



ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

January 22, 2020

Attending:

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| Christopher Hadad | Chair |
| Clay Harris | Chair-elect |
| Emil Stoyanov | Treasurer |
| Bob Kroshefsky | Treasurer-elect |
| Barbara Ambrose | Secretary |
| Virginia Songstad | Councilor |
| Joan Esson | Councilor |
| Don Songstad | Alternate Councilor |
| Robert Woodman | Alternate Councilor |

Absent:

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| Ed King | Councilor |
| Krishna Bobba | Alternate Councilor (Barbara Ambrose as proxy) |

Guests:

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| Jim Wasil | CERM Committee Co-Chair |
| Jeff Trent | CERM Committee Co-Chair |

- 1.) Motion to accept the minutes from October, 2019 executive committee made by Joan, seconded by Robert, passed without opposition.
- 2.) Honoring Kelly Moran – The committee discussed ways to honor late Past-chair Kelly Moran for her service. Bob suggested a posthumous award from ACS National. He will follow up with Kim Savage of ACS National to see if this is feasible. This remains an open agenda item.
- 3.) The annual report for the local section is usually written by the outgoing chair, but that will not be possible this year. The Chair and the Chair-elect will work on the form instead. Reviews of previous years' reports from ACS National complement our section on our meeting schedule and outreach activities. Content for the report could include the poster for CERM 2020, photos of ACS Columbus local section at State Science Day. Bob as past treasurer has a spreadsheet which has specific lines which can be copied to the financial report. Barb needs to fill a form listing committee chairs by Jan. 31st. Christopher agreed to serve as Awards Chair and Patterson-Crane Awards chair. Bob is now our webmaster. Other potential committee chairs include Robin Grote as Women Chemist Committee chair and Kayla Kasper as Younger Chemist Committee chair.
- 4.) Treasurer's report – Bob sent a spreadsheet detailing the section's finances to all members of the executive committee. He also presented a proposed budget. Last year the section

budgeted \$58,600 for expenses and had \$47,387 in actual expenses. The section budgeted \$37,650 for income and had income of \$41,379. Good returns on investments accounted for most of the additional income. As of the end of 2019 the section had about \$317,000 in assets, which means the section could cover the cost of CERM 2020. The section needs to authorize incoming Treasurer Emil Stoyanov to access our 5/3 Bank account. The bank needs a letter to that effect and a copy of our minutes authorizing the addition.

- Motion to add Emil to the 5/3 Bank account by Bob, seconded by Joan, passed without opposition.

- Motion by Clay, seconded by Barb, to approve the budget proposed by Bob, passed without opposition.

The Vanguard account produces quarterly statements that Bob can access and provide to anyone interested.

- 5.) ACS Spring National Meeting – Alternate Councilor Krishna Bobba will go to the Spring Meeting in place of Councilor Virginia Songstad. Bob reminded all councilors to get their expense reports in promptly after the meeting.
- 6.) State Science Day occurs each year on Mother's Day weekend. Because this would be the same month as CERM 2020, Bob proposed that this year the local section should give the Ohio Academy of Sciences (OAS), which runs State Science Day, a cash grant of \$2,500 earmarked for chemistry and let the general judges award it. Bob also proposed asking Robert Bird to circulate a request for volunteers for State Science Day judges to our membership. Bob is planning on running the ACS local section State Science Fair judging next year.
 - Motion to give \$2,500 to the OAS this year for the chemistry award by Joan, seconded by Robert, passed.
- 7.) Local Section Website – the website still needs to set up its chosen method for collecting money for meeting reservations. Consequently, the website is not yet functional. More pressing CERM duties have kept Bob from pursuing this matter.
- 8.) CERM 2020 current status – on track. The call for abstracts is open with a hard deadline of March 2nd and registration will open in 2 weeks. Robert Bird could notify the membership about CERM 2020. Although the CERM 2020 committee continues to search for sponsorships, CERM 2020 expenses will exceed its resources. The section made a profit of \$28,487 from CERM 2009, so using the investments from this profit to fund CERM 2020 seems appropriate.
 - Motion by Bob, seconded by Christopher to make an additional \$10,000 loan to CERM 2020, passed unanimously.
- 9.) Awards in 2020 – the Patterson-Crane Award will be given at CERM 2020, so send nominations to Christopher and he will share the nominations with Dayton. Other ACS national awards, such as the E. Ann McNally Award for service to the ACS and the Stan C. Israel Award also are awarded at regional meetings such as CERM 2020.
 - Action – Jeff will determine if ACS National has a committee for these other awards.
- 10.) *The Chemical Record* is a newsletter of section events and items of interest that has been printed since 1958. The section ceased sending printed copies to the entire membership when it started putting this information up on the website. Ashish Deshmukh continues to print and mail copies to local section members without e-mail addresses. Ashish would gather information from the website, such as the dates for local section, and combine it with interesting information from C&E News and other chemistry news sources to get about 6-8

pages/issue. This practice could cause difficulties occasionally, such as section meeting announcements going out after the meeting was held. The last issue was sent out in November 2019. *The Chemical Record* is sent to 35 members and costs \$300 annually to produce and send. Ashish could not make the January meeting; so the executive committee decided to table any discussion on *The Chemical Record* until he could be present.

- 11.) Archivist – Steve Rosenthal is the section archivist and stores section archives in his basement. Robert suggested replacing this by placing the information on the website and backing it up twice a year.
- 12.) Meeting dates and speaker plan for 2020 – Christopher has lined up a speaker for February and just needs to get a site. He is working with Chair-elect Clay Harris to set up a meeting at Owens-Corning in March and he plans to present the outstanding junior/senior awards at the April meeting. CAS was suggested as a meeting site for the April meeting.
 - Action – Barb will contact Christine Casey at CAS to see if the April meeting could be held at CAS.
- 13.) Chair vision and goals – Christopher would like to engage more people in local section activities, especially young people such as the undergraduates at OSU. The executive committee discussed ideas for making meeting more attractive to local section membership. Some of these ideas included getting the meeting schedule out in advance; holding meetings at local universities, such as OSU and Otterbein, to make them more accessible to college students; holding meeting at interesting venues such as COSI, or at local chemical industry sites. Christopher pointed out that section funds could be used to subsidize meeting venues.
 - Action – send ideas for meetings and section outreach activities to Christopher.
- 14.) Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.