

## Executive Committee

## Kalamazoo Section ACS

Meeting Minutes May 5, 2008

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM at TGIFridays

Present: James Kiddle (JK), Kate Shaw (KS), John Miller (JM), Lydia Hines (LH), Kim Greve (KG), Andy Whiteman (AW), Jennifer Larese (JL), Carl Stachew (CS), Evan Garrett (EG), Tom Smith (TS), Monica Whitmire (MW), Don Schreiber (DS)

## 1. Secretary's Report

- a. The April meeting minutes were approved no changes.
- b. Action Item Table: No changes.

## 2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Report was approved.

## 3. WMU and Kcollege Student Affiliates

- a. WMU: The ChemClub has a new president, Evan Garrett. Congratulations to Kate and Andy for their graduation. The hands-on activity for the Cub Scouts event will be discussed by the new leadership at a future meeting. *(now Paul)*
- b. Kcollege: The affiliates requested support for two outreach events, the Dow B-Q and Forensics Day. The Dow B-Q picnic event brings students and professors together to celebrate science and to bring greater awareness of chemistry and science to the K-College community. Forensics Day invites 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from local middle schools to participate in a crime scene investigation. EC agreed to fund half of the request for Dow B-Q (\$100) and the entire request for Forensics Day (\$150). Dow B-Q also has another sponsor to fund the remaining \$100 requested.

## 4. Old Business

- a. For e-voting look at "Survey Monkey". (CS) presented draft changes to bylaws to accommodate e-ballots. Language was approved with minor changes. (LH) will provide edits via e-mail. (LH) noted after meeting that Bylaw 14 is restrictive on our ability to modify the bylaws. (CS) will provide draft changes to this bylaw for review. (LH) also provided to (CS) draft protocols for conducting elections from national and the guidelines for amending local section bylaws.
- b. (JL) will be going to the Science Café conference. The conference will provide funding for accommodations. KACS will fund the rest of the trip.
- c. Regional incorporation: (LH) indicated we were the only section to respond to the request. We will wait to hear from the Regional Committee before taking any further action.

## 5. New Business



- a. Science Café: Ideas for fall and spring series for next year. Fermentation was selected for the fall series. Efforts to secure speakers are underway. Topics will be pharmaceutical fermentation, beer and wine. Other future themes proposed were material science possibly with a sports theme (ex. Golf clubs (TS) has contact, Running (Gazelle Sports), Hockey) and Clinical Chemistry.
- b. National Meeting: (LH) passed out a summary of actions and reports. Highlights include the Committee on Nominations and Elections will be posting guidelines on electronic elections, continued funding was approved for high school chemistry clubs.
- c. Local Web Site: (JK) has contacted someone who can redesign the site. EC agreed we need a site that allows individuals to update their own sections. Make the first page showcase upcoming events like Science Cafes and outreach events. (JK) will contact Vicki Finkenstadt to see what national ACS can offer with respect to templates, hosting, etc...
- d. Postcard mailings: Charity (MPI) won't be handling this function anymore. KACS expresses its appreciation for her willingness to take this on for the section. WMU will take over as the responsible party for the mailings. A request was made that our website address and a person to contact (LH) (name and telephone number) be again placed on the postcard.

#### 6. Around the table

- a. (KG) Girl Scout Merit Badge Day was a success. 68 attended. There is interest in having the event every year. (KG) will see what the Girl Scouts are willing to fund. WCC is willing to support an annual event.
- b. (LH) There was one Haiku and one artwork submission from Moorsbridge Elementary for Earth Day. (LH) distributed ACS Earth Day publications to the Kalamazoo Public Library Children's Rooms downtown and the branches.
- c. (DS) Need a nomination for section award winner.

Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by Carl Stachew.