

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, 27 August 2018, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Bell's Eccentric Café'

Present: Bill Schinzer (WS). Doug Williams (DW), Luke Chadwick (LC), Lydia E. M. Hines (LH), Megan Callaghan (MC), Tomasz Respondek (TR)

The meeting started at 6:45 pm and adjourned at 8:15 pm

- **Approval of Minutes**

- > The June 2018 Minutes were approved

- **Treasurer's Report (WS) -**

- >The Bank of America account is not being used so it will be closed soon and all the money will be transferred to PNC.

- > ALL Awards cheques from the May Education celebration have been cashed!

- > The transfer of VanGuard funds is proceeding slowly.

- >Mark Wolfman's request for reimbursement (\$15.99) for our KACS website's domain name registration (annual) has not yet been paid but will be shortly.

- >LH's expense balance for her attendance as KACS Councilor at the Boston ACS Meeting was reimbursed.

- **Communications (Chris)**

- > A newsletter is anticipated for early September so **all items to be included should be sent to Chris (to: ACSkzoo@gmail.com) by August 31:**

Project SEED graduate stories (2) – Steve Secreast already submitted

Project SEED general article (DW)

Chemistry Day solicitation of volunteers (LH)

Information re Speed Networking event on Sept 26 (Steve)

Invitation to Career presentation on October 4 at Kalamazoo College (LH)

Announcement of Poster Event at Bell's on November 13 (ES and TR)

Call for papers for the Great Lakes Regional Meeting in Lisle, IL, May 1-4, 2019 (e-mail from Dan Kissel to Steve Secreast forwarded to Chris)

- **Project SEED (DW)**

- >Update: Dan Calco is conscientiously working with Dwight Williams at K College - almost done.

- >Contact is ongoing with The WMU Foundation to get the funds (~ \$3,200 transferred to our treasury

- **Councilor (LH)**

- LH's Councilor's full Report from the Fall ACS Meeting in Boston has been sent to our webmaster, Mark Wolfman to be placed on the KACS website (www.kalamazooacs.org)

- Kudos: KACS was one of 174 (out of 188) Local Sections to submit our Annual Report in a timely fashion

- LH, along with 2 others, was recognized for 35 years on Council; Ned Heindel (a past KACS speaker) was recognized for his 45 years!
- Chemical Abstracts Service (C-A-S) and Publications continue to be the major financial “drivers” of ACS membership programs
- There were ~14,000 attendees at the Boston Meeting
- Member Meeting Registration fee for 2019 meetings will be \$490
- A significant and varied effort is being made to increase and retain Society membership which now stands at ~149,000, 27,000 of whom are International members in 21 International chapters
- The 2019 **Leadership Institute for Local Section, Region, Division Leaders** which is held in January of each year will be in Atlanta, GA, rather than in Dallas, TX; **the first 50 to register will receive a \$250 registration “grant”**
- 2019 is the **International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT)**; specific programming and activities about the Periodic Table are encouraged throughout the year; the Committee on Nomenclature Terminology and Symbols (NTS) is preparing educational materials relative to that theme
- The New LSAC staff liaison is Tanya Fogg
- IPGs that include requests for funding for a sit-down dinner are likely not to receive a favorable review
- By May of 2019 our Section should have information regarding the current divisor which will inform us about the number of councilors which a Section of our size (~350 members) may have.
 - > There was discussion on the Council floor about the topic of Sexual harassment and all were reminded to review and take to heart the available ACS Volunteer/National Meeting Attendee Conduct Policy found online at <http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/councilors.html>

- **Education Committee (?)**

>Based on comments at our June EC Meeting, LH communicated with teachers who regularly participate in our HS program and heard that the greatest perceived **benefits** for their students are the **recognition for their students and the Competitive Exam** and the **Science Symposium** (especially glass-blowing and the tours of instrumentation facilities on campus), which has not been held in several years.

>We continue to seek **volunteers for our Education Committee**

- **Student Chapters**

>K College (Sabrina? Maddy Seveska?) – no report

>WMU Chem Club (MC) – WMU semester is just starting and they have an upcoming Executive Board meeting where they will discuss their outreach schedule; the students seem excited and anxious to get going on meaningful activities. They will have a display at Bronco Bash at WMU tomorrow (8/28) for students at the start of their semester. They will be assisting with Chemistry Day at the Museum on October 13; LH has also offered them information for their consideration regarding possible occasional collaboration with the Kalamazoo Public Library for hands-on opportunities

>WMU Chem Grad Students Assoc (CGSA) (Kristi) – absent, but submitted a request for \$75 to be used for their annual Ice Cream Social for students, faculty and support personnel in the WMU Chemistry Department (request granted)

- **Chair (Steve)**

>Absent, but based on communications from him TR reported that several volunteers have agreed to participate at the Speed Networking event on September 26 at Kalamazoo College's Hicks Center; some discussion ensued (TR) regarding the feasibility and possibility of expanding the scope of the event to include High School students **in other years** .

- **Chair-Elect (Luke)**

The possibility of an October presentation on **Quantitative NMR (qNMR)** was discussed and it was decided that though this is a good idea the timing should be later, e.g., February of 2019; and since the speaker is from Indiana he might be brought in to speak with a target group first with the idea of extending a more general invitation to him at another time for a Section program (Science Café'???)

- **Old Business (All)**

- Lisa Balbes, career presentation on October 4 at 7pm at Kalamazoo College, joint [virtual] meeting with Huron Valley Section with invitation to other sections to join in (Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa); our Section will share expenses with Huron Valley, and these will include \$200 honorarium, car travel from St. Louis and meals (she will stay with LH); a \$250 grant toward this "cooperative" meeting has been received from LSAC.

> NCW – Chem Day at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum is October 13, Saturday, 12 noon to 4 pm; volunteers are still needed and will be further solicited soon; the theme is Chemistry is Out of this World" – astrochemistry.

> Poster Event at Bell's will be November 13; Elke Schoffers will continue to work with TR to confirm an appropriate speaker for the evening; suggestions are invited – a candidate under consideration is a speaker from KALSEC)

- **New Business (All)**

- In our 2018 Annual Report (due Feb 15, 2019) we need to emphasize (and nominate ourselves for an award) for our service to our Senior members (50 to 70+ year members) at our annual Awards Ceremony over the past 15 years
- LH entered the KACS into the KPL's Local Organization Directory (Online) on 2018-02-25
- Future themes for CEW and NCW are as follows:

2019 CCEW	Take Note: The Chemistry of Paper
2019 NCW	Marvelous Metals
2020 CCEW	Protecting our Planet through Chemistry

- **Wrap Up**

- Date for next EC meeting time: **September 24, Monday, 6:30 pm at Hunan Gardens, West Main**

Minutes by Lydia Hines and Doug Williams