



ACS Columbus Local Section Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

March 17, 2021

Attending:

Clay Harris	Chair
Jeff Trent	Chair-elect - briefly
Christopher Hadad	past Chair
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer
Damilola Daramola	Treasurer-elect
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Joan Esson	Councilor
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor

Absent:

Robert Woodman Alternate Councilor

Guests:

Kostas Lazarou

Meeting started at 6:05 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 17th meeting made by Joan, seconded by Bob, approved unanimously.

Old Business

- 1.) Treasurer Report - The double annual allotment had not hit the 5/3 Bank account by Tuesday, March 16. We still have around \$7,300 in the CERM 2020 account. Bob proposed keeping approximately \$5000 from the ACS National allotment, and depositing the rest in the section's Vanguard account, to be held until we decide how to spend it. The section has an approximately \$16,000 loss from the canceled CERM2020 meeting; however, some of that may be recouped by the CERM at GLRM. Bob sees no urgency in attempting to get Regional to contribute their share of the loss, because the section does not have much in the way of expenses currently due to COVID-19 restrictions. Bob had asked Jim and Jeff to get direction from Lubrizol and the Central Region, respectively, about repaying the \$2,000 that each are owed. He has not gotten that direction. Jim Wasil handled the Lubrizol account; Jeff will contact him. Joan also has contacts at Lubrizol. Jeff will also contact the Regional Board.

- 2.) State Science Day Update – Bob currently has enough judges for the early June event but it would not hurt to send out a section-wide blast. He will send the appropriate verbiage to Robert Bird to send out later in March.
- 3.) CERM + GLRM 2021 - Great Lakes Regional Meeting (GLRM) committee has accepted a proposal by the Central Regional Meeting (CERM) committee to have their virtual conference inclusive of anyone from the Central Region to present at GLRM. It is too late to change the GLRM marketing materials, but CERM will be added where possible. Information will soon be passed to all local sections and members of the Central Region. CERM will have/need a separate awards session. CERM/GLRM extended its abstract deadline from early March to mid-March (3/15).
- 4.) Local section website update and plan - Bob and Dominique have the files from the site developer! Bob and Dominique have been able to overcome the access issues and Dominique is now able to edit the site. Everything seems in order and they are ready to make changes. Dominique is willing to set up time to chat with people about those changes. Bob is currently editing the information he saved from our previous website, including a history of the first 100 years of the section by Steve Rosenthal. Chris has reviewed other sections' websites and sent this information on to Dominique. Barb would like to post her collection of section EXComm minutes. The EXComm proposed setting up a website committee to discuss the website with Dominique and Bob – members would include Kayla, Dami, Joan, Kostas, and Barb.
- 5.) Social media update and plan – The Social Media Committee (Joan, Kayla, Kostas and Dami) met on March 4th and discussed how to best use social media as a tool. They plan to do the following:
 - Connect
 - Provide polls on the accounts to engage followers/connections
 - Provide links to the social media accounts in communications to section members
 - Our Messaging
 - Resources from ACS/ ACS membership perks.
 - Focused messages around themes/days e.g. International Women's Day message by Kayla
 - Introduction of the chapter officers
 - Boost messages from others
 - General chemistry news or chemistry in the news.
 - Linking to University activities (connect to the chapters/departments on the campus)
 - News from adjacent sections e.g., Cincinnati, Dayton
 - Homework
 - Review social media accounts of other sections for tips/strategies

The Social Media Committee would like to have social media reflected in the website. Joan has been working with Kayla to post the section wide e-mails about meetings and other events on Facebook. Chris has not been able to get control of the section's Linked In account; it may be necessary to contact the person who set up the account. Barb could provide contact information using the section roster.

- 6.) Outreach update and Plan – Jeff had nothing new to report in addition to Kaarina's report on her progress with Chemists Celebrate Earth Day events. The section's two major outreach events are Earth Day in spring and National Chemistry Week on October. The COVID-19 situation has made

planning outreach events difficult; Jeff is hopeful that he could do something at the library in October.

- 7.) Section Awards – Bob told the ExComm that Jeff Bracken at Westerville North organizes the Teacher Awards; the section provides the money. Joan will reach out to Jeff to find out what he is doing about these awards this year. Christopher proposed setting up an Awards Committee. In addition to Christopher, Joan and Bob volunteered to make up this committee. The committee will rank award recipients for the ExComm. The final decision on awards would remain with the ExComm.
- 8.) Retreat for Strategic Plan of Columbus ACS update – Bob, Kayla, and Clay met with the ACS National facilitator. The retreat 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. Clay would like to schedule the retreat before the end of the year to get the section on the right track going forward. Anyone interested in attending the retreat should contact Clay.
- 9.) Demographic analysis – Joan reported on the section demographics at the February meeting. However, figuring out where to go from here would make more sense after the Strategic Planning Retreat.

New Business

- 1.) ACS National Topics for Consideration – Joan reported that the ACS National Council was reviewing candidates for ACS president-elect; the council usually chooses four potential candidates for the ACS National election, and then narrows the field. The council is looking to provide a forum for the president-elect candidates and use feedback from the forum to narrow the field.
The council is considering a new membership fee structure with different levels of fees and qualifications for membership. This fee structure would take effect in January 2022.
- 2.) Mechanism for soliciting proposals for use of our money – Bob said that there is no formal processes in place for soliciting these proposals. Clay is on the regional STEM group of the Scouts of America – they could benefit from a donation. The website or social media could be used to call for proposals.
- 3.) ACS Core Value – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) – Clay and Joan have signed up for the ACS DEIR course and started the homework for the course.
- 4.) ACS Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) – Revitalization of the YCC was discussed. LSAC reached out to local sections. COVID-19 makes holding events difficult. Kayla will report to the EXComm on this issue.
- 5.) Speakers for upcoming meetings:
March – Rick McCreery
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 – ACS President-elect at CAS – Barb will look into this.
November –
December

Reminders from the agenda:

- 1.) Awards in 2021
 - Junior/Senior awards
 - Call for nomination
- 2.) Counselors to National Meeting: please consult with Bob for reimbursement form if needed
- 3.) DEIR Course – Description from ACS National follows:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.