

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section, ACS
MEETING MINUTES
9 January 2003

Meeting called to order at 4:36 PM in Pharmacia 126-1A.

Present: Ben Maxey (BM); Don Schreiber (DS); Sheryl Loux (SL); Joan Esson (JE); Brian Stockman (BS); Lydia Hines (LH); Paul Dobrowolski (PD); Dean Cooke (DC); Brian Buffin (BB); and WMU student affiliates Elizabeth Weiss-DeBoer (EWD) and Ariel Swanson (AS).

1. **Agendas Distributed.** Call for agenda additions or corrections. Suggested that 5.B.3 "2003 Goals", 5.B.4 "Chemistry Olympiad", and 5.B.5 "WMU SAACS" be added under new business. BB moved for acceptance of the agenda as modified, DS second. Vote: all in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Minutes from the December 2002 EC meeting were sent electronically prior to the meeting. Additional copies were also distributed. BS moved for acceptance of the minutes without correction, DC second. Vote: all in favor.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** MK distributed the monthly treasurer's report electronically prior to the meeting. The report indicates that all bills submitted to the section have been paid. MK has begun the financial section of the KACS annual report for 2002. The annual allotment for 2003 will be \$8,188.00. DC questioned the status of the revised 2003 budget as amended at the December 2002 EC meeting. The EC agreed that we would consider the proposed budget for acceptance at the February EC meeting (or when presented). LH moved for acceptance of the treasurer's report, BS second. Vote: all in favor.
4. **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. BS is communicating with the BSA office to advertise the event to local scoutmasters in SW Michigan. Registration will occur between February 3 and March 14. BSA committee (DS, PD, and BS) to meet on 15 January to further discuss preparations. Volunteers for the event will be solicited in the Jan/Feb. KalChemist news.
 - b) **New Business**
 - i) *2002 Annual Report Status.* BS noted that the first part of the on-line submission of the KACS annual report has been completed. Work on the narrative portion of the report is progressing. Articles that appeared in local media publications will be scanned and submitted to National ACS via pdf file. MK is working on the financial portion of the report. BS to bring draft copies of the report to the February EC meeting for review. Deadline for submission is February 15. LH and DC to review report as items are submitted on-line. DS to provide SEED summary to BS for inclusion in the report.
 - ii) *Salute to Shirley Whitt.* LH noted that Shirley Whitt, Gobles librarian, would be receiving an ACS "Salutes to Excellence" award for her active participation in National Chemistry Week activities over the past seven years. The award plaque will be presented on February 6, 2003 at the Van Buren county library district meeting in Decatur. LH and BM will attend on behalf of KACS. Pictures of the presentation will be published in the March/April edition of the KACS newsletter. BS noted that Annette Hoppenworth from the Kalamazoo Valley Museum would also be receiving a salute to excellence award for her activities associated with NCW. The plaque will be presented at a ceremony on January 22 that will be part of an event opening a new exhibit at the museum.

- iii) *2003 Goals*. BM noted that KACS goals for 2003 are needed for the annual report. Ideas forwarded included: the recruitment of additional people for participation in local section activities; continuation of traditional local section activities; and improvement of positive section activities.
- iv) *Chemistry Olympiad*. BM questioned past KACS participation in the Chemistry Olympiad. For numerous reasons, KACS has not held the event for several years and chooses to host only the local section Competitive Exam (organized by the KACS competitive exam committee, David Reinhold – Chair). Olympiad materials to be sent to David for consideration. LH suggested contacting the Western Michigan ACS section to assess the possibility of having us cooperate in the promotion of their Chemistry Olympiad program and their willingness to have KACS section students as participants. BM to contact members of the West Michigan section.
- v) *WMU SAACS*. EWD presented the current activities of the student affiliates chapter at WMU. Their mentoring/tutoring program is underway. Schools include Portage Central, Loy Norrix, and Kalamazoo Central High Schools. The SAACS is planning a career fair for Saturday, February 1 from 9 AM – 1 PM. Students from all local colleges will be invited. The chapter is working on a presentation for the ACS National meeting in New Orleans.

SL noted that Sue Stapleton and Regina Stevens-Truss have been reelected to the WCC steering committee. SL suggested that a section for committee reports be added to future EC meeting agendas.

BM moved for adjournment, BB second. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM by unanimous decision.

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

Minutes recorded by B. Buffin