

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, May 2, 2016, 6:30 PM
Blue Dolphin Restaurant, 502 South Burdick

Start time: 6:41 pm

End time: 7:52 pm

Minutes recorded by: Angela Willson

Members present: Sarah Glass (SG), David Bolliet (DB), Elke Schoffers (ES), Mike Walsh (MW), Brian Eklov (BE), Andre Venter (AV), Lydia Hines (LH), Doug Williams (DW), Angela Willson (AW), James Kiddle (JK)

1. Secretary's Report (AW)

- a. **The April minutes were approved.** They will be sent to Mark Wolfe as a .pdf for the website.

2. Treasurer's Report (AV)

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – We received a deposit from ACS of ~\$1500, which we assume is for Project SEED funds (AV will check in with ACS). The IRS rejected our tax postcard because they have no record of us being a non-profit. AV reached out to the tax person at ACS and she instructed AV to call the IRS. He is having troubles getting through with the IRS, so he will keep trying.
- b. **Investment Fund / Checking Account update** – Investments up by \$120. AV received new checks and can start writing checks again. We cleared some expenses in the last month, including Travel reimbursements. Checks were sent for Alton Brown, which was cashed, and Journeyman (BE will reach out to see that they received the check).

3. Communications Chair (CP)

- a. **Facebook page report** – We currently have 312 likes on our Facebook page.
- b. **Website report (Mark Wolf)** – We had higher than normal website traffic, nearly double that of March. This includes both the number of unique users and the number of sessions, though the "% new sessions" went down, suggesting that we did get some new users but mostly we're seeing visitors coming back more often.
- c. **Newsletter Report** – The newsletter should be coming out soon – stay posted.

4. WMU and K College Chemistry Student Organizations

- a. **Kalamazoo College (SG, JB)** – DowBQ will be May 24th at 4pm. The club is having a meeting tomorrow to keep planning for the rest of their year.
- b. **WMU Chem Club (CW)** – Will have meeting to elect new officers.
- c. **WMU CGSA (SJ)** – Sarut is still the contact for the picnic. Forms for that will be going in tomorrow. Elections are ongoing and results will be out at the end of the week.

5. Old Business

- a. **Education Communication Report (JK/DS/CP/MW) –**
 - i. **Competitive Exam/Award Gathering** - We had 68 students take the 22nd exam. The mean score was 38.5 and the high score was 58.75. Our award reception will be next Monday, May 9th at 6:00 PM. The student winners have been notified.
 - ii. **Teacher Awardee** - Our teacher awardee, Chris Orlaske, needs to be notified of the award ceremony ASAP.
 - iii. **Project SEED** – We asked for applications to be in by April 22nd and we currently have no interested applicants. We have had fewer applicants over the last few years. It is important to remember that there is a financial need component of the Project SEED

application process. JK will check and see if Don Schreiber has the most recent list of teachers or if sending this to principals/counselors will help our response rate. We are waiting to see how we are going to extend the deadline for applicants.

- b. **Science Café – update (BE)** – Journeyman is on May 14th. We got a quote of \$900 from Elite transportation for group transport. We currently have 14 out of 20 spots reserved. EC members approved ~\$700 subsidy for transport of attendees.
- c. **Alton Brown Group sales (20 or more) May 5 Miller Auditorium; (BE)** – We **sold our 20 tickets**. BE will send a direct email to those who bought tickets to figure out how those tickets will be distributed.
- d. **JGLCRM 2015 update ☺. (LH)** – We received a check in the amount of approximately \$7600 as our Region/Local Section share from the monies derived from the 2015 Joint Great Lakes/Central Regional Meeting; this will be deposited in the KACS account. LH would like reports from the various JGLCRM Committee chairs by the end of June. She sent out a Report template to the chairs.
- e. **Status/thoughts on 75th Anniversary celebration for KACS in 2017 (all)** – We have no new information on the party, other than we are hoping to have the party at the Air Zoo with food and rides. If we want to ask for money (Innovative Project Grant) from ACS the grant is due the end of July. LH has a line on a possible speaker for the event. We all seem excited about the prospect of this event and wish to move forward with planning an Air Zoo event. There was a brief discussion about possible timing of this event. We suggested possibly February because there is no weather restrictions with the space. LH will check the Air Zoo schedule and we will move forward with a planning committee.

6. New Business

- a. **Next PR Email** – Last call for Journeyman Distillery trip – send on May 9th if newsletter doesn't get interest (6 seats currently available)
- b. Send items for the **June newsletter** to ACSkzoo@gmail.com by **May 25th** for **June 1** publication

Content: Chair's comment (BE),

Report on Alton Brown event (BE)

Report on Distillery (Journeyman) tour (BE);

Report on May 9 Awards Gathering (MWalsh)

Report on Climate Change Symposium which KACS helped fund at the San Diego ACS Meeting (ES);

San Diego Meeting reflections from a 50-year member (Gabe Kornis)

- c. The next EC meeting will be on **Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30pm** at **Arcadia Brewery** (weather permitting, rain location: Blue Dolphin Restaurant) **NO MEETING IN JULY!**

7. Around the Table:

- a. LH will not be around for meetings over the next several months
- b. 96 people attended the Mass Spec group meeting at Bell's. Two-thirds of the audience was brewers, with the balance being chemists. The speakers were all well received and accessible for both audiences. Thermo Fisher Scientific covered costs for the event.