

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section, ACS
MEETING MINUTES
4 August 2005

Meeting called to order at 5:05 PM at Pfizer B126 1-A.

Present: Kent Alleman (KA), Don Schreiber, (DS), Ben Maxey (BM), Monica Whitmire (MW), Mike Kiella (MK), Shawn Hawk, (SH), Lydia Hines (LH), Dean Cooke (DC), John Stodola (JS), John Beck (JB), Sharon Barbour (SB), Sheryl Loux (SL)

1. **Agendas Distributed.**
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Minutes approved with minor correction of lost to lots. Vote: All in favor.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** No treasurer's report available at time of meeting. SH indicated the section is in the black and that a report will be issued.
4. **EC Action Items**
 - a. **Old Business**
 - i. *SEED Status.* DS reports that the SEED reception will be Monday August 8th. There are 4 students in the program this year and each will be presenting a poster. A report on the SEED project needs to be filed. SH will be taking pictures at the reception.
 - ii. *LSAC Innovative Project Grant.* SH and Amy St. Charles have agreed to take over the Science Fair project from MW in the event that she cannot continue leading the project. Steve Grieve had agreed to champion / support Shawn in these activities. There will be a teacher's workshop on November 1st at KRESA.
 - iii. *Newsletter.* MK has been approached by Dr. Paige Oxley with regard to nanotechnology at Pfizer. MK provided a few contacts, but there is some doubt as to the interest level at this stage. Suggestions to contact WMU and to place a small article in the newsletter were made. A ballot is needed for the next newsletter (October/November).
 - b. **New Business**
 - i. *Impact of Pfizer announcements.* KA commented that there was no need for immediate action, but that later in the year, transition from to chair to chair-elect may need to be accelerated. SH has been in contact with Ena Castro (national career services) with regards to a visit to Kalamazoo to host workshops on interview skills, resume preparation, negotiating, etc. There is some concern not to duplicate Pfizer's efforts in this area since they have contracted Right Management to perform similar activities. It was suggested to place Sue Stapleton's contact info in the newsletter since she is our Career Coordinator. The effect of further loss of membership on the sections budget, activities, and volunteers was discussed. It was suggested to diversify our membership by recruiting new members from smaller companies such as AvTech, MPI Research, Perrigo, and Axom. A current count of membership is desired. Data may be accessible online.

- ii. *Fall Speaker.* KA indicated that the original Fall Tour Speaker (Dr. Schwarz) was unable to come. However, a replacement speaker (Dr. Helen Free) has been selected. LH will contact KVCC as to a location for the presentation. KA to create a flyer advertising the speaker. MK indicated that Pat Irish had been scheduled as one of our speaker for 2006, but he will unlikely to be in a position to present.
 - iii. *Chemistry Day at the Museum.* SB expressed concern that the Pfizer announcements might cut down on the number of volunteers available for NCW. SB to meet with PI with regard to a call for volunteers e-mail. SB to check with Annette Hoppenworth with regard to posters at the museum. SH suggested contacting teachers through KRESA to find additional volunteers.
 - iv. *Around the Table.*
 - 1. LH participated in a conference call where several local section leaders explained some of the successful events they had hosted. Local sections are encouraged to coordinate with other chemistry or science related organizations.
 - 2. KA sent a thank you note to Mark VanArendonk for the banquet awards money.
 - 3. LH pointed out an error in the 2004 Annual Report which indicated we hosted a new activity last year. This was not the case.
 - 4. LH indicated that she has many plaques which may be reused for awards at low cost.
 - 5. DC commented that the topic of compensation for national officers will be discussed and should be interesting. DC pointed out that the ACS vision statement does not contain the word chemistry in it. Everyone found this quite ironic. By-Laws were not voted upon.
 - v. *Committee reports.* SL reported the votes from the Women's Chemist Committee. SL and Kim Greve both received 7 votes each and were elected to the steering committee. SL indicated that MPI was expanding and had many open positions. Girl Scout Chemistry Day is scheduled for March 25th 2006 (Saturday) at WMU, McCracken Hall.
5. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm by unanimous vote. Next meeting Sept 1st at 5:00 at Pfizer B126 1-A.