Local Sections Committee webpage](#).

Have you visited
[**NuclearConnect.org?**](http://NuclearConnect.org?)

**Top 10 Things
You Love
(But Didn't Know)
About Nuclear
Technology**





Plan Now to Attend the 2015 ANS Winter Meeting

[Nuclear: The Foundation of
Sensible Policy for Energy,
Economy and the Environment](#)

Washington, D.C.
Marriott Wardman Park
November 8-12, 2015

Tips For Revitalizing Your Local Section

- **Tip #1– Discuss Pascal in a New Locale.** Explore new venues when it comes to holding meetings or try offering different types of foods. For example, host a BBQ. Mixing professional meetings with more informal networking meetings has helped several of our sections to keep all of their membership actively engaged.
- **Tip #2– Get Down to the Nitty Gritty: Consider a Subcommittee.** If you happen to have eager student members who would like to volunteer their brainpower, do what the Eastern Washington Local Section did. Form a student committee that focuses solely on venue decisions and logistics.
- **Tip #3– Modify the chair cycle.** The Trinity Local Section works within a four-year chair cycle in order to make it easier for young professionals to get involved, providing both coverage and mentorship to those involved.

Would You Like To Recognize Your Members?

ANS HQ has **two certificate templates** available for your Local Section to honor one or more of your members for an outstanding contribution. These certificates can be created upon request and will be available for pick-up at the Annual and/or Winter Meetings. For more information, or to submit a request, please contact Natalie Jones, ANS Program Coordinator, at njones@ans.org.

Classroom Resources

ANS has grade-appropriate resources and project materials available for teachers that explain the many uses of the atom and the vital role of nuclear technology. Electronic versions are complimentary and teachers can download them at www.nuclearconnect.org. For more resources, please click the images below.



Updates & Reminders

Next Local Section
Snapshot Conference Call
Wednesday, September 2, 12:00 p.m. CT

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