

Columbus Section
Executive Committee Meeting
Chemical Abstracts

January 21, 2017

Attending

Jeff Trent	Past-chair
Jim Wasil	Chair
Ed King	Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Treasurer
Kelly Moran	Treasurer-elect
Bob Kroshefsky	Alternate Councilor
Dave Speth	Secretary
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor

Absent

Joan Esson	Councilor
Puran De	Chair-elect

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by the chair.

The agenda had several major items:

- 1) Annual report
- 2) Elected Secretary issue
- 3) Budget proposal and review

Annual Report

Jeff has started on the annual report. He has provided as much information as he had on hand. Key missing pieces are:

- 1) Number of affiliate members-Dave Speth found 19 affiliates on our membership list as of December 19
- 2) Goals, concerns and challenges for 2017 Chair-Jim Wasil
- 3) Chair elect goals, challenges and concerns-Puran De
- 4) Silver Circle meetings list-Dave Speth provided announcements to Jeff Trent
- 5) Average meeting attendance-Kelly Moran 2016 treasurer to provide

The 2016 and 2017 treasurers met prior to the meeting with Alternate councilor Bob Kroshefsky (previous treasurer) to review 2016 accounts and the budget for 2017. The budget will be reviewed below. The treasurer's report will be submitted to ACS by February 7, 2017 to allow the councilors one week to review it before the due date.

Secretary position:

The Local Section was informed that our elected secretary is a student member and therefore not allowed to be an official member of the executive committee. The committee decided to name Dave Speth Secretary but noted that he could delegate the secretary's duties to the elected secretary Elizabeth Isaac.

December Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the December 6 meeting of the Executive Committee were approved as submitted by the Secretary Puran De.

Mentorship program:

Puran De has organized the new mentorship program. He has assembled a flyer to publicize the initial event which has been sent to Ohio State's Undergraduate Chemistry Club. Councilor Joan Esson and outgoing treasurer Kelly Moran will forward it to local colleges and universities. It is also posted on the website and will be emailed to the members. The program will start with an event on February 18, 2017. Puran proposed a total budget for the program of approximately \$5000. Of that, \$1200 is already allocated for student awards and another \$2200 was provided by an ACS National IPG grant. The committee approved adding a line item to the budget for this effort.

Puran also requested assistance in finding a speaker to talk about interviewing. The committee suggested we could invite a recruiter (Aerotek), a small company representative (Kelly Moran, Robert Woodman), and a large company representative (Ashland?) to provide attendees with a spectrum of views.

New Business

CAS reported to Dave Speth that at least part of our bill for the October Local Section meeting had not been paid. 2016 treasurer Kelly Moran reported that the catering part of the bill (\$1750) was paid to an address in California as requested on the invoice, but that another invoice for the reception (\$280.04) had slipped through the cracks. It was not clear to anyone if the support CAS had promised was deducted from the invoice. Kelly and Krishna will work with CAS to resolve the issue.

2016 Treasurer Kelly Moran has been asked to participate on the ACS National Senior Chemists Committee. Kelly requested Local Section support for her travel to the next meeting to be held in conjunction with the national Meeting this Spring in Washington, D.C. The request was approved.

Bob Kroshefsky made the comment that travel expenses for Councilor attendance at National Meetings is increasing faster than ACS National reimbursement. While the Local Section has resources to continue to fully fund the Councilor attendance in 2017, this should be reviewed as we start to incur expenses for the CERM meeting. Councilor Virginia Songstad also noted that our councilors had benefitted from their status as emeritus or as CAS staff which allows them to attend without paying a registration fee. This is another reason to continually review our ability to support Councilor travel.

Jim Wasil requested Local Section support for a Go Chemistry poster session in Cleveland on February 25, 2017. This will be a family event and may help us build rapport with the other sections in the state that will serve us well when we host CERM. A donation of \$500 was approved.

Budget

As noted above, the 2016, 2017 and past treasurers had a pre-meeting to discuss reporting and budget. Bob Kroshefsky and Kelly Moran reviewed the budget for 2016 and the actual expenditures for the year. Adjustments were made. Bob will summarize the discussion and send out a budget for email voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m..