

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Kalamazoo Section ACS

June 10, 2015, 6:30 PM

Bell's Eccentric Café

Attending: Lydia Hines (LH), Mike Walsh (MW), Andre Venter (AV), Jennifer Furchak (JF), Doug Williams (DW), Brian Eklov (BE), Elke Schoffers (ES)

Meeting opened at 6:35 with LH presiding until BE arrived.

1. Secretary's Report (All)

- a. Review and approval of May 2015 minutes – approved with respelling of John **Engelmann**

2. Treasurer's Report (AV)

- a. Treasurer's Report – copies distributed. (councilor travel reimbursement not yet received as receipts got to office too late).
- b. Investment Fund / Checking Account update – a slight loss shown
- c. Clarification of budget category descriptions – AV will review in detail with BE; will amplify category designations so there can be better understanding of where funds are received and how they are spent. See also Annual Report Budget identifications for 2009, 2011

3. Communications Chair (DB)

- a. Facebook page report – we have 211 likes
- b. Website report (MW) – guidance for updating events list– it was agreed that “first” place for announcing Local Section events should be the website and next would be e-blasts and other means of announcement. BE will communicate with David Bolliet regarding this. (see also item 6a below)
- c. Newsletter Report (DB) – There was one **e-blast on May 19** announcing the CGSA picnic and Bridging the Gap Meet and Greet at the JGLCRM; **June newsletter** is about to be published.

4. Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College Chemistry Student Organizations

- a. Kalamazoo College (JF, SG, MB) – Dow BQ was a success. 180 attended, 100 were expected! Report with request for reimbursement submitted. KCollege students thank KACS for financial support.
- b. WMU Chem Club (CW) – no report
- c. WMU CGSA (SJ) – no report. LH reported that the May 22 picnic at the Oshtemo Township park went very well.
- d. NOBCChE (CB) - no report

5. Old Business

- a. Report on 2015 Joint Great Lakes-Central Regional Meeting (JGLCRM), **May 27-30**, Grand Rapids (LH +). – Good meeting; 700+ attendees; Lydia has provided a summary to DB for the next newsletter.
- b. Report from Climate Science Grant 3rd event at KRESA on May 16, Saturday, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm (Bertman/LH) – Summary of this 3rd and final event has been submitted for publication in the June Newsletter. Attendee experience was good. **A report on the use of the grant received from ACS in support of the Climate Science Toolkit needs to be submitted to ACS** (Steve Bertman and John Miller).
- c. ACS Logo consideration – Update on finalized selection (ES/Carolyn Fink); also, memento/mug?– We were quoted **\$400, which Carolyn Fink will accept for both logos** that we selected. Graphics files will be provided to our communications committee.

- d. Report on Meet and Greet cross-Local Section/Regional interaction at JGLCRM (AV) – Many of the ACS executives attended. Attendance almost 200 (estimated). General opinion is that it went very well. AV requested an invoice for the funds spent on the meet and greet (nano-grant funding used).
- e. •[Event hosted jointly with Huron Valley Section /Ann Arbor (2015) – funding (BE)] – Plans seem to have fallen through. Huron Valley section did not apply for funding from ACS (Innovative Project Grant). They have invited us to an event (author of the “The Disappearing Spoon”). Closer to the event BE will forward the information to DB for announcement to the membership.
•[High school Science Symposium – consideration of re-location] (Mike W) – Mike is developing a concept that would work at K-College. There are questions about program and assistance. Mike will probably develop some survey type queries to solicit support from local companies and high schools.
- f. ACS On Campus update (BE) – working on it. [There are programs scheduled at the U of Michigan Ann Arbor and U of Akron (Ohio) in October of 2015.]
- g. NCW2015 theme: “Chemistry Colors our World”; John Miller confirmed desire to be coordinator – **Chem Day at the Museum October 17**. LH asked JM to write an announcement for the June newsletter; BE will follow up with John if none was submitted.
- h. Project SEED Status – (DS/LH) – 1 SEED II and 1 SEED I students as of 5/20/15 – mentors are lined up for the two students. (R Guda for Summer II SEED student, and B Szymczyna for Summer I SEED student)
- i. ACS President matching “membership award” to student in Ph.D.-granting institution - update (LH) –Awards for two WMU students have been authorized; process almost complete.

6. New Business

- a. Consideration of liaison to webmaster regarding announcement of KACS events – Some information from EC and local section is not getting to web site. Also, we would like more attention to the web calendar of events. How can we help Mark W with updates? BE will speak with David and/or Mark to figure this out. In general, the website should be prepared before other member communications are issued.
- b. Next PR Email – timing and content of newsletter or email announcement, combined with Facebook and website updates (all) - no need of a PR e-mail at this time (no imminent events)
- c. Discuss the next newsletter mailing date and deadline for submissions. Send items for the newsletter to: ACSkzoo@gmail.com send by ?June? for ?July ? publication

Newsletter – next issue date will be determined as *two weeks before SEED presentation**, Chair’s comment (BE); Announce Project SEED students and mentors (DS/LH) and *announce SEED poster presentation; announce date of Chemistry Day at the KVM and further call for volunteers for event (John Miller); HS Science Symposium announcement if justified (Mike W.)

- d. Set next EC meeting time: 6:30 PM, **Monday, August 3, 2015** at Bell’s beer garden

7. Around the Table

- JF will be departing as our K-College faculty rep for her upcoming sabbatical.
- LH summarized a Kalamazoo Gazette article featuring our 2012 first place competitive exam winner, now at U of M. She also mentioned an Mlive.com article about Brad Portis (Gull Lake HS) receiving the regional award for excellence in education at JGLCRM. LH prompted the offering of a plaque for the high schools of the awardees at the regional meeting and ACS DivCHED wants to make this a regular expectation for these awards in the future.
- BE has applied for a mini-grant to host a symposium on brewing and fermentation science.

Adjourned 7:38 PM

Minutes by Doug Williams/Lydia Hines