

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Kalamazoo Section ACS

Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 6:30 PM

Location: Zoom Conference Call

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the August 2020 Executive Committee meeting of the Kalamazoo Section of the ACS will not meet in person. We will conduct the meeting via ZOOM:

Ed will send a link to ZOOM

#Present: James Redwine (JR), Ed Thomas (ET), Lydia Hines (LEMH), Grace McKnight (GM), Doug Williams (DW), Tomasz Respondek (TR), Kelly Teske (KT)

##Start: 6:35

1. Secretary's Report (JR)
 - a. Review and approval of June 2020 minutes
#Approved
 - a. Should 2020 minutes be added to website?
Yes! JR will convert approved Minutes to pdf, send to webmaster Mark W. quarterly
2. Treasurer's Report (BS)
 - a. Treasurer's Report (**Appendix 1**)
attached
3. Communications Chair (MW)
#Not present, busy at Sstryker; time will free up soon
 - a. Newsletter Report
 - a. Status of Newsletter
#Desire for monthly newsletter expressed again.
 - b. Website report – update on webservice transition
#Allison waiting on some feedback, requesting photos to use in building the website; will request from Lydia and Mark W.
4. Student Organizations
 - a. WMU Chem Club (Andrew Simpkins, President)
#E-mail sent by Andrew Simpkins to EC before the meeting:
I can tell you what we are planning to do with the Chemistry Club at Western Michigan though. We plan to have meetings through a video chat service (zoom, webex, etc) and if people wanted to meet we would have a sign-up to have one on one sessions with them in the Chem Club room we have in the Chemistry building. As for events that's still up in the air because we don't know how schools and things of that nature are going to operate.
 - b. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President) – no one present
 - c. Kalamazoo College (Blake Tresca, adviser; Andrew Walsh, Grace McKnight)
#GM: K-College is using hybrid in person/remote approach to classes. Student organizations will be more limited in how they can operate, types of events, etc. Not clear as to what seminars will look like.
#KT: WMU attempting to coordinate two seminars with K-college. Information forthcoming.
Possible speakers: Matt Disney - Scripps and Carl Snipes - Tufts

5. Project SEED (DW)

#Summer camp has been completed. Closing meeting occurred this week. 300 students started, good completion (291). Good diversity profile. 10 were from MI, 1 student from Kzoo.

#Some of the aspects of remote SEED will be incorporated into the future, including for traditional, in-person program. More news coming up.

6. Old Business

#None

7. Upcoming Events

a. National Chemistry week Museum Day Event (LEMH)

#Coming up in October. KVM is still closed, Annette Hoppenworth is planning to take the Chem day at museum event virtual. Theme is "Sticking with Chemistry": chemistry of glues/adhesives.

b. Speed Networking (LC)

#LC not present. Usually in fall at K-college, considering either late-winter or virtual. ET to contact LC for update.

c. Bell's recycle a poster event (TR and KT)

#"Doesn't look very good" for the event happening this year. Would be difficult to operate virtually. KT: maybe do 3 min. talks, but difficult for industry, lose the networking aspect. TR: Perhaps postpone to spring. If canceled, will be communicated in Sept newsletter. HJ will write the cancellation, with assistance from ET.

8. New Business

a. SF National ACS Meeting\Council meeting (LH)

#Council meetings ongoing tomorrow in virtual ACS meeting. Member annual dues will remain unchanged for 2021. Announcements coming via ACS Matters regarding the upcoming election for ACS President Elect. Membership affairs committee is considering increasing number of types of memberships to allow members to choose member benefits and adjust dues accordingly.

b. Fall Elections (ET and LH)

#Treasurer (2-yr), Chair-elect (1-yr), Councilor (3-yr), positions that have to be filled. LEMH willing to run or re-election as councilor. ET to pursue seeking nominations.

c. How to reinvigorate the section? Postcards, Calls, Updated website, regular newsletter?

#ET and HJ goals for the year. Would be good to better involve chemists at local larger employers, especially BS/MS level.

d. Zoom meeting with chairs of other local section to discuss issues (ET)

#Will work on reaching out to some neighboring similar-size sections. (St Joe Valley, Mich State, W. Michigan Section (GR), Huron Valley)

9. General Discussion

10. Next Newsletter (MW)

a. Highlight KACS members making contributions during COVID-19 pandemic (HJ to write)

#Speed Networking (HJ and ET to write re cancellation/postponement)

#Bells poster event (HJ and ET to write re cancellation/postponement)

#LEMH awarded Helen M. Free award for 2020. Press Release upcoming, should be included in newsletter thereafter.

#Article regarding the Chemistry Day at the KVMuseum going virtual (LEMH)

11. Next Meeting: September 15th, 2020, 6:30 pm via Zoom

End at 7:39

Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report for the KACS Executive Committee meeting on August 18, 2020

Current accounts summary:

PNC \$14,128.76 Note that we have no outstanding checks as of today

Vanguard investments \$11,879.32 in the VIPSX account
\$18,147.20 in the VWINX account
\$30,026.52 total account balance as of today

Comment on Vanguard investments: both accounts gained since last meeting on June 16, 2020

Restricted funds: **Project SEED: \$2050.12**
 IPG: \$1637.83

Income since June 16: ACS deposit of \$45.00 for new membership (President's Challenge)

Outgo since June 16: 1 check issued to ACS for Leadership Institute, \$598.30 (not yet transacted by last meeting)

Old outstanding checks: None

Total outstanding: \$0.00

We have available:

PNC \$14,128.76

Tax form – Filed 990-N, notified national ACS

