



Columbus Section

Executive Meeting Minutes

Date	01/14/2016
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Position/Role	Name	Attending
<i>Past Chair</i>	Dave Speth	Y
<i>Chair</i>	Vacant	NA
<i>Chair-elect</i>	Jim Wasil	Y
<i>Outgoing Secretary</i>	Cynthia Hummel	Y
<i>Secretary</i>	Puran De	Y
<i>Outgoing Treasurer</i>	Ashish Deshmukh	Y
<i>Treasurer</i>	Kelly Moran	N
<i>Treasurer-elect</i>	Krishna Bobba	Y
<i>Councilor I</i>	Edmund King	Y
<i>Councilor II</i>	Joan Esson	Y
<i>Councilor III</i>	Virginia Songstad	Y
<i>Alternate Councilor</i>	Donald Songstad	Y
<i>Alternate Councilor</i>	Bob Kroshefsky	Y
<i>Alternate Councilor</i>	Robert Woodman	Y
<i>Past Alternate Councilor</i>	Jeff Trent	Y
<i>Other (Young Chemist Committee Chair)</i>	Nicholas Bashian	Y

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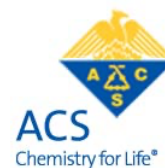
5:30 Call to order

- Newly elected members were introduced to the committee
 - Bob Kroshefsky will send a list of newly-elected councilors to the Secretary
- The past chair thanked the outgoing members of the executive committee for their service.

5:50 Certification of newly elected members

- Motion was brought to the floor by Bob Kroshefsky to certify/authorize the newly-elected members to operate in their capacity/role, as per the election.
 - Motion was seconded by Dave Speth, and was approved by the committee unanimously.

5:52 Review of old meeting minutes



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- Meeting minutes from December, 2015 was reviewed;
- Motion was brought to the floor by Jeff Trent to approve the minutes without changes, after noting some typos;
- Motion was seconded by Krishna Bobba, and was approved unanimously.

5:56 Treasurer's report

- Past year's (2015) financial summary was presented:
 - Income was \$33,831.27 and expenses were \$37,922.72
 - Current checking account balance is \$6,861.25
- Total assets for the Columbus section was presented. It was valued at \$260,248.53.
 - While the total available assets point to good financial health of the Columbus section, the Past-chair mentioned the need for the section to invest some of its assets in fostering chemistry and its awareness in the local community
- Budget for 2016, as per the proposals in the December, 2015 meeting, was presented:
 - Increases in allowance toward Chemistry Olympiad awards were noted;
 - Bob Kroshefsky proposed an increase in the budget line for officers' travel allowance to \$1500 from \$1000. However, considering an expense of only \$299.85 for officers in the past year, it was decided to keep travel allowance unchanged;
 - Jeff Trent confirmed that the funds available in the budget for the outreach programs would be adequate for the programs he organizes;
 - Puran De expressed his desire to introduce two programs under outreach activities: (1) 'field-trips' for high school students to introduce them to careers available in science/chemistry and (2) 'poster-sessions' involving graduate students and interested undergraduate students as a way to help the students build networks and encourage careers in chemistry.
 - Nicholas Bashian, chair of the OSU Chemistry Club, shared his interest in organizing a poster session jointly with the section;
 - To encourage participation, suggestions were made that we offer 'best poster' awards to the graduate students and provide box meals for all the attendees;
 - It was affirmed that considering available assets to the section, we will be able to undertake such measures even if the costs exceeds the current allowance in the budget.
 - Dave Speth encouraged every member to propose community outreach programs to attract more members;



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- Dave Speth and Virginia Songstad encouraged the committee to consider planning a National or Regional level event for 2017 or afterwards with the help from ACS National.
- Motion was brought to the floor by Bob Kroshefsky to approve the budget as presented by the outgoing treasurer, Ashish Deshmukh, without changes.
 - Motion was seconded by Puran De, and was approved by the committee unanimously.

6:14 Reinvestment of Annuity

- As per discussion in the December, 2015 meeting, the committee decided to cash in the funds (\$52,374.93) from American National Annuity fund and reinvest them equally in the section's two existing Vanguard account funds.
 - Kelly Moran will be in charge of transferring and reinvesting the funds;
 - Bob Kroshefsky plans to complete the process of identifying suitable alternative Vanguard funds by the end of March, 2016.
- Motion was brought to the floor by Bob Kroshefsky to approve this reinvestment plan.
 - Motion was seconded by Edmund King and was approved by the committee unanimously.

6:20 New Businesses

- On February 18, Mindy Keefe from Dow Chemical will present 'Chemistry and Art' at the Spaghetti Warehouse. She will talk about the restoration of paintings utilizing chemistry.
 - Dave Speth volunteers to provide transportation and make other travel arrangements for her on the section's behalf.
- Several ideas were shared on new businesses by the members of the committee. All of these ideas will be considered either during the current year or in the future:
 - Robert Woodman is involved in a Google + Science community blog where the users discusses scientific topics to bring awareness to scientific facts that are often denied by many in the non-scientist community; including the science behind vaccination, global warming, *etc.*;
 - Virginia Songstad suggested consideration of talks with members of ACS Legislative body to discuss the need for legislation to drive investment in scientific research from the U.S. Government;
 - Ashish Deshmukh suggested that we consider inviting renowned scientists in the field of green chemistry to give talks on climate change and the need for human intervention;
 - Krishna Bobba pointed out the growing importance of 'big data' in today's society, including in the field of chemistry. Nicholas Bashian shared his knowledge of IBM's effort to model chromatophores using computational chemistry;



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- General discussion was held in broadening the scope of the section's involvement in the local community by organizing science-based events of societal interest;
- Dave Speth asked the committee to consider sponsoring COSI for their community outreach efforts for 2016;
- Dave Speth asked the committee to consider the section's involvement with other outreach programs planned by local organizations in Columbus;
- Jeff Trent shared his interest in organizing events for Earth Day and National Chemistry Week for 2016. Joan Essen, Ashish Deshmukh and Puran De volunteered to help Jeff in these endeavors.
- Dave Speth brought to the committee's attention that a local group from Delaware County is organizing an event to inspire students for careers in the biosciences and that they have requested sponsorship of an award from the section.
 - A motion was brought to the floor by Robert Woodman to sponsor the second prize (\$250) for this event;
 - The motion was seconded by Virginia Songstad and was approved by the committee unanimously.
- Joan Essen informed the committee that she will not be able to attend the ACS National Meeting in March because of a scheduling conflict.
 - Don Songstad is requested to attend in the place of Joan.
- By the end of January, Past-chair Dave Speth will send the 2015 annual report narrative to all committee members for review. This, and the 2015 financial report will have to be approved by at least one Councilor prior to submission to ACS National.

6:44 Chair selection

- Bob Kroshefsky pointed out that the section's bylaws state that if the Chair position becomes vacant, the Chair-elect automatically becomes the Chair. However, the Chair position vacancy this year is not a result of any personal action but due to the lack of a Chair-elect in the previous year;
- It was also noted in the bylaws that if a position is vacant due to the unavailability of candidates, the committee would elect someone to that position:
 - Under his interpretation of the bylaws, Bob Kroshefsky nominated Jeff Trent for the chair position; and the nomination was seconded by Krishna Bobba;
 - Jeff Trent accepted this nomination;
 - Jeff Trent was elected unanimously to the Chair position for 2016.