

**Executive Committee Minutes**  
**Kalamazoo Section ACS**  
**Thursday, September 8, 2016, 7:30 PM**  
**Bell's Eccentric Café**

Attending: James Kiddle (JK), Sarut Jianrattanasawat (SJ), Doug Williams (DW), Brian Eklov (BE, recording), Andre Venter (AV), David Bolliet (DB), Lydia Hines (LH, via hangouts).

1. Secretary's Report (BE for Angela Willson) – August 2016 minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Treasurer's Report (AV) – Treasurer's Report and Funds Update: Investments are up \$185. The EC was excited to hear that ALL outstanding Competitive Exam checks have cleared. AV will send checks tomorrow to LH for councilor travel to Philadelphia and to the Air Zoo for the deposit on our Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> event. AV increased our reserve fund to \$12,000 and asked where this money should be kept. The EC agreed that the money should be kept in our investment fund, but that there are no national restrictions as long as the funds are accessible to the KACS EC.
3. Communications Chair (CP) – A draft of the newsletter is available. DB is still posting to our Facebook page, and he will add an event announcement for Chemistry Day as well as an announcement about our Section's 75th anniversary celebration next February (LH to provide paragraph). DW thanked LH for the councilor report.
4. WMU and K College Chemistry Student Organizations
  - a. Kalamazoo College (SG, JB) – No report.
  - b. WMU Chem Club (Jake Kirkendall) – No report.
  - c. WMU CGSA (SJ) – Picnic report: Spring picnic expenses were \$218.78. AV will cut a check.  
Request for sponsorship for the ice cream social – \$75.00 was approved by the EC.
5. Old Business
  - a. Update on Status of Air Zoo for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for KACS, Thursday February 23, 2017 (LH) – KACS has signed a contract, and AV will send the deposit on 9/9. Our speaker is excited about the presentation, and will be discussing the unique chemical challenges faced in the design and use of the SR-71. ACS ED/CEO Tom Connelly is scheduled to be present. LH suggests we will need to publicize this event early and often.
  - b. Update on preparation for National Chemistry Week (Chemists solve mysteries – forensics) 30<sup>th</sup> Chemistry Day at the Museum will be October 8, 2016 (LH/BE) – DW has identified four volunteers for a forensics who-done-it. Unfortunately, he has not heard back from Forensic Fluids. LH reports that Carl Stachew has a "blood" activity. LH will send Carl's info to DW. LH reports that Annette is very happy to have us back, and the EC is happy to be back.
  - c. Extend Invitation to D. Lowe for KACS event (JK) – JK did not extend an invitation, but JK believes that Dr. Lowe is receptive to an invitation. JK will extend a formal invitation, while attempting to avoid dates in October, December, and February.
  - d. Search for "Chair-elect" for 2017; also Treasurer and Chair (BE? comm?) – BE has no update. DB suggests an email Request for Nominations be sent (and posted to FB). BE agrees, and will send copy to DB
  - e. 6. New Business

- a. Report on Council Meeting in Philadelphia (LH) –Report posted on KACS website. Good meeting, but quiet. News: ACS is trying to solicit recommendations on how to be more efficient in governance. KACS EC has many ideas for governance judging by the discussion, and will await a formal request.
  - b. Bell's Recycle-a-Poster event – Zoetis co-sponsor - November date?, program (ES) – No report.
  - c. Invitation from Lake Center Elementary (Stephanie Norg) to participate/contribute to their "I ♥ STEM" event on October 20 evening (BE, LH) – Committee agrees to support, and WMU Chem Clubs is suggested participant. DW proposes the forensics for a 2<sup>nd</sup> night. Committee approved a \$300 contribution, and materials.
  - d. Next PR Email ?? – timing and content of newsletter or email announcement, combined with Facebook and website updates (all) LH: Chemistry Day Announcement for **September 22**.
  - e. Discuss the **next (October) newsletter** mailing date and deadline for submissions. Send items for the newsletter to: [ACSSkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ACSSkzoo@gmail.com) send by SEPT. 16 for **OCT 1** publication. Content:
    - Chair's comment (BE)
    - Councilor Report (LH)
    - Repeat Call for Volunteers for NCW – 30<sup>th</sup> Chemistry Day at Museum (LH)/BE)
    - ? Report on KACS supported Climate Change Symposium at San Diego Mtg - (ES)
    - Lake Center Portage Elementary Event (LH/BE/DW)
  - f. Set **next EC meeting: 6:30 pm on Monday, October 10** at the Blue Dolphin.
7. Around the Table: LH has received an inquiry about including home schooled students in our competitive exam. All participated in a lively discussion of the merits and issues. All want to be inclusive, but many issues exist (how to contact students in a fair and equitable manner (all three counties), how to administer the exam, should we allow students who have taken college chemistry classes, etc.). DW and DB have agreed to contact a co-worker who has experience home schooling to try to learn if there is a central authority to coordinate with. The issue was tabled for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.