

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
Kalamazoo Section ACS  
Monday, Dec 17, 6:30 pm at  
Bell's Comstock Brewery (8938 Krum Ave, Family Room C)**

**Members present:** Steve Secreast, Hershel Jude, Brian Eklov, Mike Weslosky, Angela Willson-Conrad, Bill Schinzer, Lydia Hines, Troy deHagen, Doug Williams, Luke Chadwick

**Minutes Recorded by:** Angela Willson-Conrad

**Start time:** 6:34 pm

**End time:** 7:43 pm

**Secretary (Angela)**

- November minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer (Bill)**

- **Budget report** – The funds in Bank of America have been completely moved to the PNC account leaving a \$0 balance. The BoA account has not been closed. This brings the current PNC account balance to just over \$6000. There are two outstanding checks – both to Elke related to the Bell's event (\$300 and \$250) for a total available balance of just over \$5600. The two Vanguard accounts went down slightly. We have earned about \$500 to date. We had two incoming checks for \$500 each from Bridge Organics and Kalexsyn that are earmarked for the NHCL fund. To finish transferring the Vanguard custodian from John Miller requires Bill and Steve to sign in the presence of the PNC notary and send the hardcopy form to Vanguard.
- **Annual report** – The annual report is due February 15<sup>th</sup>, but Steve would like to get the report submitted by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Steve, Bill, and Lydia will organize the necessary items to get this submitted as quickly as possible.

**Communications**

- **December newsletter** – Chris was very helpful in getting the information to Mike about how to create the newsletter. Mike drafted a December newsletter that we were able to view at the meeting. Lydia will get Mike information about the call for papers for the Great Lakes Regional Meeting. Doug also had suggestions for the SEED items in the newsletter. Mike is going to contact Mark about making the newsletter website compatible. He is hopeful that we can get this newsletter out before the end of the year.
- Please send any items for the newsletter to: [ACSkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ACSkzoo@gmail.com)

**Councilor update (Lydia)** – No update.

**Project SEED update (Doug)** – Doug has contacted 11 institutions/companies about projects. Dwight Williams at K College is committed to a project. Forensic Fluids has also shown some interest. Doug will follow up with companies to further discuss committing to projects or a donation that could be earmarked in the KACS budget for Project SEED. To continue Project SEED in the future for two students each year would require

approximately \$3000 per year of donations to keep the program self-sustaining. Doug followed up with Daniel Calco today to see if he is still interested in being a Summer 2 student.

### **Student Chapters (All)**

- **WMU Chem Club (Troy for Megan)** – The group is planning on having a graduate student come and talk about his experiences, and is also planning another meeting where students can discuss undergraduate research opportunities and what sort of research is being done by professors at the university. Troy has been placing an increased focus on advanced chemistry programming to help members with their future careers. This has included having professors come to a meeting and discuss their research. At the last meeting before finals the group planned ideas for the spring.

### **Old Business (All)**

- **2019 Budget Approval** – The club is planning on carrying a \$4500 deficit for the 2019 budget. Part of this deficit (\$1500) is a result of the NHCL dedication event. The EC approved the budget with the knowledge that carrying this deficit is not sustainable and will mean, as discussed above, raising money for SEED in the future. The budget for 2019 passed.
- **Education Committee** – Bill reviewed the exam from previous years and he thinks the schedule of when things need to be mailed and scheduled seems reasonable.

### **New Business (All)**

- **Preview 2019 Calendar** – Steve organized a calendar for 2019 events. This calendar shows administrative duties and deadlines, national and regional meetings, and planned events, including competitive exams, earth day in Bronson Park and Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW), awards ceremony (tentative date: May 13<sup>th</sup>), Kalamazoo Marathon water stop, NHCL dedication (May 16-17), Project SEED, Speed networking event, Chem Day at the museum, and the recycled poster event.
- **Zoetis funding for 2019 (Tomasz)** – Zoetis approved the \$2000 for the Bell's poster event, and \$2500 for the NHCL event. A BIG thank you to Zoetis for their support of our efforts as a local section.
- **Ideas for KACS 2019 IYPT Event (Luke and Hershel)** – Hershel had the idea to ask local craft breweries to brew commemorative beers for the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the periodic table. Luke and Hershel are going to continue brainstorming and welcome any other ideas from other EC members about how to make this idea come to fruition as a potential fundraiser for Project SEED.

### **Wrap Up**

- The **next EC meeting** will be **Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm** and will tentatively be held at the Bell's Meeting Room.