

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, June 2, 2016, 6:30 PM
Arcadia Ales

Start time: 6:33 pm

End time: 7:20 pm

Minutes recorded by: Angela Willson (AW)

Members present: James Kiddle (JK), Brian Eklov (BE), Andre Venter (AV), Mara Birndorf (MB), Sarah Glass (SG), Audrey Thomas (AT), Lydia Hines (LH) – via web, Doug Williams (DW)

1. Secretary's Report (AW)

- a. **The May minutes were approved** – a .pdf copy will be sent to Mark Wolfe for the website.

2. Treasurer's Report (AV)

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – Our tax postcard was filed successfully. There was a discussion about increasing our reserve because it should be 1.5x our distribution (approximately \$8000). We can do that and raise our reserve to approximately \$12k and still have money to spend.
- b. **Investment Fund / Checking Account update** – We got our money from the JGLRM. Councilor travel reimbursement checks were received and a new check was written to Ryan (2014 award winner). BE asked JK to check with Casey about any leftover materials from CCED. Alton Brown ticket money is still coming in.

3. Communications Chair (CP)

- a. **Facebook page report** – We are up 8 likes on Facebook to a total of 320 likes.
- b. **Website report (Mark Wolf)** – No report.
- c. **Newsletter Report** – The newsletter is almost done and should be going out tomorrow. We are just waiting for it to be posted to the website, so we can send an email to membership.

4. WMU and K College Chemistry Student Organizations

- a. **Kalamazoo College (SG, JB)** – The club had their annual DOWBQ on May 24th for the science community at KCollege. This event allows students and faculty from the Biology and Chemistry departments to eat food and mingle in a casual atmosphere. They had a record breaking 180 students and professors who attended the event. They submitted their receipts to AV and were under budget for the event. The club elected leaders for next year. Audrey Thomas will be president, Annie Nelson will be secretary, and Sharat Kamath will be treasurer. We need to add Audrey to the email distribution list for meetings.
- b. **WMU Chem Club (CW)** – No report.
- c. **WMU CGSA (BE for SJ)** – SJ sent pictures from the picnic event. On May 20th, the CGSA hosted its annual Spring Picnic for local chemists at the Oshtemo Township Park. First and foremost, CGSA would like to thank KACS for the generous financial support for a hugely successful event. We had more than 60 attendees, including faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students from WMU, and KACS members from around Kalamazoo, as well as some chemists-to-be. We are glad to see this event gaining popularity as a local tradition. CGSA has a newly elected board.

5. Old Business

a. Education Committee Report

- i. **Awards Gathering reprise (MW, JK)** – We had approximately 80 people at the Awards event. All awards have been distributed, so except for everyone cashing their checks, we can officially wrap the event. We have not heard from our teacher winner

- ii. **SEED Posters (w/ HHMI) (DS, JSpitsbergen)** – We had no applicants for project SEED this year, so there will not be a poster session. We believe there are also no HHMI or REU students this summer.
- b. **Science Café – Distillery - reprise (BE)** – Everyone had a great time on the distillery trip with the St. Joe section. We asked a lot of questions and samples were generous. There will be a report in the latest newsletter.
- c. **Alton Brown report (BE)** – This show was on May 5th. There were mixed reviews on the show. There wasn't very much science incorporated in the show.
- d. **Status of Air Zoo as location for 75th Anniversary celebration for KACS in 2017 (LH)** – It looks like February is a good month for the meeting, but weekends are often taken up by Boy Scout groups, so they recommended a weekday evening. The upstairs can fit about 100 people and we have the option of renting the downstairs. LH recommended John Boase a mechanical engineer from Purdue as a speaker. The upstairs is about \$1800 dollars and the downstairs seats about 300 people and is about \$3000 dollars. A certain allocation of rental tickets are included in this rental price, but food is not. It is hard to have a speaker upstairs because of the shape of the space. IPGs are due in July and could help offset the cost of this event. We think if there was no cost for the event and a cash bar. We could open this up to the sections around us. The only risk is if we don't get funding, we could end up having to fund the event. We could also apply again in another cycle. There was a consensus of support for this event.
- e. **Preparation for National Chemistry Week (LH/BE)** – The theme of this year's event is **Chemists solve mysteries using forensics**. This is our 30th Chemistry Day at the Museum, which will be Saturday, October 8, 2016. We threw around the idea of having a mystery in the museum for the attendees to solve. There is a woman at the Air Zoo is willing to participate.

6. New Business

- a. **Bell's Recycle-a-Poster event – Zoetis co-sponsor (ES)** – We have confirmed sponsorship for this fall event from Zoetis.
- b. **Extend Invitation to D. Lowe for KACS event (BE)** – at the moment it seems that BE's schedule might be busy to schedule another event
- c. **Search for Chair-elect for 2017 (BE? comm?)** – We need to identify a volunteer for chair-elect. We need to check the schedule, but we also might need to look for a treasurer to replace AV.
- d. **Mike Kiella request for KACS Associate Member status (EC vote required)** – The EC approved this change in status.
- e. **Next PR Email** – There are no emails to send except for the most recent newsletter.
- f. Send items for the **September newsletter** to ACSkzoo@gmail.com by **August 15** for **September 1** publication.

Content: Chair's comment (BE),

Call for Volunteers for NCW – 30th Chemistry Day at Museum (LH)

New officers for college clubs

- a. The next EC meeting will be on **Thursday, August 4th at 6:30pm** at **Arcadia Brewery** (weather permitting). Remember there is no meeting in July.

7. Around the Table

- a. AW has been invited back to Haverhill Elementary in Portage for the Halloween science extravaganza. She is going to try to pick up a second location to do the same presentation.
- b. We struggled to find high school science teachers for the award. AV proposed discussing looking into middle school teachers for the award. We proposed adding this to our August agenda.
- c. Doug showed us a National Chemistry Week banner that we can use in October.