

Executive Committee
Kalamazoo Section, ACS
MEETING MINUTES
10 April 2003

Meeting called to order at 4:36 PM in Pharmacia 126-1A.

Present: Ben Maxey (BM); Don Schreiber (DS); Joan Esson (JE); Lydia Hines (LH); Paul Dobrowolski (PD); Patrick Irish (PI); Brian Stockman (BS); Mike Kiella (MK); Sheryl Loux (SL); Jed Fisher (JF); Brian Buffin (BB) and WMU student affiliate Elizabeth Weiss-DeBoer (EWD).

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 March 2003 EC meeting were sent electronically prior to the meeting. Additional copies were also distributed. MK moved for acceptance of the minutes, BM second. Vote: all in favor.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** MK distributed the monthly treasurer's report dated 10 April 2003. Current closing ledger balance is \$5,630.36, with an additional \$5,582.65 in GLRM funds held in reserve. Balance of the Merrill-Lynch account was \$13,975.77 on 3/28/03. MK is still investigating options for reinvestment of the Merrill-Lynch funds and the GLRM funds. Incentives being offered for "personal" accounts at local banks do not apply. MK confirmed for DS that checks to individual award winners, WMU, and other individuals is an acceptable method of handling expenses to be incurred as part of the Spring awards banquet. BB moved for acceptance of the treasurer's report, DS second. Vote: all in favor.
4. **EC Action Items**
 - a) **Old Business**
 - i) *BSA Chemistry Merit Badge.* DS, PD, and BS are coordinating this event to take place on 12 April at WMU. BS noted that 190 scouts have confirmed participation, with some cancellations due to sports events. WMU and Kalamazoo College teams have been organized. JE will be conducting the Analytical section, WMU faculty will oversee the remaining. John Stodola will be coordinating on-site activities with DS in the absence of BS. Chemical demonstrations will be performed from 7:45 – 8:30 AM as scouts arrive. Introductory remarks to start at 8:30 AM. Pizza lunch to be provided for all volunteers.
 - ii) *Spring Banquet.* DS noted that the annual spring awards banquet will take place on Monday, May 19, 2003. Twelve students have been nominated for outstanding high school student awards so far. The competitive exam final will occur on 26 April. Three HS teachers have been nominated to receive the outstanding teacher award. Still awaiting qualification materials. MK questioned the reservation procedures in an effort to avoid problems associated with limited space/meals that occurred at last year's event. Problem arose from teachers receiving a complimentary meal not realizing that registration was still required. MK suggested that the WMU student affiliate poster be displayed at the awards banquet.
 - iii) *National Meeting Update.* LH provided the EC with an update of events that occurred at the ACS National meeting in New Orleans. Noted that 2 candidates have been nominated to run for ACS president. ACS dues will increase to \$120 for 2004. The funding petition for local sections and divisions passed with limited debate. KACS was nominated for a speaker hospitality award, but did not receive. Divisions and local sections are being asked to more fully collaborate on hosting regional and local meetings. NCW will be October 17-23, 2003. Theme is "Earth's Atmosphere and Beyond". The theme for NCW 2004 will be "Chemistry of Health and Wellness". The society of chemical education is looking to increase recognition for student affiliate advisors.

- iv) *2003 Spring Tour Speaker.* PI noted that KACS will not be hosting a local section speaker this Spring due to the limited amount of time to schedule the event. PI to discuss improvements to the tour speaker selection process with ACS local section activities coordinators at the upcoming Salt Lake City leadership conference.
- v) *Reorganization of KACS Financial Report.* MK to bring options to next EC meeting.

b) **New Business**

- i) *Letterhead.* BM noted that David Reinhold and BB were looking for KACS local section letterhead. SL noted that an electronic version for incorporation into document headers was available. SL to distribute to EC.
- ii) *Fall Tour Speaker.* BM noted that John Fortman is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 23. Still awaiting approval by other Michigan sections. Standard schedule to be arranged for his visit. Theme of his talk will be Chemical Demonstrations. LH noted that his focus on demonstrations may be better suited to a younger audience and that students and instructors at KAMSC would likely be disappointed with allocating time to a talk about demonstrations. Evening presentation to occur at Kalamazoo College.
- iii) *Girls in Science and Math Outreach Project.* SL represented KACS at a local program aimed at interesting young girls in science and math. The event was held at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum in early March. SL reports that this was a very good event that KACS should plan on supporting in future years. PD suggested announcing next year's event in the newsletter.
- iv) *Local Section Dues.* MK noted that KACS local section dues for 2004 are currently set at \$5. EC voted unanimously to retain the dues at this level.
- v) *OLGA.* MK noted the possibility of losing state funding for math and science centers and other local programs that benefit science education. This would have a dramatic negative impact on efforts to enhance science literacy in Michigan. John Stodola and MK are planning to draft a letter asking the MI legislature to reinstate funding for these programs. MK questioned drafting this letter on behalf of the KACS EC. SL agreed, but suggested that the draft should be distributed for review and feedback. PI questioned whether the ACS Legislative Action Network (LAN) would be interested in soliciting MI members to write their local legislators. MK to check with National ACS OLGA to confirm support for this KACS initiative and ask about LAN support.

5. **Committee Reports**

- a) *Awards.* SL noted that 2 pairs of Father/Son will be receiving outstanding service awards for their outreach activities. Awardees to be honored at the Spring banquet for their continued service to the society are Robert Garlic with son Neil and Christopher Glass with son Evan Loux.
- b) *Project SEED.* DS noted that applications from students wishing to participate should be submitted shortly.
- c) *WMU Student Affiliates.* EWD noted that president-elect Curtis Deer attended the ACS National meeting in New Orleans. Received a very favorable response to his poster highlighting WMU SAACS activities. The ACS student affiliate magazine *InChemistry* asked him to write an article about the groups activities. The chapter will be applying for an Innovative Activities Grant again this year to support a Fall program entitled *Tacos and Tie-Dye*. MK questioned changing of WMU SAACS checking account to reflect new officers for next year. EWD to coordinate with DS, MK, and new treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM by unanimous vote. Next meeting will be held on 1 May 2003 at 4:30 PM in Pfizer 126-1A. Minutes recorded by B. Buffin