

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 6:30 pm
Hunan Gardens, W. Main

Members Present: Steve Secreast (SS), Lydia Hines (LH), Bill Schinzer (BS), Audrey Thomas (AT), Mike Walsh (MW), Doug Williams (DW)

Start time: 6:35 pm

End time: 8:05 pm

Minutes recorded: Doug Williams with assistance from Lydia Hines

1. Secretary's Report (AWC)

The February 2017 minutes were approved

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. **Budget Report** – AV submitted his report in absentia. It was approved. SS mentioned that he received notice that Zoetis has authorized \$2000 this year for our annual poster night at Bell's.
- b. **Introduce Bill Schinzer** – SS introduced Bill as candidate for treasurer to replace AV.

3. Communications

- a. **Next Newsletter** – Authors should submit articles to Chris by March 14 for publication of the next edition by March 21. See end of these notes for proposed topics and authors.
- b. **Website and Facebook updates** – SS reported that Mark Wolf is updating student chapter information.

4. Education Committee

- a. **Teacher of the Year** – MW reported that no nominees have been received. Lydia presented a nomination that was held over from last year (Michelle Mason, Portage Northern).
- b. **Awards Ceremony** – MW proposed enhancing the program with a guest speaker this year. This was generally regarded as helpful. DW offered to assist with planning/programming.

5. Student Chapters

- a. **K-College** – AT said that the KC chem club is trying to plan an activity with the chemistry club at Wayne State University. SS said that he submitted an IPG (Innovative Project Grant) to ACS to subsidize custom lab coats for the local student clubs.
- b. **WMU Chem Club** – LH attended their meeting on Feb 27 and encouraged ACS membership as Undergraduate students and gave them samples of K-8 teacher materials from ACS; the group had plans to present science activities at Prairie Ridge Elementary just before their WMU break March 6-10. They enthusiastically agreed to help at KACS' CCED events.
- c. **WMU Grad Student Association** – no report

6. Chair Report

The 2016 Kalamazoo Section annual report was submitted before the deadline. Several of last year's activities were submitted for awards. SS received a notice from ACS about protecting our section and ACS from lawsuits. He will forward this to the EC.

7. Old Business

- a. **Review of 75th Anniversary celebration (23 Feb)** – This was a success. Thank you to all who organized and contributed to the event. Tom Connelly (ACS Executive Director) and ten past-chairs of KACS attended. A more detailed summary will appear in our next newsletter.

8. New Business

- a. **MSTA Conference Collaboration** – SS is coordinating participation with the Detroit ACS Section to staff an exhibit table at the MSTA expo. He submitted a proposal for a KACS mini-grant to cover costs. The exhibit will feature ACS resources for teachers and focus on implementation of the new science standards for Michigan schools. MW and SS will attend in person. They are looking for additional volunteers.
 - b. **CCED** – KACS will provide education materials and hands-on demonstrations at Earth Day celebrations at Celery Flats (April 15) and the Kalamazoo Nature Center (April 22). The WMU Chem Club is signed up to represent us and help at both events. The Kalamazoo College club may also send helpers. LH is looking for as many volunteers as we can get.
 - c. **“Speed dating” for chemists** – Jeff Bartz is beginning to plan a “speed dating” event to connect local professionals with chemistry students at Kalamazoo College sometime in Fall 2017. We will inquire as to whether or not this event will be more generally open to other students as well.
9. **Next EC meeting time – 6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 19 at location to be determined.**

March newsletter writing assignments

Letter from the Chair (SS)

75th Anniversary Celebration (LH+)

CCED announcement and call for volunteers (LH)

MSTA event (SS)

Awards Ceremony – save the date (MW)

Lake Center Elementary update (LH)