

Executive Committee  
Kalamazoo Section, ACS  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**6 February 2003**

Meeting called to order at 4:32 PM in Pharmacia 126-1A.

**Present:** Ben Maxey (BM); Don Schreiber (DS); Joan Esson (JE); Lydia Hines (LH); Paul Dobrowolski (PD); Dean Cooke (DC); Patrick Irish (PI); and Brian Buffin (BB).

1. **Agendas Distributed.** Call for agenda additions or corrections. None forwarded. BB moved for acceptance of the agenda, DS second. Vote: all in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Minutes from the January 2003 EC meeting were sent electronically prior to the meeting. Additional copies were also distributed. LH noted that the awards presentation for Shirley Whitt will be on February 13 (listed as February 6 in minutes). LH moved for acceptance of the minutes as corrected, DC second. Vote: all in favor.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** MK unable to attend meeting. Sent notice that invoice had been received for Fall 2002 tour speaker. All liabilities of KACS have been met.
4. **Committee Reports**
  - a) **Review of Active Committees** BM requested information on current KACS committees and chairs. The following was provided:
    - Education – Don Schreiber
      - Competitive Exam – Dave Reinhold
    - Awards – Sheryl Loux
    - Public Outreach – Brian Stockman
    - National Chemistry Week – Brian Stockman
    - Women Chemists Committee – Sheryl Loux
    - Nominations – Chair-elect
    - Project SEED – Don Schreiber
    - OLGA (legislative and government affairs) – John Stodola/Mike Kiella
    - Career Coordinator – Sue Stapleton
  - b) **Submitted Reports**
    - i) **WCC.** SL noted that the committee is continuing to write experiments for the Glowing Embers Girl Scout Badges book.
    - ii) **Awards.** SL noted that nomination for the KACS Outstanding Service Awards remain open until March 1. Concerning the Helen Free AWARD: Lydia has previously been submitted for the Helen Free Award, but it has been at least 4 years since that last nomination, so I would be happy to submit the documentation necessary for the Award, however this year's awards nomination deadline was February 1 (so noted in our JAN/FEB KalChemist News) for all ACS national awards, so this should be on the agenda next December again.
    - iii) **Project SEED.** DS in the process of completing application for this year's Project SEED. Deadline has passed, need to submit by next Wednesday (2/12/03) to be considered. Mentors are being sought. Would like to accommodate SEED II students if they wish to participate this year. If not, KACS may not participate in Project SEED this summer.
5. **EC Action Items**
  - a) **Old Business**
    - i) **BSA Chemistry Merit Badge.** DS, PD, and BS are coordinating this event. The event will be held on 12 April 2003 at Western Michigan University. PD noted that chemical

demonstrations are being planned for the beginning of the event, as participants arrive. LH and DS noted that videos have been used in the past to fill the "down time" between different sessions. DS noted that the rooms at WMU for the event have been secured. Event typically involves 225 scouts + waiting list and around 40 volunteers.

- ii) *2002 Annual Report Status*. BM distributed draft copies of the 2002 KACS annual report for BS. LH and DC (and other EC members) to provide feedback and corrections directly to BS. MK is still working on the financial portion of the report. Will provide electronic copy for review when complete. Deadline for submission is February 15.
- iii) *Salutes to Excellence*. Annette Hoppenworth was honored at a reception in January at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum for her activities associated with NCW. Shirley Whitt to be honored next week (2/13/03).
- iv) *Chemistry Olympiad*. The ACS West Michigan Section conducts their own version of the Chemistry Olympiad and is not interested in the participation of KACS students in their event.

b) ***New Business***

- i) *Helen Free Award for Public Outreach – Lydia Hines Nomination*. As noted by SL, deadline for nominations has passed for 2003. Section should nominate LH for 2004 award in December.
- ii) *Chemagination*. The ACS "Chemagination" program was discussed. LH noted that the West Michigan section has participated in the past. Kalamazoo area high schools have not responded well to previous requests for participation. Program calls for students to predict and develop an invention of the future and to write an essay. Requires teacher support, creativity, and after-school time. Science clubs have participated in other sections.
- iii) *Midland Career Network*. Midland ACS section is attempting to create a tri-state career resource. BM to forward information to Sue Stapleton for implementation if she is interested in organizing.

JE noted that the Kalamazoo College SAACS chapter is conducting a middle school "forensics" program, hosting a social event, and organizing a career program for sophomores this semester.

DS noted that the WMU SAACS chapter held a Career Fair on Saturday, February 1. 22 students attended, 4 representatives from local companies were involved in mock interviews.

BM moved for adjournment, BB second. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM by unanimous decision.

Next meeting will be held on 6 March 2003 at 4:30 PM in Pharmacia 126-1A.

Minutes recorded by B. Buffin