

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Kalamazoo Section ACS**  
**Monday, February 15, 2021**  
**6:00 PM Social, 6:30 PM Meeting**  
**Location: Zoom Conference Call**

#Start at 6:27

Present: Ed Thomas (ET), Grace McKnight (GM), Doug Williams (DW), Andrew Simpkins (AS), Tomasz Respondek (TR), Lydia Hines (LEMH), Hershel Jude (HJ), Jerome Davis (JD)

1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
  - a. Review and approval of ~~December 2020~~ January 2021 minutes

#accepted

2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
  - a. Financial Status

#Doug has access to PNC, has finished the tax paperwork

#New website has associated EventBrite account, will be linked with KACS Treasurer e-mail and various accounts

#Mismatch between IRS assigned name associated with EIN and Paypal/ACS account, Doug working to get this reconciled so KACS Paypal can be converted to verified/non-profit account.

- b. 2021 Budget

#DW introduced new budget/ledger spreadsheet tool.

3. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)

#Attached below

#Annual report submitted and approved.

4. Student Organizations

- a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight; Andrew Walsh; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)

#GM: approved for funding for *Picture a Scientist* screening at K College

- b. WMU Chem Club (Andrew Simpkins; Jerome Davis; Kelly Teske, Advisor)

#AS: Planning some virtual club events. Had an in-person meeting two weeks ago

#JD: Planning some student outreach (virtual), 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade target.

- c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President) - absent

- d. Huron Valley / Career Day in April (Ed Thomas)

#Possible collaboration with Huron Valley section

- e. Earth Week literature and trinkets (Lydia Hines)

#April 18-24<sup>th</sup>, we have the literature, Kalamazoo Public Schools has gone back to virtual and Kalamazoo Public Library remains "virtual" which hinders our normal outreach channels. Add a call to action in the newsletter to find outlet for the materials.

5. Education Committee

a. Project Seed (Doug Williams)

#No in person research. Virtual camp format. No cost commitment to local section.

b. Speed Networking Results (Luke Chadwick; Blakely Tresca)

#LC not present, wrote a piece for the newsletter

#TR impressed with the technology; others present at this meeting who participated had similar comments.

#Approximately 20 mentors and 20 students.

6. Communications

a. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)

i. New items for March Newsletter (Executive Committee and Members)  
(due March 8)

#DW: Call for ideas to spend extra one-time allotment from ACS (= KACS annual allotment based on membership)

#EWT: summary of H. N. Cheng seminar

#Calendar through April (will include announcement of WMU seminars)

#Announcement of CCEW publications' availability

#Include ACS' The Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct document

b. Website update (Hershel Jude)

#Making progress, trying to get main pages live soon. Targeting March for go-live.

7. Event Committee

a. Seminars (Ed Thomas)

#April/May, possible speaker regarding COVID testing.

8. KACS Approval of "Volunteer Code of Conduct" and recognize the ACS's "Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct," both available on the ACS Website (Ed Thomas) "

#ET proposes that KACS adopt the "Volunteer National Meeting Attendee Conduct Policy" with the modification of including the KACS EC as the contact point. This addresses the potential local section policy that National is considering. Will hold vote in March.

9. Old Business / invite members to meeting

# Discussion on inviting membership to EC meetings.

10. New Business / membership at 300

#This is a decrease in the number of members.

#Because of challenges to section programming during 2020 (COVID) National ACS is doubling sections' allotments to be received in 2021 (for KACS the allotment is typically around \$6,000).

DW seeking input on potential activities.

#ET Proposed pursuing bonding treasurer. Expected cost is approx. \$150/2 year. Will go on agenda for March EC meeting

11. Next Executive Committee Meeting: March 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

End at 8:03 PM

## KACS Calendar 2021

### January

KACS Executive Meeting, Jan 18, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting  
Speed Networking, Jan 26, 6:30 PM, Zoom Meeting

### February

KACS Executive Meeting, Feb 15, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting  
Seminar Speaker, P. Poddutoori, U. of Minnesota-Deluth, “Main Group Porphyrins in Artificial Photosynthesis,” Feb 8  
Seminar Speaker, H.N. Cheng, ACS President, Monday, Feb 22, see Newsletter for details  
Annual report due by 12 midnight February 15. Chair, chair elect and past-chair must complete their portions before Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.

### March

KACS Executive Meeting, March 15, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting  
WMU Seminar, K. Johnson-Winters, U. of Texas at Arlington, March 15 4:00 pm (ZOOM)  
WMU Seminar Speaker, J. Salvador, General Motors, March 22 4:00 pm (ZOOM)  
Competitive High School Chemistry Exam, **Cancelled**  
Need to contact teachers in March to find/nominate students for chemistry award.

### April

KACS Executive Meeting, Apr 19, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting  
Seminar Speaker, tentative, during last two weeks of April, Zoom Meeting  
Chemists Celebrate Earth Week, April 18 – 24; Theme is “Reducing Our Footprint with Chemistry” (need coordinator)

### May

KACS Executive Meeting, May 17, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting  
Borgess Marathon Run – KACS water station – **Cancelled**  
Recognition and Award for Students, Teachers and Members, tentative, Zoom Meeting

### June

Great Lakes Regional Meeting, Hosted by Minnesota section, June 6-9, Virtual Meeting, website is GLRM2021.org  
KACS Executive Meeting, June 21, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting  
Project SEED, will be virtual,

### July

No KACS Executive Committee meeting

Project SEED, will be virtual

#### August

KACS Executive Meeting, Aug 16, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting

Project SEED, will be virtual

#### September

KACS Executive Meeting, Sept 20, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting and possible social distance

Seminar Speaker, tentative, during last two weeks of Sept, Zoom Meeting and possible social distance

#### October

KACS Executive Meeting, Oct 18, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting and possible social distance

Chemistry Week at K Valley Museum, Oct 17-23, Theme is “Fast or Slow, Chemistry Makes It Go,” Zoom Meeting and possible social distance

#### November

KACS Executive Meeting, Nov 15, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting and possible social distance

Recycle a Poster, Bell’s Brewery, tentative Nov, tbd, Zoom Meeting and possible social distance

#### December

KACS Executive Meeting, Dec 20, 6:00 PM, Zoom Meeting and possible social distance

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