

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Kalamazoo Section ACS**  
**Thursday, August 4, 2016, 6:30 PM**  
Arcadia Ales

**Start Time:** 6:41 pm

**End Time:** 7:28 pm

**Members Present:** Brian Eklov (BE), James Kiddle (JK), Mike Walsh (MW), Audrey Thomas (AT), Sharat Kamath (SK), Doug Williams (DW), Andre Walsh (AW), Lydia Hines (LH) – via computer

**Minutes Recorded by:** Angela Willson (AW)

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

- a. **The May minutes were approved** – a .pdf copy will be sent to Mark Wolf for the website.

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

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – Received a check from Mike Kiella for his ten-year Section Associate membership. We also got an incorrect invoice from OmniPress for printing of Regional Meeting Program books. BE will send to Neal, as he is the current Central Region chair; LH will be copied.
- b. **Investment Fund / Checking Account update** – Our investment account increased by approximately \$600.

**3. Communications Chair (CP)**

- a. **Facebook page report** – No report.
- b. **Website report (Mark Wolf)** – No report.
- c. **Newsletter Report** – No report.

**4. WMU and K College Chemistry Student Organizations**

- a. **Kalamazoo College (SG, JB)** – Classes start September 12<sup>th</sup>. Their main focus is getting more members at their fall club recruitment.
- b. **WMU Chem Club (CW)** - Casey has left for Purdue, so Jake will be the president starting in the fall.
- c. **WMU CGSA (SJ?)(JA?)** – No report.

**5. Old Business**

- a. **Status of Air Zoo as location for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for KACS in 2017 (LH) - IPG (BE)** – We discussed reserving the room for February 23<sup>rd</sup> through email with the EC. We plan on reserving the downstairs space, which means we could have over 100 people and 4 rides open. This costs \$3000 with no food/drink. We wrote an IPG for \$3000 for rental fee. We will learn about that grant in early October. There was general consensus among the EC to go ahead with paying the \$1500 down payment. We had a brief discussion about publicizing the event. AW recommended looking into an “RSVP” function that could be attached through email to get names of interested people through the website. We would have to check with Mark to see if that is an option. LH was authorized to complete the reservation form and request that AV pay the deposit, as well as confirm with John Boase our desire to have him speak at that event.
- b. **Preparation for National Chemistry Week (Chemists solve mysteries – forensics) (LH/BE) -** 30<sup>th</sup> Chemistry Day at the Museum will be October 8, 2016. We had the idea to potentially have one larger mystery with a small prize. We would like to drive publicity and get a lot of people to the mu-

seum. Last year we had over 1000 people and we can do even better! LH is going to ask for volunteers to help coordinate the activities.

- c. **Extend Invitation to D. Lowe for KACS event** – JK will be at the national meeting and will see if he can poke him about coming to town. We would gladly host a Bell's style event for him or at a local college.
- d. **2017 EC Open Positions: Chair-elect, Treasurer, and Chair (BE, All)** – AV will remain treasurer for one additional year until he goes on sabbatical. This means we are still looking for a chair and chair elect. BE will put a call for volunteers in the newsletter. There was a brief discussion about possible people we could approach to fill said positions.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Comment on 2015 Annual Review (BE)** – We got a comment that we have no succession plan and that was noticed by national.
- b. **Council Agenda in Philadelphia (end Aug) (LH)** – The two main items on the agenda involve increasing the amount of time that dues are waived for unemployed members - from 2 to 3 years - and changing bylaws to have a way to remove ineffective leaders and councilors from local section leadership positions.
- c. **Bell's Recycle-a-Poster event – Zoetis co-sponsor - date, program (ES)** – No comment. If we would like D. Lowe to be the speaker we will have to reach out to Elke and committee. Denis was leaning towards having someone from Zoetis as speaker. JK offered to touch base with him about this event.
- d. **Education Committee discussion re Middle School teacher award (AV)** – There is a possibility that we need to revisit how we nominate the teacher for this award. The end goal is to expand our nomination pool, so that we give the award to the most deserving teacher. We think it is worth looking into having students nominate teachers when they take the competitive exam. JK volunteered to look further into how we could implement a new idea and give us a report in October. The general consensus was to look further into how we can get more nominations of high school teachers without including middle school teachers at this time.
- e. Send items for the **September newsletter** to [ACSkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ACSkzoo@gmail.com) by **August 25** for **September 8** publication.

### Content:

Chair's comment (BE)

Call for Volunteers for NCW – 30<sup>th</sup> Chemistry Day at the Museum (LH)

Announce new college club officers (AW)

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Report on KACS partially-funded Climate Change Symposium at San Diego Meeting - (ES)

- f. The next EC meeting will be on **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** at **6:30pm** at **Bell's Eccentric Café** in the Beer Garden.

## 7. Around the Table:

We agreed that the Local Section would pay one-half of the cost incurred this year for the JGLCRM2015 website content hosting fee but would not support continuing registration of the domain name.