

Columbus Section
Executive Committee Meeting
February 18, 2016
Spaghetti Warehouse

Attending

Jeff Trent	Chair
Jim Wasil	Chair-elect
Dave Speth	Past-chair
Ed King	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Kelly Moran	Treasurer
Bob Kroshefsky	Alternate Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Terri Huston	Member
Lewis Hogarth	Member

Absent

Puran De	Secretary
Krishna Bobba	Treasurer-elect
Don Songstad	alternate Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 5:12 p.m.

Minutes of the January Executive Committee Meeting were approved with two minor corrections.

Treasurer reported that all accounts are up to date and all bills are current. The Treasurer and Bob Kroshefsky will complete the Section's tax filing. A full update will be given at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

The ACS National report was filed on February 3 and reviewed by Virginia Songstad. That task is now complete.

Pastchair Dave Speth will send Jeff Trent and Jim Wasil the contact information for the behind the scenes committee chairs. This includes

- Jeff Bracken-HS teacher award and Workshop
- Mary Wahba-Chemistry Olympiad
- John Blaha/George Greene-National Chemistry Week
- Rob Williams-Webmaster
- Ashish Deshmukh-Chemical Record editor
- Bob Kroshefsky-State Science Day

Section Program Review

March 8-Undergraduate/Graduate Poster Session at Ohio State

The Executive Committee approved the proposal to support this activity with a maximum expenditure of \$1200 for awards and refreshments with an email vote. Dave Speth will send Jeff the

Meeting Announcement template and the information from the November 2015 meeting held at the OSU Chemistry Department so he can compose an announcement for the March meeting. Dave will also send Jeff the email addresses of Rob Williams(webmaster) Robert Bird (email), Ashish Deshmukh (Chemical Record) and Robert Woodman (Facebook, LinkedIn) so that the announcement can be sent out to notify the membership.

The Local Section will also recruit 2-3 judges for the Poster Session. Nicholas Bastian, President of the OSU Undergraduate Chemistry Club, is leading this effort with Nancy Sagata, the Faculty Advisor for the Club. Jeff Trent will follow up with them to coordinate.

At this meeting Secretary Puran De will initiate the proposed ACS Columbus Section mentoring effort. From this start we will determine the level of interest and how to manage the resources required to support this effort. This could involve group discussions or individual mentoring.

April-College/University Student Awards

Bob Kroshefsky reported that the Undergraduate Chemistry Club's preferred date was not available at the Ohio State Golf Course. Dates available are Tuesday, April 5, Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21. Bob proposed we select either April 20 or 21. He will contact OSU to determine if one of these dates is still available.

Treasurer Kelly Moran will work with Secretary Puran De to notify the colleges and Universities and to build a list of awardees.

Undergraduate Chemistry Club President Nicholas Bastian is working to contact a potential speaker, Bill Nugent. Dr. Nugent has recently given an ACS webinar on how R&D has changed using DuPont as his example. Everyone thought this would be interesting for both the members and the students. Past-chair Dave Speth will assist Nicholas and help with alternative speakers.

May-High School teacher Award

Robert Woodman has contacted two potential speakers to discuss science denialism. Ellen Peters from OSU is not available, but Michael Stamatikos from OSU Newark has agreed to participate. Jeff Bracken will identify the award winning teacher. A date and location for this meeting will need to be determined.

September-All Ohio Section Activity

Jim Wasil brought to the Executive Committee a proposal that was suggested during a meeting of all the Ohio ACS Sections Chairs-elect at the ACS leadership Conference. The suggestion was to have an all-Ohio meeting in Columbus in September 2016. The Columbus Zoo was a suggested venue. The first step in this process is for Chair Jeff Trent to submit a letter of support for the activity to ACS National. This letter, as well as letters from the other Ohio Sections, will be combined to make a proposal for a National IPG grant (up to \$3000) to support this activity. Jim will continue to work on planning this activity.

October 19-ACS President elect Allison Campbell from POE Pacific Northwest National Lab at CAS

Christine Casey has contacted the Columbus Section through Past-chair Dave Speth to notify us of the date. Dave will continue to stay in contact with Christine as planning moves forward.

The October meeting is also the time when the Local Section presents the 50- and 60-year membership awards. Wendy Reichenbach has helped organize this activity in the past. Member Terry Huston will contact Wendy to see if she is willing and able to help this year. If she is not, Dave Speth will assist.

November-Joint Meeting with AIChE

Dave Speth will notify AIChE leader Larry Latta that this year is AIChE's responsibility and make sure he and Chair Jeff Trent are in contact.

Other activities

- Chemists celebrate Earth Day Approximately April 22. Jeff Trent will determine what local activities might be appropriate for Section participation. He will look at both Green Columbus and the Franklin Park Conservatory to see what the options are. If we choose to participate, we can get brochures from ACS National. Participation will require volunteers to man a booth.
- Columbus Section Award. Lewis Hogarth reported that we do not have any new nominations but we do have an excellent candidate remaining from 2014. He will assemble the committee to decide how to proceed. Target for presentation of the award is fall of 2016. This could either be a part of the All-Ohio meeting or a separate session.
- State Science Day is May 14. Bob Kroshefsky will begin looking for volunteer judges before the end of February. Dave Speth will provide Bob with updated membership lists as soon as they are forwarded from either the Chair or the Secretary.
- Chemistry Olympiad-Mary Wahba is responsible for this activity. The Columbus Section provides financial support and certificates. Dave Speth will send Jeff Trent and Kelly Moran Mary's contact information to make sure we support her efforts.

New Business

- Columbus Section mailbox. Robert Woodman will hold the second key to make sure we are always up to date. Dave Speth will continue to check the box every 2-3 weeks.
- Dave Speth receives job postings from both LinkedIn and ArmedForcedjobs.com. The Committee agreed to have local opportunities posted on the website for approximately 2 weeks to support our membership.
- Bob Kroshefsky has contacted the Columbus Foundation to get permission for us to access our account information online. This will help the treasurer report to the Executive Committee in a more timely fashion and make it easier to file our annual report. A letter is being sent to the Columbus Foundation to get access for Treasurer Kelly Moran, Treasurer-elect Krishna Bobba and Bob Kroshefsky.
- Councilor Joan Esson suggested that the Columbus Section assist with connecting local chemical companies with local students. She reported that one of her industrial contacts mentioned that they do not receive job applications from local students. Joan says that is because local students don't know about local opportunities. Joan suggested a job fair or even just an informal career panel discussion. This could be done in parallel with the mentoring program that will be introduced in March. Terry Huston suggested using ACS National Resources to assist in this effort. This could involve bringing a speaker to Columbus to make recommendations about resumes, contact letters, etc. Dave Speth will forward to Joan a list of potential contacts at local companies. A list was sent to Cincinnati for that section to solicit donations for the 2016 regional meeting. Dave will update the list when the new membership list is available from ACS National.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.