

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
January 17, 2018
Tap House on the Kalamazoo Mall

Meeting started at 6:40 pm, and adjourned at 8:30 pm

Present: Stephen Secreast (SS), Doug Williams (DW), Bill Schinzer (WS), Katie Ann-Walker Tullis (KT), James Kiddle (JK), Luke Chadwick (LC), Lydia Hines (LH)

Secretary Report

- December Minutes approved

New Business (All)

- The **Innovative Project Grant (IPG)** application which LC proposed ("Molecules on the Blockchain: Imagine a future of immutable distributed chemical databases") was reviewed with some discussion, and it was decided that the topic was appropriate but we would wait for the July deadline to apply for funding
- DW reviewed his activities in regard to 2018 **Project SEED** and shared a booklet on the 2017 program which included information on our Project Seed student and mentor; SS thanked DW for his continued efforts to improve the program and our participation in it; we discussed that we may want to have a Summer I and Summer II students this year, if we get enough response from mentors, who are currently being solicited, and from teachers regarding eligible students; Dwight Williams, a 2017 mentor at K-College for our 2017 Summer I student has expressed an interest in having a student again in 2018. DW and others on the Executive committee are continuing to seek academic and industrial labs willing to host (an) eligible student(s) - ideas were considered and the search is ongoing. The appropriateness of student stipends was also discussed.
- WS is continuing to grapple with **surprises** (e.g., unexpected "maintenance fees") **at the PNC bank** to which we have moved the KACS funds, with **Bank of America deposits** which are being made by ACS to our account (which we are trying to close) there, and with the need to transfer signatures on the **Vanguard Investment** account. Contacts need to be made at ACS with Tanya Fogg (t_fogg@acs.org) and Cheryl Vockins (c_vockins@acs.org) concerning financial matters (Fogg) and making sure that correct officers are listed (Vockins).
- JK was named chair of the **Education Committee**, and he updated attendees on his progress with the Competitive Exam portion of our section's Education activities - he gave a summary of the awards information for those in attendance who were unfamiliar with it. The list of HS chemistry teachers in our Section (Allegan, VanBuren, Kalamazoo Counties) is being updated for 2018, the letter is ready to be sent to the teachers informing them of the exam procedures and the awards process. There was favorable consensus that we initiate invitation to Project SEED participant(s) and mentor(s) from the previous year for recognition at the **Awards Gathering**, which this year will be held on **Monday, May 7**, at the Chemistry Building at WMU.

Date for next EC Meeting:

- **Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30pm** with a preference expressed for meeting at the Tap House again - however, location is TBD

Around the Table:

- LH is registered for the Leadership Institute this coming weekend, Jan 19-21
- The Local Section **Annual Report 2018 MUST be filed by February 15** - SS and LH will work on the Administration portion and WS will deal with the Financial Portion. Reports on events, if they have not yet been submitted, must be sent to SS **SOON** for inclusion in the report - the more we write the better LSAC (Local Section Activities Committee) likes it.
- LH informed those present about the themes for the 2018 CCEW and NCW: this year is the 15th anniversary of **Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (now called Chemists Celebrate Earth Week)**; the theme is "Oceans" - the publication will have the title "Dive into Marine Chemistry" and the dates are **April 21-27**; **National Chemistry Week** will have the theme "Outer Space" and will explore chemistry in and of outer space; the publication will be titled "Chemistry is out of this World" and it will be celebrated the week of **October 21-27**
- ACS **webinars** are downloaded and **content may be used by members** for section meetings, if we find that desirable.
- **Speakers** for section meetings may be found at speakers@acs.org - acceptable speakers may be shared with nearby sections, if there is agreement on topic; appropriate arrangements for shared travel expenses may be made.

Recorded by Lydia Hines