

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Tuesday, Sept 1, 2015, 6:30 PM
Bell's Brewery

Start time: 6:50 pm

End time: 8:00 pm

Members present: Sarut Jianrattanasawat (SJ), Lydia Hines (LH), Andre Venter (AV), Angela Willson (AW), Brian Eklov (BE), Doug Williams (DW), Jeff Bartz (JB), Casey Wright (CW)

Minutes recorded by: Angela Willson

1. Secretary's Report (AW)

- a. **The August minutes were approved.**

2. Treasurer's Report (AV)

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – All of the SEED students, councilor travel, logo, and JGLCRM meet-up expenses have cleared. One remaining uncashed check is from last year's award ceremony – the student needs to be contacted to let him know that his check is void. Waters had promised \$500 for last January's Chemistry & Culture – food event, which we never received. We received \$1500 from ACS for Project SEED and spent almost \$7000, which in part will come from the WMU Foundation Project SEED account. We received the ACS Spring meeting councilor travel reimbursement.
- b. **Investment Fund / Checking Account update** – Investments down by almost 1% for the third month in a row. We currently have about \$4000 in the bank. We have received our local section dues for the part of the year. There is approximately \$600 left in our checking account from the Climate Change Grant. We should make sure that they have submitted all of their expenses, otherwise it should go to our general funds.

3. Communications Chair (DB)

- a. **Facebook page report** – Last month we had 224 likes. With the two late additions at our meeting table, we now have 237 likes. (High five)
- b. **Newsletter Report (BE)** – The newsletter went out on August 20th.
- c. **Website report (MW)** – Number of users is 189 this month, in part due to the Newsletter that was published.

4. Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College Chemistry Student Organizations

- a. **Kalamazoo College (SG, MB)** – No report. A big KACS welcome goes out to Jeff Bartz.
- b. **WMU CGSA (SJ)** – Sarut presented a budget for the CGSA Ice Cream Social at the beginning of the year. The purpose of this event is to introduce the new chemistry graduate and undergraduate students to the already existing student body. The event will be on Friday, September 25th at 3pm in the Chemistry Building in the TA lounge at WMU. The picnic occurred in June and Sarut submitted a report for the newsletter. There were 76 people in attendance.
- c. **WMU Chem Club (CW)** – Chem Club is signed up for Bronco Bash, and NCW Chem Day at the museum to make slime. Their first meeting is Thursday, September 10th at 6:30pm.
- d. **NOBCChE (CB)** – No report.

5. Old Business

- a. **KACS Logo** – BE has files of all logos and they have been distributed to the EC. The new logo has also been added to our website.
- b. **High school Science Symposium (Mike W)** – No report.

- c. **ACS On Campus update (BE)** – BE received an email today from Jennifer Taylor-Howell at ACS. They currently are working with international sections on events as well as strategic locations for ACS. If members of KACS are willing to help with the planning and organization of the event, it greatly helps with the possibility of having an event. The possibility of organizing a joint event with South Bend or Grand Rapids was discussed. Our action from this point will be answering her survey questions to see if we are a qualified candidate for such an event.
- d. **NCW2015 (JM? BE?)** – The theme this year is “Chemistry Colors our World” for the Chem Day event at the Museum on October 17. LH contacted Annette Hoppenworth at the museum, and Carl Stachew, who works for Pfizer, is willing to help and plans to present two activities. These contacts have been made so that they can contact John Miller about the event.
- e. **Project SEED Status – (DS/LH)** – 1 SEED II and 1 SEED I students have completed their work at WMU. A report will be appear in the next newsletter.
- f. **Update on status of the report due to ACS for the Climate Science Grant received in 2013 (BE)** – The report has been submitted and acknowledged.
- g. **Science Café update (BE) [Move wine/distillation Café to Spring 2016?]** – BE reached out to a professor at Michigan State who used to do a distilling workshop. BE has not received a response back yet. There are many places in Kalamazoo that are attempting to start distilling. The Kalamazoo Public Library has a brewing event in October that is sponsored by many local places. We could try to co-sponsor one of these events as our Science Café. Another recommendation is the distiller at Journeyman in Three Oaks. We are in agreement that we should attempt to co-sponsor the KPL event and think about another distilling event in the Spring of 2016.
- h. **Co-host (Huron Valley) Regional Meeting 2023 (LH)** – At this point neither section is willing to commit to an event so far in the future. Both sections agree to keep lines of communication open.
- i. **Search for Communications Chair/Newsletter Editor (BE)** – We are looking for a replacement for David Bolliet who will resign at the end of the year. A request will be put in the next newsletter.
- j. **Update on November Recycle-a-Poster event (BE;ES)** – ES was not able to attend today, but sent several tentative dates for discussion –The most agreeable date with everyone at the meeting was Tuesday, November 10th for the event at Bell’s Eccentric Café.

6. New Business

- a. **Election of officers to be scheduled for October (All)** – There are three offices up for election this October: a 2-year term for secretary, a 3-year progression for a chair-elect, and a 3-year term for an alternate councilor. Doug has offered to stand for re-election as alternate councilor and Angela tentatively accepts a nomination for secretary.
- b. **Next PR Email** – Sending another newsletter 2 weeks after the last is too soon for all interested parties. This means that we will push this newsletter back. The only time-sensitive event is the **Sam Kean** talk at Eastern Michigan University at the end of September. We should send a PR email about this event to our membership.
- c. **Discuss the next newsletter mailing date and deadline for submissions.** Submissions for the September newsletter are in hand, and it will be sent on September 16th. We will also have an October newsletter after the NCW event at the museum. Items for the October newsletter should be sent to: ACSkzoo@gmail.com by Oct 14 for Oct 28 publication [with leniency for NCW report].

Content: Chair’s comment (BE); Chemistry Day at the KVM Oct 17 report (JM); Publicize Bell’s event in November (ES); Call for Communications Chair (BE).

- d. **Science Café or other meeting to have Tom Higgins speak?–** Tom Higgins (Chicago Section) was the Great Lakes Region Stan Israel Diversity awardee at the Great Lakes meeting from Chicago. LH sent him a copy of our newsletter with his picture and he offered to come and speak to our section; he is a K College graduate. He is currently on sabbatical and working in DC. We agreed to invite him – the date will be more dependent on his schedule than ours. We all think this event will be “ton o’fun” no matter the topic.

e. The **next meeting** will be **Monday, October 5th at 6:30pm**. Tentatively, and depending on the weather, we will be at Bell's Eccentric Café.

7. Around the Table: LH passed out the Councilor's Report from the ACS Fall Meeting; the report is also available on the KACS website. The registration fee for national meetings in 2016 will be \$415.