

Executive Committee  
Kalamazoo Section, ACS  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**5 August 2003**

Meeting called to order at 4:42 PM at Bell's Eccentric Café in downtown Kalamazoo.

**Present:** Ben Maxey (BM); Don Schreiber (DS); Lydia Hines (LH); Brian Buffin (BB); Paul Dobrowolski (PD); John Stodola (JS); Dean Cooke (DC); Mike Kiella (MK); and Sheryl Loux (SL).

1. **Agendas Distributed.** Call for agenda additions or corrections. None forwarded. MK moved for acceptance of the agenda, BB second. Vote: all in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Minutes from the June 2003 EC meeting were sent electronically prior to the meeting. Additional copies were also distributed. MK moved for acceptance of the minutes, PD second. Vote: all in favor with one abstention.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** MK distributed an updated report for the period 4/10/03-8/5/03. All obligations have been paid. The current account balance is \$1738.63 with and additional \$5582.65 from the GLRM held in reserve. The Merrill-Lynch money market account had a July interest of \$6.21 and a closing balance of \$14,009.40 as of 7/25/03. Project SEED support from the WMU Foundation should be forthcoming shortly. BB moved for acceptance of the treasurer's report, DS second. Vote: all in favor.
4. **EC Action Items**
  - a) **Old Business**
    - i) *Reorganization of KACS Financial Report.* This item was tabled until a future meeting.
    - ii) *KACS Advertising Policy.* MK distributed a draft of the new KACS advertising policy. Asked that feedback be given for incorporation. Final version to be voted on for adoption at the September EC meeting. The printing of the KalChemist News by Pfizer if it contains advertisements was questioned. Other minor corrections were noted.
    - iii) *2003 Fall Tour Speaker.* BM confirmed that the ACS tour speaker in the Fall would be John Fortman, Professor Emeritus at Wright State University. His talk will focus on chemical demonstrations. The talk will be 23 September 2003 at Kalamazoo College, Room 226 of the Dow Science Building. BM to coordinate visits and interviews and inquire about getting a Gazette announcement prior to the talk.
    - iv) *2003 Chemistry Day at the Museum.* BS noted that no further progress has occurred. Museum staff has been contacted and are happy with the pace of activity planning. JS suggested looking over list of old volunteers to see who is still in Kalamazoo following the Pfizer acquisition.
    - v) *Pfizer Acquisition Impact on Section.* SL is still in town and employed at a local company. Will remain active in the section. BS has moved to CT, PD will be moving to Ann Arbor shortly.
  - b) **New Business**
    - i) *Replacements for Newsletter Editor and NCW Coordinator.* BM to edit and publish KalChemist News until further notice. BM also coordinating NCW. The search for other individuals willing to be involved with KACS is ongoing.

- ii) *Farewell to Brian Stockman and Paul Dobrowolski.* BS and PD were thanked for all of the dedicated and selfless service they have given to KACS and the EC over the years.
- iii) *Initiatives Grant Program.* SL distributed a flier announcing the ACS Local Section Innovative Projects Grant Program. Beginning in 2004, a pool of approximately \$110,000 will be available annually to local sections for innovative projects or programs. Deadlines for proposals will be October 1 and April 1. The EC will look for a project to support via submission of a proposal to this program.

## 5. **Committee Reports**

- a) *Councilor Report.* LH noted a few of the items to be voted upon at the upcoming National meeting in New York.
- b) *Project SEED.* DS noted that the reception for Project SEED students would be held on Thursday, August 7.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM by unanimous vote. Next meeting will be held on 4 September 2003 in Pfizer 126 1-A.

Minutes recorded by B. Buffin