

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Kalamazoo Section ACS**  
**Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 6:30 – 8:00 pm**  
**University Roadhouse, 1332 W. Michigan**

**Members present:** Doug Williams (DW), Angela Willson-Conrad (AWC), Lydia Hines (LH), Steve Secreast (SS), Bill Schinzer (BS)

**Start time:** 6:37 pm

**End time:** 7:48 pm

**1. Secretary (AWC)**

- The March 2017 minutes were approved. Mark has all minutes for the website and they will be posted shortly.

**2. Treasurer (Andre)**

- **Budget report** – No report as AV could not attend this meeting.
- **Local dues** - The form for National to collect local dues is due the end of May. We opt-in every year in order for them collect these dues for us. The dues went up last year to \$8. BS will follow up with AV to make sure that National continues collecting dues for us.
- **Zoetis donation** - AV needs to follow through with Zoetis to put our request in for the \$2000 poster session donation. SS will follow-up with Elke and AV to make sure this request is submitted.

**3. Communications (Chris, Mark)**

- **Timing for next newsletter** – The next newsletter will be after May 8<sup>th</sup> after the Award ceremony. Chris can hopefully send out a PR email. We are looking at Mid May for our next newsletter.  
(Send items for the newsletter to: [ACSkzoo@gmail.com](mailto:ACSkzoo@gmail.com))
- **Website and Facebook page updates** – Mark is working on updating the website with all of our current minutes. He has been fantastic about keeping up the website, even though he is no longer in our section. He is happy to continue helping. In an email, we had discussed adding emails for the Student Chapters. We typically do not add their emails to the website because the officers turn over so quickly. SS will make sure they are added to our email chains for EC meetings.

**4. Councilors (Lydia, Doug)**

- **National Meeting Updates** – Our national dues will go up to \$171, up \$3. We got a shout out at the National meeting for our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There was a desire to change the by-laws to have a process to remove inefficient councilors, but this was struck down. Over 19,000 people attended the meeting, which was a new record. It is costing a lot of money to host over 14,000 papers during the meeting. LH managed to stay very busy and the table all thanked her for continuing to represent KACS.

## 5. Education Committee (Mike, James)

- **High school teacher award** - We have heard no updates from Mike. SS will reach out and check-in with him. We decided as the EC to choose Michelle Mason, from Portage Northern, as our excellent teacher. We will still take nominations from students at the final competitive exam.
- **Other award gathering info** – James graded the high school competitive exams. The same number of schools participated this year. Unfortunately, he is still receiving exams late from teachers. James plans to ask the students at the exam next Saturday for teacher nominations. James is coordinating the ceremony for May 8<sup>th</sup>. The previous award winners are listed on the website. SS would like to follow through on nominating Zoetis for a Salute to Excellence that could be given at the award ceremony.
- **Project SEED** - SEED has been transferred to DW. We have been approved for the grant and need to find matching funds; we have one student who has been recommended by a teacher. We will have to review the credentials of this student to make sure they have financial need and are interested in. We have two submitted projects, one at K College and one at WMU. This means that we could have one additional student. DW will have to check and make sure he doesn't double Mike's efforts and will give us additional information at our next meeting. We also discussed exploring increasing the stipend if we only have one student, so it is higher than minimum wage.

## 6. Student Chapters

- **K College (Audrey)** – Sara Glass, former president of their Chem Club, found one helper to help at CCED at the Nature Center. We have no additional report from K College.
- **WMU Chem Club (Jake)** – The Chem Club went to Celery Flats with 5 representatives for CCED. They will also be participating in the event at the Nature Center. The EC commented on how happy with their active participation in outreach events this year.
- **WMU Chem Grad Students Assoc. (Sarut)** – No report. No activity we know of.

## 7. Chair (Steve, Brian)

- **IPG** – SS forwarded the email that our innovative project grant was approved for lab coats. We should get a formal letter shortly to get this process moving.
- **MSTA** – We put in for a grant for a cross-section event. We were all set to be approved, but unfortunately we were not accepted at the conference. This has happened before to the Detroit section, so we cancelled our funding.
- **Fellows nominations** – We submitted Lydia for this honor and we are waiting to hear back.
- **Central region meeting** – This event is coming up in June at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. We are planning a mixer with two other sections on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. It would be good to get good attendance from

KACS at this mixer. SS plans to attend. We received a mini grant for this mixer. These sections hope to have an event like this annually.

#### **8. New Business (All)**

- **Earth Day activities** – Celery flats was a success and we should be all set for Saturday at Nature Center.
- **March for Science** – DW is set for speaking as a scientist from local industry (not an ACS member) at the event and marching. ACS is supportive of individuals, but does not want to be represented as an organization at a political protest. We see this as a celebration of science. We are also signed up as a \$250 sponsor of a booth in Bronson Park. SS is set up for that.
- **Our next ACS meeting** will be Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Location: TBD

#### **Newsletter items for Mid May:**

- Chair's comments
- Central region meeting announcement
- Earth day report
- Councilor report from National Meeting
- Awards gathering report