

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Kalamazoo Section ACS**  
**Tuesday March 8, 2016, 6:30 PM**  
Blue Dolphin Restaurant, 502 South Burdick Street

**Start time:** 6:45 pm

**End time:** 7:37 pm

**Minutes recorded by:** Angela Willson (AW)

**Members present:** Jeff Bartz (JB), Angela Willson (AW), Lydia Hines (LH), Brian Eklov (BE), Doug Williams (DW), James Kiddle (JK)

**1. Secretary's Report (AW)**

- a. **The February minutes were approved.** AW's goal is to have all of the .pdf files of old minutes caught up and sent to Mark Wolf for website posting by the end of the week.

**2. Treasurer's Report (AV)**

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – There was no report.
- b. **Investment Fund / Checking Account update** – There was no report.
- c. **Budget recommendation/approval** – We need to respond by April 28 to a March 1 email from Carol Payton letting National know if we want them to collect our Section dues for us, and the amount. We need to let them know of the new \$8 local section dues that we approved at a previous meeting. BE forwarded the email with instructions to AV.

**3. Communications Chair (CP)**

- a. **Facebook page report** – There was no report.
- b. **Newsletter report** – There was no report.
- c. **Website report (MW)** – There was no report.

**4. WMU and K College Chemistry Student Organizations**

- a. **Kalamazoo College (SG, MB, SD, JB)** – There was no report.
- b. **WMU CGSA ( ? )** – There was no report.
- c. **WMU Chem Club (CW)** – The Chem Club has expressed interest in Alton Brown, Journeyman and Neil Degrasse Tyson; we probably do not have time to arrange for the last event which is on March 22.

**5. Old Business**

- a. **2015 KACS Annual Report submission by midnight 2/15 (BE/AV/LH)** – The annual report was submitted on time. We nominated us for the Medium Small section ChemLuminaryAward; the Regional Meeting nomination has its own process, which we are following through on (see Around the Table).
- b. **Update on Tom Higgins invitation (JB)** – Tom Higgins is coming April 8<sup>th</sup>. He cannot have an honorarium, but we will pay for his hotel while he is here. We would like to hear him present his Regional Meeting Diversity award lecture with the possibility of including pieces about his work at the NSF; we would like to possibly have him talk about his work at the NSF at a separate time for students and faculty interested. His focus at NSF is community colleges. We have members at KVCC who may be interested to know that he is

coming, and may arrange that he also present there. Kalsec is also willing to host him if we need anything extra to complete his schedule. JK offered to coordinate any WMU meetings.

- c. **Education Comm Report: Competitive Exam status; SEED update; Teacher Awardee solicitation status (MW/AV/JK)** – We began sending out exams today. Suddenly the response sheets rolled in at the end of last week. Right now we have seven schools getting ready to take the first competitive exams. JK has all of the information about sending out letters to the principals of schools to get the teacher awardee process started. He plans to pass this to AV to get this out as soon as possible. LH has about five applications from the past five years on teachers, which could be included in the pool of nominees. LH was wondering if MW would recommend to members who are teachers that read the newsletter if they would be looking out for Project SEED. A letter will be sent out.
- d. **Science Café Field Trip to Journeyman Distilling (BE)** – We have a tentative date selected of Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We are shooting for mid-afternoon.
- e. **Alton Brown Group sales (20 or more) May 5 at Miller; status (BE)** – The chair has not heard back from anyone about interest. See also item 4c (WMU Chem Club student leadership expressed interest). Anyone interested can contact BE.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Council Agenda preview for Spring Meeting (LH)** – Dues are increasing to \$166 in 2017. The main interesting question on the agenda is “how do we increase employment for chemists in the United States?”. The other big item for approval is the professional employment guidelines. Our bylaws are in compliance that only members may be elected to officer positions and we have to have appropriate language regarding associate members.
- b. **Next PR Email** – March 30<sup>th</sup> blast about Tom Higgins, if the newsletter gets delayed.
- c. Send items for the **March newsletter** to [ACSkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ACSkzoo@gmail.com) by March 23<sup>rd</sup> for March 30<sup>th</sup> publication.

Content: Chair’s comment (BE),

Reminder re Alton Brown tickets (BE);

Announce Journeyman Distilling event (BE);

Announce Mass Spec Topical Group Meeting details (AV);

Announce Awards Gathering May 9 (MWalsh);

Announce Project SEED opportunity (MWalsh);

Announce 2<sup>nd</sup> HS Chemistry exam for selected students (at WMU 4/23)  
(MWalsh)

Announce Tom Higgins presentation (JB) – talk, NSF info. etc;

Announce plans for CCED event (LH);

[Announce CGSA picnic? (BE to check with CGSA rep?)]

- d. The next EC meeting will be **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Blue Dolphin Restaurant** (502 S. Burdick St.)

## 7. Around the Table: •We have at least six 50-year members this year to be invited to our Awards ceremony.

- We also finally got a reporting template for Joint Great Lakes meeting; ChemLuminary Award Deadline for the RM was indicated at 6 weeks from receipt of that e-mail - we do not plan on making an attempt at that deadline, but have requested opportunity to try for next year’s award line-up.
- K College has 36 sophomore majors.