

Executive Committee  
Kalamazoo Section, ACS  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**1 May 2003**

Meeting called to order at 4:42 PM in Pfizer 126-1A.

**Present:** Ben Maxey (BM); Don Schreiber (DS); Joan Esson (JE); Lydia Hines (LH); Brian Stockman (BS); Mike Kiella (MK); Brian Buffin (BB) and Dean Cooke (DC).

1. **Agendas Distributed.** Call for agenda additions or corrections. None forwarded. MK moved for acceptance of the agenda, BB second. Vote: all in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting.** Minutes from the April 2003 EC meeting were sent electronically prior to the meeting. Additional copies were also distributed. DS moved for acceptance of the minutes, BS second. Vote: all in favor.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** MK noted that all financial obligations of the section have been met. Councilors have been reimbursed for expenses associated with the New Orleans meeting. The annual allotment of \$8,188 from ACS has been received and deposited. The current balance in the KACS account is approximately \$16,166. DS moved for acceptance of the treasurer's report, DC second. Vote: all in favor.
4. **EC Action Items**
  - a) **Old Business**
    - i) *BSA Chemistry Merit Badge Wrap-Up.* BS noted that John Stodola has prepared a report detailing the event. 163 scouts, 51 scout leaders, and 52 volunteers participated on 12 April 2003 at WMU. BS to distribute certificates of recognition to the volunteers. Slightly lower than anticipated attendance was attributed to shorter interval since previous Merit Badge event (19 months vs. 24) and to the late date (after Spring break and during sports conflicts). Overall a good event.
    - ii) *Spring Banquet.* DS noted that the annual spring awards banquet will take place on Monday, May 19, 2003 and that plans are progressing on schedule. 20 exam winners, college students from WMU and Kalamazoo College, HS students, teachers, and others will be recognized. The room at WMU has been reserved and prizes have been ordered. MK awaiting the names of the award winners so that checks can be drafted.
    - iii) *Reorganize KACS Financial Report.* MK to bring a plan for the restructuring of KACS accounts in order to align them with the ACS annual report format to a future meeting. MK noted that he met with WMU SAACS members to discuss professional opportunities, financial control of the SAACS chapter account, and programming for the Fall 2003 semester.
    - iv) *2003 Fall Tour Speaker.* BM noted that the ACS tour speaker in the Fall will likely be John Fortman on 23 September. Still awaiting final confirmation. MK suggested that we may wish to consider a local speaker with dinner in the future, similar to previous years, in lieu of the ACS tour speaker service.
  - b) **New Business**
    - i) *2003 Chemistry Day at the Museum.* BS noted that planning is ongoing. Museum personnel have met with BS and BM. A timeline of activities has been developed in order to minimize the last minute rush of activities.

- ii) *Pfizer Acquisition Impact on KACS.* Many of the KACS EC will likely be relocating as a result of the Pfizer acquisition of Pharmacia. Many more KACS members will also likely be leaving the section. Enrollment and dues will be impacted. 2004 allotment from ACS is based on July enrollment. Current KACS account has enough for this years programs as well as next year's (drawing from reserve). New members may be added as people relocate to Kalamazoo. A newsletter with Fall events is going to be needed. BM to contact PD to find out current method of producing the newsletter. A June newsletter with BSA Merit Badge and Awards Banquet information should be produced. KACS councilor positions are secure until 2007.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a) *Project SEED.* DS noted that 2 new students (1 Kalamazoo Central HS, 1 Loy Norrix High School) and 1 returning student will participate in Project SEED this summer. 3 alternates are also available. Noted that a former SEED student is now president of the WMU SAACS chapter.
- b) *OLGA.* MK and John Stodola still in the process of drafting a letter to the state legislature urging support of local math and science centers.
- c) MK will be participating in a career fair for area youth on May 19. Will provide a write-up of his activities.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM by unanimous vote. Next meeting will be held on 12 June 2003 at 4:30 PM at Bell's Café in Kalamazoo. Minutes recorded by B. Buffin