



## ACS Columbus Local Section Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

April 21, 2021

### Attending:

Clay Harris	Chair
Christopher Hadad	past Chair
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor

### Absent:

Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Jeff Trent	Chair-elect
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer
Damilola Daramola	Treasurer-elect
Joan Esson	Councilor

Meeting started at 6:05 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting made by Christopher, seconded by Krishna, approved unanimously.

### Old Business

- 1.) Reminder: ACS Core Value – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) – Clay reminded the section of the Foundational DEIR course for ACS volunteer leaders available March 17. All are encouraged to take this two-hour course – Clay included information in the meeting agenda.
- 2.) Treasurer Report – Bob submitted the following report to Clay:
  - a) The section received its double allotment (\$25,878.92) and the second half of its 2020 local dues (\$2,075.00) deposited on April 15. We have a current balance of \$32,547.06 as of today.
  - b) No word from either Jeff or Jim on CERM refunds.
  - c) Dominique Hadad has full control of the website. Bob/others need to provide her with content.
  - d) The section's 2020 taxes are done.
  - e) Bob did get some contact info for a few 2020 Outstanding Student awardees, so he will be issuing checks to them. So far, he has heard back from half of the schools regarding 2021 awardees.
- 3.) State Science Day Update – Bob currently has enough judges for the early June event. He needs to query OAS about anything new regarding State Science Day, as he wants to start engaging the judges in early May.

- 4.) CERM + GLRM 2021 – no new information on this from Jeff and it is unclear who is managing this for the local section. CERM will have a separate awards session. The section has 3 potential awards that could be given out at a CERM meeting:
  - a) The Columbus Section Award;
  - b) The Patterson-Crane Award
  - c) The High School Award.

These three awards have different schedules: the Columbus Section Award has not been awarded recently; the Patterson-Crane Award is a joint award with the Dayton Section and is given out every 2 years; the High School Award is given out each year, usually at the October meeting. Bob might know more about the scheduling of these awards. The section could solicit new nominations; then give out the Patterson-Crane Award at CERM22.

– Clay will contact Jeff to get a report on the CERM + CLRM 2021 meeting.

- 5.) Local section website update and plan – The website committee needs to meet to discuss this.
- 6.) File Repository – Clay located two potential sites for the EXComm to review:
  - a) Google Workspace for Non-profits – <https://www.google.com/nonprofits/offerings/workspace/>
  - b) TechSoup – <https://www.techsoup.org/>
- 7.) Social media update and plan – no updates.
- 8.) Outreach update and plan – Nothing from Jeff; however, Kaarina Lokko e-mailed the EXComm her plans for the Earth Week Illustrated Poetry Contest. This year, the section will have cash prizes, as well as books and science kits (for the student(s) and teachers). The deadline is May 2. The Columbus winners will advance to the ACS National Illustrated Poem Contest.
- 9.) Retreat for Strategic Planning for the Columbus Section - Bob, Kayla, and Clay met with the ACS National facilitator. The cost is \$6000. This includes all of the materials, prework, 2 facilitators, and a report out after the retreat. Space is limited to 15 with time commitments being four 2.5-hour sessions with each on separate days.
- 10.) Mechanism for soliciting proposals for financial support from the section – Ideas for this included word of mouth; social media push including a form for submissions; creating a flyer and having Robert Bird transmit this to the local section membership; and creating a web form for electronic submissions. While the local section has traditionally supported chemistry outreach, it could support any form of STEM education and development.
  - Clay will draft a potential form and Christopher will review it.
- 11.) ACS Younger Chemists Committee – Kayla proposed holding resume workshop as a way to generate interest in restarting the YCC. Christopher has arranged for Victoria Foreman to present a resume workshop for OSU students; he believes she would be willing to run one for the YCC. ACS National also offers resume workshops. In addition, it provides “Programs in a Box” which could be used by a YCC. Appointing any formal chairs or co-chairs for the YCC should wait until it is up and running. Kayla is willing to organize a YCC event.

#### New Business

- 1.) Local Section Dues – Motion by Krishna to keep local section dues at \$5, seconded by Christopher and passed unanimously.

- 2.) BSA Scouts Simon Kenton Council STEM Committee request for funding – The Boy Scouts plan a Science Fair in May and a Retreat and Science Week sometime during the summer. Christopher pointed out the local section will need a report describing how the funding is used, so that it can be incorporated into our annual report to ACS National.
  - Motion to contribute \$500 to support this request made by Christopher, seconded by Krishna, passed unanimously. Clay will contact the BSA Simon Kenton Council and arrange to get the funding to them.
- 3.) Patterson-Crane Award – Chris suggested keeping the 3 nominations in hand and soliciting for additional nominations. Select the winner from all the submissions. Furthermore, give the award at CERM 2022 with a session dedicated to the awardee with a few other relevant presentations. The request for nominations could be posted in C&E News. The Patterson-Crane Award comes with \$3000 and travel and lodging expenses to attend the CERM meeting.
  - Christopher will contact Steve from the Dayton section to discuss these proposals.
- 4.) October meeting – CAS facilities do not plan to be open. Barb will reach out to Christine at CAS to see if a virtual meeting with the ACS National President-Elect can be arranged.
- 5.) Future Meetings – Kostas has agreed to help organize future local section meetings. Virginia offered to find out who runs ACT for Chemistry and see if they would be interested in presenting at a virtual meeting. Other suggestions for meetings include Nestle and Greif.

The current meeting plan:

April – Danielle Phelps - Owens Corning Sustainability Presentation.

May – Wendy Partridge - ICA (Intermuseum Conservation Association) – Art Conservation

June – We will have a joint International Society of Automation (ISA)/ACS presentation on Automation and Instrumentation in the Chemical Industry.

July –

August –

September –

October – No CAS. National President-Elect?

November –

December –

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Reminders from Agenda:

- Awards in 2021
  - Junior/Senior awards
  - Call for nominations
- Counselors to National Meeting: please consult with Bob for reimbursement form if needed
- DIER Course:

As we continue to advance the core value of diversity, equity, inclusion and respect, we are pleased to inform you that a foundational DEIR course for ACS volunteer leaders (including the ACS Board of Directors, committee members, local section and technical division officers, international chapter officers, and faculty advisors of student chapters) and all Journal Editors along with course facilitators - will launch on March 17, 2021. This two-hour course is entitled Leading Inclusively: Beyond Lip Service,

and was developed by La'Wana Harris, a Certified Diversity Executive, an ICF Credentialed Coach, and a global leadership development professional.

Many of your peers helped to test this course and the feedback we received has been incorporated. In short, the course will assist you with:

- establishing a common understanding around diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect at ACS.
- challenging assumptions and invite new perspectives to welcome, embrace, and value the full spectrum of human diversity.
- identifying key opportunities in your role for supporting the ACS commitment to create a more diverse and inclusive chemistry enterprise.

While the course is not mandatory, we strongly encourage all current ACS leaders, course facilitators and Journal Editors to make this a priority and further commit to helping us to advance DEIR within ACS.

The course will be delivered via Zoom and each session is limited to 50 people per session. To view the course schedule and to register, please visit: [Leading Inclusively: Beyond Lip Service](#). Prior to completing the course you will be required to:

- view a 4 minute video from ACS CEO Tom Connelly
- complete a COMMIT self-assessment
- read a provided article

The pre-work should take no more than 30 minutes.

If you have any trouble registering for the course, please contact [registrar@acs.org](mailto:registrar@acs.org).

