

Executive Committee  
Kalamazoo Section, ACS  
**Meeting Minutes 02 August 2007**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm at TGI Fridays on West Main.

Present: Dean Cooke (DC), Lydia Hines (LH), James Kiddle (JK), Mike Kiella (MK), Jennifer Larese, Barbara Lee (BL), Sheryl Loux (SL), John Miller (JM), Kate Shaw (KS), Monica Whitmire (MW)

**1. Secretary's Report**

- a. Minutes from the June 2007 meeting had several corrections: 1) DC was present, 2) October 11<sup>th</sup> in 4.a, and 3) several typos.
- b. The "action item" table had corrections: 1) Current references to Kalchemist News were removed and 2) the reminder that the museum pays for supplies for Chemistry Day at the Museum was removed.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

- a. The June 2007 Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted as submitted.
- b. Project SEED funds will be on the September agenda.
- c. There were four checks still outstanding.

**3. Councilor's Report**

- a. The topic for discussion in Boston on August 22 will be how ACS can sharpen its policy focus and become a more effective advocate for public policies that affect our schools, our profession and our contributions to innovation and competitiveness.
- b. Professional opinion vs. "company" opinion was stressed, as well as more college student involvement.
- c. It was noted that only lobbyists can affect legislators.

**4. Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College Student Affiliates**

- a. KS reported that they (WMU Chem Club) meet twice a month and have \$300 in their cashbox.
- b. WMU Chem Club events will include Bronco Bash, t-shirt sales, more involvement with high schools, and the beer seminar.
- c. No Kalamazoo College student affiliates were present.

**5. Old Business**

- a. Website and Postcard Announcements
  - 1) The Kalchemist Newsletter will no longer be published. Communication will be through postcards and the website. This change will be communicated via a postcard.
  - 2) Five or six mailings per year are anticipated and JK will price the cost of postcards.
  - 3) One postcard will promote the Fall Speaker Tour on October 11 and Chemistry Day at the Museum on October 13. Another will promote the Science Café.
- b. JK will contact our fall speaker for title and abstract, as well as arrange the place and time for October 11.
- c. Chemistry Day at the Museum
  - 1) "The Many Faces of Chemistry" will be Saturday October 13 from noon until 4pm.
  - 2) Eight volunteers so far.
  - 3) Drums will be about \$500.
  - 4) JL was contacted with an opportunity to promote Chemistry Day on public access TV. Taping will be Monday October 1.

- d. Science Café
  - 1) Bell's will host the "Eccentric Science" cafés on their upper level, which accommodates 35 – 40 people.
  - 2) There will be refreshment coupons and snacks.
  - 3) Bell's will advertise the cafés on their marquis, fliers will be posted at Bells and WMU, the website will post the event, and postcards will be sent out.
  - 4) The first café will be Monday September 10 at 7pm. "Global Change" will be presented by David Karowe, a climate change expert.
  - 5) The October café will be "Renewable Energy" and November will be "Urban Sustainability".
- e. JK has updated the KACS-EC roll definitions/job descriptions.
- 6. **New Business**
  - a. The Project SEED Reception will be held Monday August 13 in the new WMU chemistry building lobby at 5pm. LH will take pictures.
  - b. The girl scout program is scheduled to take place in March 2008.
- 7. **Around the Table**
  - a. SL will be moving to St. Louis. This was her last meeting after 25 years of service.
  - b. Bi-law changes will be added to the agenda for September.
  - c. Dr Sinn, the new chairman at WMU will come to the September meeting.
  - d. Harry Gray will present two lectures on September 17 and 18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm by unanimous vote. The next meeting date will be Wednesday, September 5, at 6:00pm at TGI Fridays on West Main in Kalamazoo.