

Columbus Section
Executive Committee Meeting
Mozart's Café
February 15, 2017

Attending

Jim Wasil	Chair
Bob Kroshefsky	Alternate Councilor
Puran De	Chair-elect
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Jeff Trent	Past chair
David Speth	Secretary
Kelly Moran	Treasurer-elect
Ed King	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Lewis Hogarth	Member
Terri Huston	Member
Leah Pastor	OSU Chemistry Club President

Absent

Krishna Bobba	Treasurer
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes from January 21 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Bob Kroshefsky in the absence of treasurer Krishna Bobba.

- Expenses in January were about \$1600. \$1000 of that was for the October 2016 high school teacher's workshop.
- Expenses for February will be higher with a monthly meeting and the first session of the Mentoring program scheduled for Saturday February 18.
- Checking account has approximately \$50,000 available. It was moved and approved to shift \$20,000 to each of the Vanguard accounts so that the cash can generate income for the section. This leaves the checking account with approximately \$9,000 available. The ACS allotment of approximately \$13,000 will be paid in April.
- Vanguard accounts are up approximately \$5,000 from December even before the additions.
- New checks have been sent from Fifth-Third Bank.
- Bob suggested we review the meeting charges because costs for dinners have escalated since the \$20/member-\$5/retired member/\$5 student prices were set. He also suggested a higher fee for guests. This will be considered at the March meeting.

Mentoring Program

- The first mentoring program session will be Saturday February 18th at Ohio State. 64 people are registered. This includes students from several local colleges and universities. The session will include a presentation on "Finding your passion" by an ACS National Speaker. Leah Pastor has

made arrangements with the OSU Chemistry Department to provide the location for the meeting. The Local Section will pay for the speaker, lunch and for non-OSU participant parking.

- Puran suggested we make sure that non-members can access the Local Section LinkedIn page because he wants to use it to provide a communications path for the students. When they register they will be eligible for freebies like mugs.
- Puran also suggested the Local Section sponsor Leah Pastor's ACS student membership for up to \$100. This was approved.
- The call for mentors has drawn more than 20 people beyond the Executive Committee. Several career paths are represented.
- Poster Session will be Saturday March 25 so that it is ahead of an OSU campus wide poster session later in the spring. This also avoids OSU spring break. Nominally the session will be 10-1 at OSU. Arrangements are pending. This will be announced to other local colleges and universities to both draw attendees and participants.

Report from the Leadership Institute

Puran also attended the ACS leadership Conference in January. He encouraged the Local Section to be more active on both social media (Facebook and LinkedIn) by posting links to interesting journal articles, jobs available, etc. and on general media. This may enhance the value of an ACS membership for local chemists and also provide a service for the members. Dave Speth suggested we also send an announcement of the Columbus Section Award to Chemical and Engineering News for publication later this spring.

CERM meeting 2017 in Detroit is June 7-9. Members are encouraged to attend.

Planning for CERM 2020 in Columbus is continuing. Jim Wasil has contacted Ohio State and a candidate for co-chair has been identified.

GO-Chem, the first annual family retreat, will be held February 24-26 at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky. This is a joint effort by all of the Ohio sections. The event will celebrate undergraduates and Project SEED students in Ohio. Attendance is encouraged.

The Annual Report by the Section to ACS national was completed and reviewed before the deadline. Thanks to Jeff Trent, Kelly Moran Krishna Bobba, Bob Kroshefsky, and Joan Esson for their contributions.

New Business

Jim Wasil suggested the Executive Committee form and recruit to fill a Strategy/Governance Committee to review our Bylaws, Job Descriptions and plan for the future. This will include helping with CERM 2020 but it will also go beyond that meeting to help map the future for the Local Section

Ed King will ask CAS if the Local Section can set up a mailbox at CAS instead of renting a mailbox at the Clintonville branch post office (\$160/year). The section needs a mail site for communication prior to the CERM meeting in 2020 and for financial reports.

Next meeting is March 21 at Mozart's Café. The Speaker will be Claudia Turro, the Columbus Section Award winner from 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.