

Executive Committee Meeting
Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society
June 6, 2012 Hunan Gardens

Since there was no quorum, these are **Notes** from the Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Present: Kevin Douglass (KD), Brianna Hyder (BH), Jacinta Mutambuki (JM), **John Miller (JBM), Lydia Hines (LH), Elke Schoffers (ES)**

1. Secretary's report.

May Meeting Minutes not approved, pending corrections

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. Approved with minor corrections to be made - JBM will redistribute
- b. Market is flat so there was not a remarkable increase in the Investment Fund

3. Communications Chair

- a. Dave Bolliet sent a report indicating that there were spikes in website traffic at the time of e-announcement and at the time of a Section activity (e.g., the Awards program)
- b. In the next Newsletter there will be an announcement for readers to "Like" the Local Section Facebook page, which is now active.

4. Other Committee Reports

- a. Written Reports were submitted (LH and DS) describing the HS Symposium on May 1. The 2 reports will be merged (LH) for submission to the Newsletter.

LH also submitted a report on the May 21 Awards Symposium; a report will also be requested from Education Committee chair, Don Schreiber.

- b. A possible time for a Monday Night Live (MNL) interview is still not available, pending scheduling by the MNL Host Keith Roe. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum Chemistry Day will be on Saturday, October 13; the theme for NCW 2012 is **Nanotechnology: The Smallest BIG idea in Science**. A plea for volunteers for our outreach will be placed in the next Newsletter (LH).

- c. DS submitted a written report to indicate that there would be 2 Summer I students for Project SEED this summer, both at WMU (working with Dr. Obare and Dr. Guda). The program would run from July 14 to August 10 and the reception would be "piggy-backed" on to the poster display for the HHMI students at Haenicke Hall in August, date not set yet.

5. Student Organization Reports

- a. No report from Kalamazoo College
- b. Brianna Hyder reported that the WMU Chem Club had officer elections: Pres - Scotty Lambert; VP - Emily Cobb; Treas - Michael Pawl; Sec - Kevin Heinz; Events Coordinator – Angela Bluhm. They are hoping to participate in WMU's Student Activities and Leadership Programs (SALP) conference for Registered Student Organization (RSO) Leaders in August
- c. CGSA will be hosting a BBQ on the evening of June 7 and will be having election of officers on that date as well.

d. NOBCChE student chapter has elected officers: Pres – Clara Adams; VP and Sec – Jacinta Mutambuki; Tr – Noah Masika; Historian – Irene Travis-Bunch. JM reported that on May 25 they held a Chemical Demonstration (9) program for students from KPS's King-Westwood Elementary and Washington Writers Academy. Their next activity will be participation at the 9th Annual NOBCChE Conference, Washington DC on Sept 25-28, as moderators and judges in science events for middle school students; this will be their third such participation.

6. Old Business

a. An Advisory Committee has been formed to develop implementation of an Innovative Project (IP) event for which we anticipate receiving funds from the ACS once we submit our application for an IPGrant. The event is tentatively being considered for the first week of November.

b. We need to see the "job description" developed by Melissa Basileo concerning a KACS Picture Repository. A discussion was deferred for another meeting.

c. The Allegan Meet-n-Greet Event will be held in Allegan on Friday, June 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Perrigo is offering supplementary financial and in-kind support for this activity.

7. New Business

a. A discussion concerning how to increase the pool of award-eligible high school chemistry teachers was deferred.

b. Comments were exchanged regarding a Fall speaker; ES will do some further research on the topics and the presenters and bring recommendation to the August Meeting; an end-of-September date is being considered for that speaker event

c. Pfizer has offered a grant of \$2000 to co-sponsor an activity (November?); ideas for it include a Poster Session as in 2011, and a keynote speaker – further discussion is warranted.

d. The deadline for the next Newsletter is June 10; contents should include

- reports of K College Forensic "camp" and Dow-B-Que activities, NOBCChE activities, CGSA BBQ (all with pictures)
- reports on the HS Science Symposium and the Awards Program
- plea for NCW event volunteers
- some career information

8. Around theTable

LH said that there is a volunteer from KACS for the position of Program co-chair for the Joint GLCRM in 2015; also, one program idea {ACS OnCampus} has been suggested and received positively..

LH suggested the possibility of having a Local Section member speak about Intellectual Property/patents in a Science café' format; the idea was enthusiastically received; a February 2013 date was floated.

Notes recorded by Lydia E. M. Hines