

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Kalamazoo Section ACS

Monday, August 3, 2015, 6:30 PM

Bell's Eccentric Café

Start time: 6:37 pm

End time: 7:40 pm

Members Present: Lydia Hines (LH), Andre Venter (AV), Elke Schoffers (ES), Angela Willson (AW), John Engelmann (JE), Brian Eklov (BE)

1. Secretary's Report (DW for AW) – June minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (AV)

a. **Treasurer's Report** – No official report, but an informal report was given. Itemized **report will be e-mailed** to those present. Received a check from Zoetis for the November 2015 poster session at Bell's. 3 extra gift cards from May award ceremony were reimbursed. Advance check written for councilor travel to the Fall ACS meeting. Project SEED students have been paid their stipends through the summer.

b. **Investment Fund / Checking Account update** –

3. Communications Chair (DB)

a. **Facebook page report** – 224 likes on our Facebook page.

b. **Newsletter Report (DB)** – One email was sent to the membership on July 26 - a special announcement regarding Project SEED student poster presentations on August 5th.

c. **Website report (MW)** – Our website traffic is down by about 30% this month (130 visitors versus previous 184). This is probably due to not having any events during the past 30 days (or a newsletter).

4. Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College Chemistry Student Organizations

a. **Kalamazoo College (SG, MB)** – No report. Question: Is Mara continuing her role with K College Chem Club?

b. **WMU CGSA (SJ)** – No report.

c. **WMU Chem Club (Casey Wright)** – No report.

d. **NOBCChE (CB)** – No report.

5. Old Business

a. **KACS Logo consideration** – AV paid the invoice for the logo and the file is being sent to BE.

b. **High school Science Symposium** – Mike W reported that he has not thought about the symposium yet.

c. **ACS On Campus update (BE)** – BE emailed again and has received no response.

d. **NCW 2015 theme: "Chemistry Colors our World" - Chem Day at the Museum October 17** – JM has written a message for the newsletter, which has not been published as of yet. LH sent an email to those who participated in last year's event, which was the other item on JM's list. A note to the membership will go out in the next newsletter.

e. **Project SEED Status – (DS/LH)** – 1 SEED II and 1 SEED I students – poster session Aug 5 from 10am to 12pm at WMU in conjunction with REU student presentations.

f. **Update on status of the report due to ACS for the Climate Science Grant received in 2013 (BE)** – The report is in BE's figurative hands and will be sent tonight to ACS.

g. **Mini-grant application for wine/beer info event (BE)** – We have received the mini grant of \$200 to host a Science Café (possibly in October without conflicting with NCW), which should be a wine or distillery event, distinct from a possible Mass Spec Group event concerning brewing that will be aimed at both brewers and scientists, with sponsorship from Thermo Scientific, in the spring semester (see item 7b below).

6. New Business

- a. **Offer to Co-host (Huron Valley) Regional Meeting 2023 (LH)** – No decision needs to be made right now, but LH has made us aware of the potential opportunity. It seems like a long way off to make decisions, but there seems to be no opposition from the EC.
- b. **Search for Communications Chair/Newsletter Editor (David Bolliet resignation) (BE)** – Keep candidates in mind for this position. A request should go out in the next newsletter.
- c. **Newsletter for September** – Send items for the newsletter to: ACSkzoo@gmail.com by **Aug 19 for Sept 2 (Wed) publication.**

Content: Chair's comment (BE); Chemistry Day at the KVM and further call for volunteers for event (JM); Announce Huron Valley/Detroit Section speaker, Sean Keenan, September 24; Announce Wine event in early October (BE)?, Announce Bell's event in early November (ES?), Call for Communications Chair (BE).

- d. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 1st** at 6:30pm at **Bell's Eccentric Café.**

7. Around the Table:

- a. Robin is leaving her position at WMU this fall; as she has been extremely helpful to KACS we should consider giving her a gift. \$50 gift card approved by EC.
- b. KACS Mass Spec discussion group event planned for spring semester on brewing chemistry (see item 5g above).