

ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting

Chemical Abstracts Service

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Present:

Puran De	Chair
Jim Wasil	Past-chair
Kelly Moran	Treasurer
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Joan Esson	Councilor
Ed King	Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Alternative Councilor
Leah Pastor	Younger Chemists Committee
Effie Miller	Younger Chemists Committee
Dave Speth	Member

Absent:

Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer-elect
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Bernadette Latimer	Younger Chemists Committee
Hannagh Smith	Younger Chemists Committee
Jeff Trent	Member - Potential Chair-elect

Pre-meeting Discussion:

2020 CERM meeting – the CERM committee is still waiting for National ACS to visit and negotiate prices (Kim Savage).

- Provisional date for CERM 2020 is the last weekend in May– after Memorial Day.
- Josh Goldberger is working on technical tracks.
- Need expositions, colleges, equipment companies.

Planned events for 2018 were discussed.

- The February meeting will be at Bravo in the Lennox Center on Feb. 12th and will feature a talk by Zach Meisel titled “Life after Death”, which discusses elements created after the death of a star. Bravo offered a \$22/person pasta buffet with gratuities extra.
- The March meeting is planned for March 5th and features a talk by Srdjan Nestic titled “Corrosion vs. Corruption”, which discusses the effect of corrosion and its cost to public properties.
- The April meeting features a talk by Dean Johnston on crystallography. Joan suggested Sunday night for this event to make it easier for students from colleges that are not in Columbus to attend. She will contact ODU as a potential venue for this meeting.

Suggested venues for future meetings include the Clintonville Women’s Club, Ohio Dominican, OSU Golf Course, Otterbein, Capitol University, and Old Bag of Nails, which is available on Mondays. The Fawcett

Center is expensive and the meeting rooms might be too small. The OSU Student Union has some parking problems during weekdays. Parking passes are available, but they require food purchases from the Student Union, which can be cost-prohibitive. The idea of holding meetings on Sunday instead of during the week, and on holding meetings in a location convenient for people north of Columbus was discussed. Meetings generally have 70-75 people and can have up to 100 people, so finding a location large enough to handle this many people presents a problem.

Meetings are generally not held June, July and August because attendance is down. Summer meetings could be an opportunity for holding a social event. The Scotts outing was remembered as enjoyable, and Joan Esson knows someone there, as does Dave Speth. Meetings at Ashland are a possibility as well. A tour of the Honda Plant in Marysville was suggested. Honda has a website to sign up for tours. Jim Wasil has a contact at Honda. A baseball outing or wine tasting were suggested. Anheuser-Busch, microbreweries, and distilleries are possibilities for November. A baseball game is a good summer event, they have food area, and prices are reasonable. We need 7 (8) meetings according to our by-laws. The October meeting will have the high school Teacher of the Year award and feature the ACS president-elect.

Raising meeting fees to \$25 will be discussed in February – Puran De thinks it might lower attendance; this was debated. \$25 could be hassle for the treasurer. Joan suggested offering members a package subscription; *e.g.*, pay for, say, 5 meetings at a reduced rate.

Puran pointed out that meeting reservations through the website are still not working. So, February meeting reservations will be handled using e-mail, not on the website. The website needs to be updated. Robert Woodman has volunteered to look into updating the website, but he is still working on CERM. Puran will look into creating a website for the Columbus section. Dave pointed out that the Young Chemists Committee has a working website, which could be used as a reference. It was pointed out that we would need a secure system, especially if we want to process payments for meeting reservations.

Meeting called to order at 6:59 p.m.

1. Acknowledgement of the new executive committee for 2018:

Puran De	Chair
Jim Wasil	Past-chair
Vacant	Chair-elect
Kelly Moran	Treasurer
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer-elect
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Ed King	Councilor 2017
Joan Esson	Councilor 2018
Virginia Songstad	Councilor 2019
Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor 2017
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor 2018
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor 2019

2. December meeting minutes approved.

3. Chair-elect – Jeff Trent has volunteered to serve as the Chair-elect. The by-laws say we can make an interim appointment, then we can elect both Chair and Chair-elect during the regular election. According to the by-laws, we should have a nominating committee to identify candidates for election to ensure we have candidates for all the positions. Members of the nominating committee must not be on the executive committee. Student members cannot serve as officers on the executive committee, but a full member who is a graduate student can serve. A suggestion was made to have the elections for the executive committee over the summer, around July. Krishna Bobba suggested that the Chair-elect could then run the September meeting to get experience before taking over as Chair. Dave Speth suggested that the Chair send the membership list to the Secretary and to Dave so he can send out welcome letters to new members. Discussion on ways to recruit new members followed. Suggestions include: recruiting OSU people, CERM committee, and using the poster session to get connections with OSU staff. Recent CAS employees might benefit from YCC membership or contacts. The YCC members suggested that Barb Ambrose could contact new CAS employees. Leah Pastor and Effie Miller offered to let Barb give the new CAS employers their e-mail addresses.
4. Joan suggested that we create a focus group for younger chemists, such as newly-hired industrial chemists, to find out what they need. Work with YCC, good for baseball game (free ticket for talking to ACS members). Will discuss and then bring it up next meeting.
5. Annual Reports. Jim Wasil has the Chair annual report ready to send out to National; it is due Feb. 15. It needs to be reviewed by a Councilor; Joan will look to look it over and approve. Treasury report – Bob Kroshefsky has prepared a numerical spread sheet and has sent out e-mail copies. Krishna Bobba discussed the budget spreadsheets sent by Bob. ACS section-supported trips – Kelly will send Barb a copy for notes.
6. Younger Chemists Committee report. The Younger Chemists Committee has set up an executive committee, and they are working on the structure and formal roles for this committee. The YCC Executive Committee consists of Leah Pastor, Effie Miller, Amber Hendricks, and Zech Thompson. Bernadette Latimer has stepped down – she's graduating. YCC officers will be ACS members. The YCC is encouraging ACS memberships, but they do not want to restrict their events to members only. The YCC is planning monthly meetings, and is in contact with the post doc association at OSU. The YCC is planning a poster session event together with the OSU Chem and Biochem club, to be held on Saturday, March 31st in the CBEC Building on the OSU campus. The YCC would like to involve colleges outside OSU, to generate faculty interest in the poster session as a recruiting event to encourage undergraduates to consider OSU for graduate school. Joan Esson offered to use her contacts to reach out to more colleges. One possibility is to expand this for graduate students – add networking with industry connections. The idea would be to get industry recruiters in to talk to students, which would get students prepared for interviews and resumes. Scotts, Abbots, and Battelle might be willing to sponsor such a thing. The Dow poster session at OSU was given as an example. It was suggested that the YCC arrange a tour of their science buildings for the non-OSU students during the poster session. The YCC submitted a budget to the executive committee of \$2800 - \$350/event for 8 events. The YCC's previous event was attended by 30-40 people. Puran pointed out that the mentorship program now overlaps. YCC-mentorship program funds can be diverted to YCC for dual YCC-mentorship events. The vote on approving funds for the YCC budget was postponed until after discussion of the treasurer's report and approval of the section budget. Proposals for the poster session were discussed – the YCC would like more people from the ACS to come, particularly from industry; we should ask people to be judges. Categorizing judges by field would allow students to interact with specific judges from their field of interest. Effie Miller suggested using the system used by

the Ohio inorganic meeting's poster session – each poster got judged twice, each judge did 3 posters. One suggestion for how to handle judging was a tournament system. One person picks the best of 3 or 4 posters, then a group goes out to judge the best posters from the tournament step. Ways to promote the poster session were discussed, including advertising for judges and involving other colleges. The YCC programs target anyone 30 and under who would like to join as well as the young at heart. The YCC is planning a brewery tour for their February meeting – the Executive Committee suggested that the YCC should ask the treasurer for tour expenses, even before a budget is approved for the YCC.

7. Treasurer's report. The financial report shows that in 2017 we made more money than we spent, mainly due to returns on investments from the section's Vanguard account. As a non-profit we should not be making money. We should find ways to reinvest money by donating to community. Offering free membership as part of our award to science teachers and other award winners was suggested as a way to use this money. However, we need to make sure that offering free memberships complies with the ACS's membership policies. Increasing the amount of money for the YCC was discussed. \$2500 was the consensus for the YCC funding, but a formal vote on the YCC budget was postponed until next Executive Committee meeting. The Patterson-Crane Award is endowed, so this does not add or subtract money from the budget. Mary Wahba continues to run the Chemistry Olympiad. The Executive Committee wishes to reach out to Mary early in the year to gauge her needs and to offer assistance. We also should find out the amount of Jeff Trent's expenses for his outreach activities. Kelly says Jeff Trent needs help for the outreach activities he coordinates; he may need to recruit volunteers in advance for outreach.
8. Jim Wasil reported that there might not be any CERM in 2018. The next CERM is in 2019 at Midland, MI. The next CERM organizing meeting for the Columbus CERM meeting for 2020 is 1st of February at 7 p.m.
9. Miscellaneous: Puran wanted to make sure that coffee mugs were available as gifts for speakers – Jim Wasil has a box of coffee mugs, as well as a screen and projector. In addition, there is a large ACS banner available. Dave Speth suggested that a computer for the treasurer might be a good investment.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.