

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Kalamazoo Section ACS**  
**Monday, 16 April 2018**  
**Central City Tap House, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall**

**Members present:** Steve Secreast, James Kiddle, Angela Willson-Conrad, Luke Chadwick, Kristi Tullis, Brian Eklov, Doug Williams, Lydia E. M. Hines

**Start time:** 6:34 pm

**End time:** 7:35 pm

- **Secretary (Angela)**
  - The March minutes were approved.
- **Treasurer (Bill - *in absentia*)**
  - **Budget report** – The money from the PayPal account has been transferred to the PNC account. We had no problems with the direct deposit of our ACS allotment to the PNC account. Bill is still working on getting trusteeship of the Van Guard investment accounts. The Bank of America account will be closed shortly. James brought the check from Zoetis for Bell's and it was given to Steve to give to Bill. James also has receipts from mailing competitive exams via USPS.
- **Communications (Chris – *in absentia*)**
  - **Newsletter** – Chris said that the next newsletter will be distributed for review on Wednesday. Please send any last-minute items for the newsletter to [ACSkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ACSkzoo@gmail.com).
- **Project SEED (Doug)**
  - **Update** – We have one SEED student, Daniel Colca (Portage Northern/KAMSC) who will be placed with Dwight Williams this summer. Everything is in place and ready to go. Daniel is a current sophomore who would be eligible for Summer 2 next summer. Doug will reach out to Don soon to make sure we have access to the foundation funds at WMU.
  - **Future SEED Brainstorming** – James asked about continuing to have SEED students in the future at WMU. Doug said he would be open to brainstorming how we could continue to expand our program and include WMU, as well as other industry options.
  - **Funding** – Doug asked for \$500 in addition to our \$1250 and ACS's \$1250 match for a total stipend of \$3000 to bring the hourly wage to just over Michigan minimum wage. This funding is included in the budget, so was approved by the EC.
- **Councilor (Lydia)**
  - **Awards Gathering** – Letters are ready to go out to the 50-. 60-. 70- and 76-year members, and Steve has the certificates. There will be ACS representation at the award gathering from the development department.

- **Great Lakes Region Board request** – The board sent a request to all 20 local sections in the region. They are asking the sections to offer funding of \$250 for attendance at regional board meetings. The next meeting for 2019 is in Lisle, Illinois. We will have to remember to include this in our November budget discussions. The Huron Valley section is no longer interested in co-hosting the 2027 regional meeting, but the grant for the inter-sectional meeting about careers was approved – that meeting is being considered for September/October; the date should be chosen so it doesn't interfere with the speed-networking event also being considered for early October.
- **Education Committee (James)**
  - **Competitive exam / Awards Ceremony update** – The preliminary exam has been given. 361 students from 13 high schools took the exam. The scores ranged from 7 to 37. The mean was down by almost 3 points to 23.7. The final exam is on April 21. This means we will know the awardees some time next week. The award ceremony is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at WMU Chem Building.
- **Student Chapters**
  - **K College (Sabrina)** – No report.
  - **WMU Chem Club (Megan/Greg)** – There will be no CCEW event at the Nature Center on April 21 because there were no tables for rent, and the event at Celery Flats on April 14 was cancelled due to weather. Chem Club is going to help out at the Bronson park event. In addition to this, the club has continued their demo events at local schools.
  - **WMU Chem Grad Students Assoc. (Kristi)** – The spring potluck picnic is on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm at the Oshtemo Park on W. Main.
- **Chair (Steve)**
  - **KACS water station for the Kalamazoo Marathon** – We will be hosting a Kalamazoo Marathon water station on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Steve is still looking for volunteers.
  - **KACS Kalamazoo Earth Day Festival Bronson Park booth** – We are signed up for the event at 1pm on Saturday and have plenty of volunteers. Steve met with the Chem Club today and they will also be attending.
  - **NHCL update** – The committee is moving forward with the event planning, including an almost set schedule with speakers. At this point, it is working on the funding details between now and May 2019. The Radisson part will be \$4000-7000, which will be covered in part by ticket sales for the event.
- **Old Business**
  - Chris has not gotten response for a painting event, but we will try to have it happen later in the summer or early fall.
- **Wrap Up**
  - The **next EC meeting** is **Mon, May 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** at Central City Tap House
  - Luke reached out to a few experts on block chain, but has yet to find one that can speak to the chemistry side. He will continue to pursue this and keep us posted with updates.