

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, December 7, 2015 at 6:30 PM
Brite Eyes Brewing Company, 1156 South Burdick

Members present: Angela Willson (AW), Brian Eklov (BE), Sarut Jianrattanasawat (SJ), Chris Pruis (CP), David Bolliet (DB), Lydia Hines (LH), Jeff Bartz (JB), Doug Williams (DW), Andre Venter (AV)

Minutes by: Angela Willson

Start time: 6:37 pm

End time: 7:26 pm

1. Secretary's Report (AW)

- a. The November minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (AV)

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – Rebate for councilor travel and new member funds were received from national.
- b. **Investment Fund / Checking Account update** – Investments are climbing very slowly. We cleared expenses for the SCI Mixer Poster Event. We clarified where some expenses should fall - like Robin's gift card and student best-poster awards from Bell's event.
- c. **Status of IRS query (AV)** – No update. Our letter was received on time, but we will anxiously await news.
- d. **Budget recommendation/approval** - AV brought up clarifying the "KACS Reserve Fund" in our budget/report. Year's expense report was presented to guide our budget discussion for next year.

3. Communications Chair (DB)

- a. **Facebook page report** –274 likes, up 12 from last month. These new likes are still not coming from the region, but appear to be coming from the Middle East. Email sent November 9th as a reminder for the poster session. DB will continue to help updating the Facebook page.
- b. **Website report (MW)** –for updating events list (one contact; first to website, then e-blast)
- c. **Newsletter Report (BE)** – No newsletter since last meeting.

4. WMU and K College Chemistry Student Organizations

- a. **Kalamazoo College (SG, MB, SD, JB)** – No report.
- b. **WMU Chem Club (Casey Wright)** – No report.
- c. **WMU CGSA (SJ)** – CGSA submitted receipts for their annual Thanksgiving potluck.
- d. **NOBCChE (CB)** – No report.

5. Old Business

- a. **[Education Comm Report: Competitive Exam planning (Mike W)]** – No update.
- b. **[Science Café on distilling – update (Journeyman Distillery - spring?) (BE)]** – No update.
- c. **Update on Communications Chair/Newsletter Editor (BE, DB, CP)** - DB welcomed our new communications chair, Chris Pruis. They have discussed the duties of the position including newsletter, email communication and interaction with the website. DB plans to help her with the transition into this new position. Special thanks to Lydia for making this connection. Chris Pruis is originally from Kalamazoo. Went to Valparaiso for her undergraduate degree in chemistry and Western for graduate school. She taught chemistry at Arizona State University. There she was involved with local section where she was chair for two years. She has two children ages 8 and 6

years. She is now working for a publishing company in New York on textbooks and online media.

- d. **Report on WMU CGSA Thanksgiving potluck supper (SJ)** – On November 18, 2015 the CGSA hosted a Thanksgiving Potluck for the Chemistry undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff of the Department of Chemistry at Western Michigan University. The event was an opportunity for international students and their families to celebrate the American Thanksgiving tradition. The event was successful and well attended. SJ thanked KACS for financial support and helping make this a successful event.
- e. **Update on CGSA contact with Jorge Cham (PhD2 movie) (SJ)** – We are hoping to find someone to head this event to hold a screening on campus.
- f. **Election of officers - report (AW)** – 23 Members voted in our online election for Alternate Councilor and Secretary. Dr. Doug Williams was elected to continue as our Alternate Councilor and Angela Willson was elected to continue as Secretary. Congratulations to our officers and thank you for your continued service to our local section.
- g. **[Update on Tom Higgins invitation – Feb 2016? (LH)]** – No update.
- h. **Report/update on May-June 2006 Newsletter “copyright infringement” accusation (BE)** – In the April 2006 newsletter we used an image of a snowflake. At the time a professor at Caltech owned the copyright. He has now transferred that image to a warehouse and they are asking us to pay a ~\$700 fine. This has been forwarded to ACS legal counsel, which will get back to us this week about how to proceed. The newsletter has temporarily been removed from the website until we can figure out how to remove the image.

6. New Business

- a. **Section Dues increase (BE)** – Our dues are current \$6. Increasing dues by \$1 would increase our overall allotment by \$300, which would cover an additional Science Café. The EC recommendation would be to raise the dues to \$8, which was seconded and approved.
- b. **Next year’s program thoughts (BE)** – Copy from Brian Eklov for overview of the year.
- c. **Next PR Email (all)** – There is no need for a PR email at this time
- d. The next meeting will be **Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30pm** at Brite Eyes Brewing Co.

7. Around the Table:

- a. **Leadership institute** – BE has booked his tickets to the leadership institute for 2016.
- b. Lydia passed a card for us to sign for John Engelmann who had a recent fall.
- c. **SEED** – Don Schreiber no longer wants to be responsible for our participation in Project SEED.