

**Executive Committee Meeting  
Kalamazoo Section ACS  
Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM at Hunan Gardens.

**Present:** Josh Abbott (JA), Lydia Hines (LH), Alia Hinz (AH), Brianna Hyder (BH), John Miller (JM), Carolyn Pugh (CP), Elke Schoffers (ES), Don Schreiber, (DS), Doug Williams (DW), Maren Zanotti (MZ)

**1. Secretary's Report**

ES made a small revision to the September minutes. The Executive Committee approved the September minutes.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

- a. Treasurer's Report – JM reported that the \$195 received from ACS was the local section commission award for new members. JM also reported that reimbursement from the October 2011 Chocolate talk has not been received. DW will find out why KACS has yet to be reimbursed.
- b. Investment Fund/Checking Account Update – JM stated that several checks have been cleared and two checks remain outstanding; Project SEED student and the Vanguard investment.

**3. Communications Chair**

- a. Web Site Report – No report
- b. Facebook Page Update – DW reported that the KACS Facebook page currently has 21 likes. Upcoming events are being posted and other members suggested that they will "share" the events on their personal Facebook pages.
- c. KACS Photos – No report
- d. KACS website – No report

**4. Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College Chemistry Student Organizations**

- a. Kalamazoo College – JA reported that the chemistry club is actively recruiting new members. The group is interested in getting involved with chemistry week and LH suggested that the students come to Museum Day. JA also stated that the chemistry students, as a part of their SIP projects, will participate in a presentation style assignment (i.e. demonstrations at a local elementary school).

- b. WMU Chem Club – MZ reported that the Chem Club is recruiting new members through freshman seminars. The students will be doing demonstrations at various elementary schools. The students will be volunteering at Museum Day on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, sponsoring an Apple Cider Social for RSO's (Registered Student Organizations) as well as a Halloween Bake Sale.
- c. CGSA – AH reported that they are finalizing details for Museum Day and scheduling a community event at Oshtemo Township.
- d. NOBCCHE – No report. LH stated that the organization had a successful event in Washington D.C.

## 5. Events Updates

- a. Chemistry Day at the Museum – Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 12-4pm. LH stated that more money is needed than what was allocated in the budget. Twenty-four activities are planned and DW will ask Melissa Basileo if she is available to take pictures during this event. The volunteer forms and background checks are almost complete. LH also asked for volunteers to distribute placemats to restaurants in the Kalamazoo and Portage areas to advertise the event; BH volunteered to help.

LH said the Monday Night Live with Keith Roe went very well. Four students participated. The poster project is ongoing.

ACS Tour Speaker – Dr. Werner from Union College is scheduled to speak on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> about doping sports. ES is working on putting a program together. She also asked if anyone was able to escort Dr. Werner to the Forensic Fluids as well as dinner after his presentation.

- b. KIA Innovative Project Grant (IPG) – The “Elements of Dance” event will take place on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at the KIA. ES hopes this event will combine chemistry and culture as well as provide a networking opportunity for members and educate people on the goals of the ACS. The event is open to KACS members and non-members (public) and a variety of dances will be showcased to illustrate chemical concepts and/or elements. Games, prizes and souvenirs will be available. ES advertised a t-shirt design contest for chemistry students with the theme of combining chemistry and dance. The winning design will be used to have shirts made and sold as a fundraiser.

ES is looking for donations for the IPG event. She has contacted VWR, Sigma-Aldrich and WMU and plans on contacting Kalsec, AM Todd and Stryker. ES asked the Executive Committee as to thoughts on obtaining a liquor license and having wine and beer available at the event. Guests will get two drink tickets for the event. LH stated that she would check ID's at the door. JM requested a more detailed budget.

- c. “Sustainable Science – Recycle a Poster” event, sponsored by Pfizer, will take place on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00 pm at Bell’s Eccentric Café. John Mallet, who is Director of Productions at Bell’s, will give a presentation. The contract and deposit for Bell’s is done and volunteers are needed for this event. This event will hopefully foster collaborations with local businesses and universities for future projects. Possible “speed dating” sessions were discussed as a way to increase participant interactions during the poster session.

## **6. New Business**

- a. Office Succession – John Engelman has expressed interest in filling the Chair-Elect position in the KACS Section. The treasurer’s position (2-year commitment) is open as well.
- b. An NCW Coordinator is also being sought; after 25 years, Lydia Hines is stepping down.
- c. Newsletter - Deadline for submission is Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. LH asked if David Bolliet would include the list of WCC awards. The ACS Tour Speaker and events during NCW will be highlighted. The IPG event at the KIA will also be included.
- d. The next meeting will take place on Thurs. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm at Hunan Gardens.