

## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Kalamazoo Section ACS

**Thursday, November 5, 2015**

**6:30 PM**

Boatyard Brewing Company

Start 6:40 PM. Attending: Brian Eklov (BE), Doug Williams (DW), Mike Walsh (MW), Sarut Jianrattanasawatt (SJ), Lydia Hines (LH), Elke Schoffers (ES). BE recording. Andre Venter (AV) and James Kiddle (JK) arrived late.

### **1. Secretary's Report (AW)**

- a. Review and approval of October 2015 minutes.  
Minutes were approved.

### **2. Treasurer's Report (AV)**

- a. Treasurer's Report – No report
- b. Investment Fund / Checking Account update – No report
- c. Status of IRS query (BE)  
The national office has been very helpful in dealing with this matter. ACS legal counsel helped us draft a response letter to the IRS, and the IRS received the letter and copies of the appropriate forms on Nov. 4.

### **3. Communications Chair (David Bolliet (DB) – Reported in absentia - see emails from DB and Mark Wolf.**

- a. Facebook page report – We are up to 262 followers.
- b. An email was sent to the membership on 10/15 about Chemistry Day and the KACS election.
- c. The newsletter was published 10/30, and an email to the membership was sent on 11/1.
- d. DB suggested CGSA host a screening of the PhD2 Movie. EC agreed whole-heartedly, offered financial assistance if needed and asked SJ (CGSA rep) to follow up.
- e. Website report (Mark Wolf) – We had 161 page views this month, which is down a bit from last month but does not include a newsletter bump, which was sent to membership on 11/1. A large number of page-views were on 10/28, which is currently unexplained.
- f. Newsletter Report (BE) – Newsletter was published 10/31, and distributed 11/1.

### **4. WMU and KCollege Student Organizations**

- a. Kalamazoo College – No report
- b. WMU Chem Club - No Report
- c. WMU CGSA (SJ)  
WMU CGSA requested \$100 to purchase food for their annual Thanksgiving Potluck. EC approved the request.
- d. NOBCCHE - No Report

### **5. Old Business**

- a. Education Committee Report: Competitive Exam planning (Mike W)  
MW and JK met yesterday to discuss. Robin Lenkart cannot be replaced (in the near future), but JK and MW will handle this year's logistical details. JK and MW will meet in December to discuss exam dates, and begin the process of contacting local area HS teachers. The 1<sup>st</sup> exam will be in March, with the second following in April. MW notes Science Olympiad state competition will be April 30<sup>th</sup>, and we will try to avoid this date as well as WMU graduation. WMU campus is the planned site for the final exam this year.
- b. NCW2015 theme: "Chemistry Colors our World" – Chemistry Day at the Museum October 17 – Report (LH/BE)  
Chemistry day at the museum was a great success: 80 presenters, 25 activities, and near 1000 visitors!!! Report in the October 30 Newsletter. KACS appreciates participation in this year's event from the WMU and K College Chem Clubs. BE notes that next year will be the 30<sup>th</sup> annual event, and some special planning is warranted.
- e. Science Café on "wine" – update (late winter? spring?) (BE)

Science Café on Distilling – Will be contacting **Journeyman Distilling** for a spring event. EC prefers an event in Kalamazoo, but a field trip to their site may be necessary

f. Search for Communications Chair/Newsletter Editor status (BE)

We have had some preliminary contact with a prospective volunteer, and we are following up. We continue to look for other people who may be interested in volunteering some time.

g. Update on November Recycle-a-Poster event – November 10 (ES)

The event will have a slightly different format this year – 3 x \$50 prizes for presenters (currently 14, which is up from this time last year). The keynote presenter had to travel out of the country on short notice; replacement was offered and we accepted. Organizing now. Schedule slightly different due to conflict with career panel at WMU. Set-up at 5, food at 6, presentation at 7, 8:00 prizes.

h. Election of officers - report (BE)

Tomorrow (Nov. 6) is the close of balloting. Report will be made next month.

i. Update on Tom Higgins invitation – Feb 2016? (LH)

Happy to come in Feb. Details pending.

j. Invitation/memo from ACS Membership Office for input as to how to help Sections (report – LH)

KACS indicated need for help getting volunteers. LaTrease Garrison replied that we are not the only ones with this need.

## 6. New Business

a. Next PR Email –

E-blast for Bell's Abstract submission – Submission closes Mon the 9<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps send Mon AM?

b. Discuss the next newsletter mailing date and deadline for submissions.

Send items for the newsletter to: [ACSkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ACSkzoo@gmail.com) send by **Dec 4 for Dec 15 publication**

Content: Chair's comment (BE) – Year end report (Include year-in-review pictures?)

Report on Bell's Event (ES)

Call for Communications Chair (BE)

Announcement of election results (BE)

Ice Cream Social Report (SJ)

Report on Thanksgiving potluck at WMU (SJ)

Report on October 30 Haverhill outreach (AW)

g. Next EC meeting: **Monday, Dec 7, 6:30 PM. Bright Eyes Brewing.**

## 7. Around the Table:

SJ: Attempting to get College of Arts and Sciences to pay for Grad Students' ACS memberships, but start dates vary, complicating things.

LH: **CCED 2016** Theme is “**The Great Indoors: Your Home's Ecosystem**”.

**NCW 2016** Theme is “**Solving Mysteries through Chemistry**” - forensics.

LH: Created letterhead for KACS; will be sent to the EC for use as needed.

BE: Wondered out loud about setting up a google drive for the KACS EC.

BE is willing to go to Dallas for the ACS leadership conference in January 2016 to represent KACS.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31.