

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 6:30 PM
Blue Dolphin Restaurant, 502 South Burdick

Start time: 6:36 PM

End time: 8:10 PM

Minutes recorded by: Angela Willson

Members present: Lydia Hines (LH), Brian Eklov (BE), Sarah Glass (SG), Chris Pruis (CP) Sarut Jianrattanasawat (SJ), Jeff Bartz (JB), Mike Walsh (MW), Doug Williams (DW), James Kiddle (JK)

1. Secretary's Report (AW)

- a. **The March minutes were approved.** They will be sent as a .pdf to Mark Wolf for the website.

2. Treasurer's Report (AV)

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – We received the treasurer's report from AV, via SJ. The dues collection form was submitted to ACS national with the new increased membership dues of \$8. Councilor expenses have been turned into ACS. There have been some issues with our Section's tax postcard (990-N) - AV registered, but is working on filing. He promises to keep trying.
- b. **Investment Fund / Checking Account update** – New checks have been ordered and will arrive 4/21 and then payments can be distributed. We gained \$873 of interest. We received our Section allotment and dues deposit in our account (\$8000). \$250 support was authorized by e-mail poll of EC for speaker travel for ENVR symposium at ACS National Meeting. Upcoming expenses include CCED. 2015 Leadership expense should be removed or updated from upcoming expenses.

3. Communications Chair (CP)

- a. **Facebook page report** – There were a few new non-local likes on our Facebook.
- b. **Website report (MW)** – 267 clicks on the website last month, which correlate with the newsletter.
- c. **Newsletter Report** – Newsletter was sent out on March 31st with a lot of good and accurate information. We might need to look for a way to embed a calendar onto our website to keep all of our events organized for the measurement.

4. WMU and K College Chemistry Student Organizations

- a. **Kalamazoo College (SG, MB, SD, JB)** – SG presented a proposed budget for the end of the year DowBQ, totaling \$332.01 to account for a larger attendance than last year. The EC approved the budget for their event. SG is coordinating with Casey Wright (WMU Chem Club) to seek additional volunteers from K College for our section's CCED outreach on April 23.
- b. **WMU Chem Club (CW)** – No report. LH let us know that they are currently working out details for participating in CCED.
- c. **WMU CGSA (SJ)** – CGSA is planning their spring picnic for Friday, May 20th at 4pm. They are hoping for a good turnout from faculty, students, and the KACS members. They requested \$300 for the event, which was approved by the EC. SJ is stepping down as president of the CGSA and any nominations are encouraged.

5. Old Business

- a. **Report on Tom Higgins visit (JB)** – The Tom Higgins event was a great success. He met with people from KCollege, KVCC and WMU as a NSF program officer. He spoke with about 80 students at KCollege. He gave his Central Region Diversity Award (2015) address to an audience of 35 in the afternoon. At WMU he spoke with 6 faculty about NSF undergraduate programs and had short individual meetings with faculty and interested students. He expressed an interest in coming back next year to talk to students again.

b. Education Committee Report (MW/DS/AV/JK)

- i. Competitive Exam** – A total of 337 students from 14 of 34 local high schools participated in the preliminary exam. JK reported that the overall range of scores was from 8 to 38, with a mean of 25.9 (higher than the 24.3 last year). 88 finalists will be invited to take the final exam on Saturday, April 23rd, 2016. There is a chance we may no longer be able to coordinate with Science Olympiad because of issues with exams being returned in a timely manner. An additional week to process exams would be very helpful.
- ii. Project SEED** has been funded for two students and Don Schreiber sent letters to teachers on March 18th to ask for nominations for eligible students. Those nominations are due on April 22nd.
- iii. Teacher Nominations** – LH sent 4 2014-5 applications to AV for consideration. AV is handling nominations. JK volunteered to speak to AV about the status of nominations. In-class evaluations of teachers will occur shortly before the award ceremony.
- c. Science Café update (Journeyman Distillery) (BE)** – The event will be on Saturday, May 14th. RSVPs can be sent to Brian. He will look into transportation to the field trip.
- d. Update on May-June 2006 Newsletter “copyright infringement” accusation (LH)** – According to David Smorodin at ACS we did the right thing by pulling the “offending image” from the April 2006 Newsletter off of our website. Hopefully this will be the last update for this.
- e. Status Alton Brown Group sales (BE)** – The event is May 5th at Miller Auditorium. There are 20 tickets available, 9 are currently spoken for.
- f. Announcement of winner of book for Facebook “like” (CP)** – Our winner, Andrew Frank, lives in Parchment and plans to write a book report for our Facebook site. CP will get books to him ASAP.
- g. JGLCRM2015 update (LH)** – The finances for the meeting are starting to wrap up. At the last meeting we mentioned the short turn-around time given for reporting on the meeting if we wanted to apply for a ChemLuminary Award. At the national meeting LH talked to the chair of the committee responsible for those decisions and we received permission to apply for the award in 2017. LH has sent out requests to committee chairs requesting their reports by the end of June.

6. New Business

- a. Councilor Report from Spring Meeting (LH)** – The council selected Peter Dorhout and Thomas Gilbert are candidates for president-elect for the year 2017. Member dues will be \$166. The Academic Professional Guidelines were approved with small changes. The committee on Nominations and Elections are looking for member comments on the ACS elections process; there is a website (vote2020@acs.org) where comments can be sent. Member retention rate is 84%. The EC consensus was that “Chemists Celebrate Earth Day” be retained as the descriptor of our Earth Day outreach (preferable to “Chemists Celebrate Earth Week”, or “Chemists Celebrate the Earth”). Next year’s CCED topic is Chemists Feed the World. The NCW theme next year is “Chemistry Rocks” (focus on geochemistry). A ChemLuminary award has been created for student-initiated events. Innovative Project Grant applications are due June 30th – possible event is 75th anniversary at Air Zoo.
- b. Next PR Email – April 21st for all events** – Earth Day, Alton Brown – May 5, Awards Gathering – May 9, Journeyman – May 14
- c. Send items for the April newsletter to ACSSkzoo@gmail.com by April 25th for May 1st publication.**

Content: Chair’s comment (BE),

Reminder re Alton Brown tickets (BE)

Reminder about Journeyman Distillery - event specifics (BE);

Announce Awards Gathering May 9; **include response form** (MWalsh);

Report on April 8 Tom Higgins visit (JB)

Report on CCED event (LH)

Announce CGSA picnic (SJ)

- a. The next EC meeting will be Monday, May 2nd at 6:30pm at Blue Dolphin Restaurant**

7. Around the Table: Our 2 60-year and 6 50-year members have been invited to the Awards Gathering