

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
May 12, 2015, 6:30 PM
Arcadia Ales

Start time: 6:31 pm

End time: 7:40 pm

Members Present: Lydia Hines (LH), Brian Eklov (BE), John Engelmann (JE), Sarut Jianrattanasawat (SJ), Jennifer Furchak (JF), Sarah Glass (SG), Mara Birndorf (MB), Mike Walsh (MW), James Kiddle (JK), Angela Willson (AW) Elke Schoffers (ES), Andre Venter (AV)

Minutes Recorded by: Angela Willson

1. Secretary's Report (AW) – April minutes were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report (AV)

- a. Treasurer's Report – Local section allotment and dues have been received. Almost \$3000 of checks were written for the awards ceremony. The catering check has cleared for the award ceremony and Amazon gift cards were purchased for some of the awards.
- b. Investment Fund / Checking Account update – Investments are down 1%. AV has not yet received reimbursement for councilor travel. ES will follow up with Waters to see if a check has been sent.
- c. Clarification of budget category descriptions – A meeting between BE and AV will be needed to dissect the logic behind the categories that are designed to align more closely with ACS categories on the annual report.

3. Communications Chair (DB)

- a. **Facebook page report** - Facebook has 204 Likes. A year ago, we had 77 (see attached graph). Local events are advertised on the Facebook, as requested.
- b. **Newsletter Report (DB)** – 4 emails were sent to the membership (thank you to LH for the reminders and scheduling these emails). The emails were as follows: **April 6** - Reminders about Dr. Daniel Rabinovich, former NSF Program Manager, titled "Chemistry on Stamps", and 2 opportunities to volunteer for Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED), the first at the Kalamazoo Nature Center on April 18, and the second at the Oshtemo branch of the Kalamazoo Pubic Library on West Main Street during their outdoor Earth Day event on April 25. **April 14** - Many different announcement including The Department of Chemistry at WMU hosts the 6th Annual Research Day and Awards Ceremony (Friday, April 17), Chemistry SIP Presentations at Kalamazoo College (Friday, April 17), JGLCRM Early Registration Deadline (Sunday, April 19), "Frontiers in Chemistry Lectureship" Presentation (Tuesday, April 21), Industry Member Input Discussion with ACS Governance. **April 20** - "Frontiers in Chemistry Lectureship" Presentation (Tuesday, April 21); JGLCRM Early Registration Deadline Extended to Sunday, April 26; KACS Annual Awards Gathering (Monday, May 11); Industry Member Input Discussion with ACS Governance. **May 8** - Announcement of the 3rd and last Session on Climate Change (May 16). **Also, the** April newsletter was released on April 24.
- c. **Website report (MW)** - We had 313 users visiting the website last month. One spike corresponded to the Apr 23 newsletter. Another spike occurred inexplicably around May 8th.

4. Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College Chemistry Student Organizations

- a. **Kalamazoo College (JF, SG, MB)** – A budget was presented to the EC asking for approximately \$170 to support their annual DowBQ event, which promotes fellowship between underclass students and senior students (biology and chemistry). There will be yard games and food at the event to encourage attendance.
- b. **WMU CGSA (SJ)** - The annual picnic in the Oshtemo Township Park Pavilion on West Main Street will be on May 22nd. Local chemists, graduate students and faculty, etc. are encouraged to attend the event with their family. This year's event will be funded by the WMU Graduate College.
- c. **WMU Chem Club** – LH presented the new list of officers for next year. President: Casey Wright; Vice President: Jake Kirkendall; Secretary: Erin Heath; Treasurer: Greg Johnson; Events Chair: Jake Tholen
- d. **NOBCCChE (CB)** – No report.

5. Old Business

- a. **Last pre-event report on 2015 Joint Great Lakes-Central Regional meeting (JGLCRM), May 27-30, Grand Rapids (LH +).** – The program is set and is being printed. There are currently 550 registered, which is expected to increase slightly before the event. Everyone is ready for a productive meeting where they will be able to learn more about ACS and chemistry while enjoying the fruits of their labor.
- b. **Climate Change Grant 3rd event (Bertman/LH)**– The third and final grant-sponsored event is planned to take place at KRESA on Milham Ave on May 16, Saturday, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm.
- c. **KACS Logo consideration (ES/Carolyn Fink)** – We finalized our selection of the two blue logos (one circle and one rectangle). ES will inquire about pricing for two logos.
- d. **Report on status of nano-grant application for cross-Local Section/Regional interaction (AV)**
We received a nano grant from ACS to have a gathering at the JGLCRM entitled “Bridging the Gap: Meeting Local Section Members”. BE will email other sections in our region to invite them to this event. The event will be at 6pm on Wednesday May 27 in Monroe-B at the DeVos Convention Center.
- e. **Awards Gathering celebration – report (JK/LH)** – We had the reception last night (Monday) at WMU with over 90 students and parents in attendance. \$3100 was awarded including Amazon gift cards for outstanding students and honorable mentions. This alleviates the problem of tracking some students down to reissue expired checks. BE was a great MC. 16 high schools participated in the exam where 400 students took the preliminary exam. 97 students were invited to the final exam, of whom 67 participated. **Mike Walsh has agreed to be the education chair** moving forward.
- f. **ACS On Campus update (BE)** – No update.
- g. **Oral reports on CCED Program(s) (MZ/LH/BE)** – The library event on April 25 was great; over 50 children and parents attended. ACS did a demonstration with indicators. At the Nature Center on April 18 students from WMU and KCollege made chromatography butterflies with the patrons.
- h. **NCW 2015 theme: “Chemistry Colors our World”** - John Miller confirmed desire to be coordinator for **Chem Day at the Museum October 17**
- i. **Report on Stamp talk at WMU (LH)** – The event, which occurred the same night as the WMU undergraduate poster session, was well attended. Daniel Rabinovich gave a wonderful talk that showed the history of, and events in, science through stamps.
- j. **Project SEED Status (DS/LH)** – Chair Don Schreiber has sent letters to High school teachers seeking for eligible participants. There is no report yet on responses. Faculty willing to participate include Szymczyna and Obare (Summer I SEED students (1 ea)) and Guda (Summer II SEED student)

6. New Business

- a. **ACS President matching “membership award” to student in Ph.D.-granting institution (LH)** – Two WMU students (Mia Jawor & Kevin Anderson) have been selected to receive membership awards.

- b. Next PR Email** – May 17th: CGSA Picnic & JGLCRM Events, including the Bridging the Gap event.
- c. Newsletter for June** - Send items for the newsletter to: ACSkzoo@gmail.com Send by June 5 for **June 12 publication**

Content: Chair's comment (BE); report on May 11 Awards Gathering (MW/JK); Report on Stamp talk (SO/LH); report on JGLCRM (LH); report on 3rd Climate Change workshop (SB/LH/JM); Announce Project SEED students and mentors (DS/LH); Announce date of Chemistry Day at the KVM and first call for volunteers (JM); Report on CCED event(s) MZ/LH/BE

- d. The next meeting** will be **Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm** with the location to be determined depending on weather.

7. Around the Table

- a. Possible ideas for topics for a Science Cafe nanogrant** – wine or beer tasting, New Holland distillery program