

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 6:30 PM
Location: Zoom Conference Call

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the September 2020 Executive Committee meeting of the Kalamazoo Section of the ACS will not meet in person. We will conduct the meeting via ZOOM:

Present: Lydia Hines (LEMH), Andrew Simpkins (AS), Doug Williams (DW), Hershel Jude (HJ), Ed Thomas (ET), James Redwine (JR), Tomasz Respondek (TR), Bill Schinzer (BS), Andrew Walsh (AW), Luke Chadwick (LC)

Start: 6:34 pm

Zoom Meeting:

1. Secretary's Report (JR)
 - a. Review and approval of August 2020 minutes (**Attached at end**)
Minutes approved
2. Treasurer's Report (BS)
 - a. Treasurer's Report (**Appendix 1**)
No activity, one check did come from ACS (\$576.60), looks like Jan-Jun local section dues. Budgeting season is coming up.
3. Communications Chair (MW)
 - a. Newsletter Report
 - a. Status of Newsletter
 - b. Website report – update on webservice transition
MW not present. Did send an e-mail from Allison regarding the website.
4. Student Organizations
 - a. WMU Chem Club (Andrew Simpkins, President)
Had first meeting (Virtual) of the semester. (Three speakers lined up – Dr. Teske; someone from Pfizer; and an "old e-board member"). ET asked if KACS members could join, the WMU Chem Club can send out additional invites.
 - b. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President)
Not Present
 - c. Kalamazoo College (Blake Tresca, adviser; Andrew Walsh, Grace McKnight)
K Chem club hasn't been able to hold any events/meetings yet. AW did comment that they are seeking speakers for virtual sessions. Looking at "Skype a scientist" type events.
5. Project SEED (DW)
Expecting \$300 matching fund check from Kalsec. No response has been received from Ola Turkey.
6. Old Business
None
7. Upcoming Events
 - a. National Chemistry week Museum Day Event (LEMH)
9 Activities video taped last week for the virtual program. Information regarding how to register for the virtual museum activity will be posted on the KACS Facebook page and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum website; also at members' employer sites (e.g. Kalsec). The recording of the full program will be available on You-tube after its completion/presentation.
 - b. Speed Networking (LC)
Tuesday Sept 22, LC is meeting with K-College to test the virtual speed networking tech. ET will also attend. Need to put together an invitee list for the mentors. Will update on status after the meeting.

8. New Business

a. Fall KACS Elections in October (ET and LEMH)

Chair elect (1 year-term) and Treasurer (2 year term) candidates will be recruited. Lydia has offered to run again for the 3-year Councilor term.

JR to request election-only roster from ACS.

b. Zoom meeting with chairs of other local section to discuss issues (ET) (**Appendix 2**)

>Huron Valley Section had also canceled events, not sure when they will run again. Planning on joint meeting with Detroit, thinking that it may be virtual.

>St. Joe Valley Section and U.P. Section actually have better engagement with Zoom meetings due to rural nature of those regions. KACS appears to host more activities than most of the other local sections.

Question: Do we want to set up a seminar series with nearby sections?

> METT Grant (Members Engaging Through Technology), \$2k available from, LSAC to assist local sections in virtual engagement. Website could potentially qualify; ET to work on grant application.

9. General Discussion

Discussion on increasing participation on the education/testing front, especially regarding how to engage college instructors to lend their knowledge/expertise and improve the program moving forward.

10. Next Newsletter (MW)

MW not present, looking for some stories; LEMH to get some articles to MW; we NEED monthly contact with members!

11. Next Meeting: October 20, 2020, 6:30 pm via Zoom

End at 7:25

Appendix 1: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for the KACS Executive Committee meeting on September 15, 2020

Current accounts summary:

PNC \$14,705.26 Note that we have no outstanding checks as of today

Vanguard investments \$11,962.57 in the VIPSX account
\$18,192.83 in the VWINX account
\$30,155.40 total account balance as of today

Comment on Vanguard investments: both accounts gained slightly since last meeting on August 18, 2020

Restricted funds: **Project SEED: \$2050.12**
 IPG: \$1637.83

Income since June 16: ACS deposit of \$576.50 for "JanJun2020 LSDues"

Outgo since June 16: No checks have been issued since mid-June

Old outstanding checks: None

Total outstanding: \$0.00

We have available:

PNC \$14,705.26

Appendix 2: Michigan Local ACS Leaders Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

Attendees: Hershel Jude and Ed Thomas

Huron Valley Section: Dr. Mary Lynam (chair), Dr. Yulia Sevryugina (chair-elect)

Summary: Have cancelled event like us, one being a student poster session. No plans for activities till new year. Joint regional meeting with Detroit in summer of 2021 in doubt. Will meet again in December to see if we can share new idea on how to proceed in this environment.

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Attendees: Hershel Jude and Ed Thomas

Upper Peninsula Section: Dr. Thu Nguyen (chair), Dr. Lesley Putman (chair-elect)

St. Joe Valley Section: Mr. James Manore (chair-elect)

Summary: Have cancelled events like us, one being events around chemistry week. Both sections suffer from the large distances all members have to endure. Video meetings are seen as an advantage that cut down on travel time. Will meet again in December to see if we can share new idea on how to proceed in this environment.

Michigan State University Section: Later in the day called Dr. Selvan Severin (chair). Similar comments to those above. Does have an active seminar program and would be willing to share info with us.

Ed will stay in contact with all these leaders as a resource for our section.