



ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting – Minutes

Spaghetti Warehouse

Feb. 27, 2019

Attending:

Kelly Moran	Chair
Christopher Hadad	Chair-elect
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer
Emil Stoyanov	Treasurer-elect
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor

Absent:

Puran De	Past-chair
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Ed King	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor

Guest:

Jeff Trent	CERM 2020 Co-chair
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1. Minutes from 1-28-2019 - motion to approve by Krishna, seconded Chris, passed with no opposition; minutes from 9-25-2018 – motion to approve by Robert, seconded Bob, passed with no opposition.
2. The Administrative Annual Report was completed by Puran and reviewed and approved by Councilor Joan Esson. No response was received from Councilors Virginia Songstad or Ed King before the due date. However, the report was approved and submitted on time
3. Puran won the Members Engagement Through Technology (METT) grant from ACS, for a Bluetooth speaker and a “Go-to-Meeting” subscription. A free alternative to “Go-to-Meeting”, “Zoom.us”, would allow more of the money to be used on the Bluetooth speaker system. Puran deferred the purchase decision to Kelly and Bob. An 800 W P.A. system was purchased by Kelly for \$772 and tested by Bob and Kelly. This system had its inaugural use at this meeting.
4. The Executive Committee discussed Joan’s email request for input for “ACS Relevance to Current and Future Members: Challenges and opportunities.” Kelly plans to hand out surveys to every member attending local section meetings this year to get feedback on the meetings. She handed out the first survey at the January meeting and had surveys ready to hand out for the February meeting. Robert suggested making sure that meeting topics appeal to both academic and industrial chemists. Chris suggested data mining the e-roster to understand section members. He also suggested outreach to OSU chemists and chemistry student groups such as

the Younger Chemists' Committee (YCC). Jeff suggested that ACS National can help do the data mining. Kelly mentioned that chemistry students are interested in jobs and in opportunities to practice their interviewing skills. Contacting ACS National to find out what data mining resources they offer to local sections and accessing the membership files were proposed as action items. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting to allow time to review the 2018 Treasurer's Report and the 2019 Columbus Local Section Draft Budget.

5. Treasurer's Report – the Treasurer's Report and the 2019 Section Budget were discussed. A "Meeting Subsidies" line previously had been included in the report because ACS National has a line for this, but we do not use this, so it was not included this year. Last year, more money was budgeted for local section meeting expenses than was spent, so the 2019 budget for Regular Meetings was adjusted downward by \$2,000. The local section's investments did well in the 1st quarter of 2019 and recovered the money lost in 2018. Emil needs approval to handle section funds at the 5/3 Bank. Motion to approve the 2018 Treasurer's Report by Barb, seconded by Emil, and passed without opposition. Motion to approve the 2019 Budget by Robert, seconded by Chris, passed unanimously.
6. Outreach - Jeff Trent and OSU student Kaarina Lokko will be running a tent at the COSI Science Festival. Jeff will meet with CAS to coordinate with them for this event. Robert would like to include the dates of outreach events on the calendar of the section's Facebook page.
7. Anticipated travel - Councilors Joan and Virginia intend to travel to the Spring national ACS meeting; Ed may be going as well. Kelly will be traveling to both the Spring and the Fall national meetings as a representative of the Senior Chemists Committee (SCC). The Executive Committee members did not know if the SCC reimburses its members for travel. Jeff will be traveling to the national meeting to contact the Regional Committee about CERM2020. In addition, Jeff, Jim, and Krishna plan to travel to CERM 2019 in Midland, Michigan.
8. The next Columbus Local Section meetings will be in March, April, and May; there will be no meetings in June, July, and August, then meetings will resume in September, October, November, and December. As traditional, the October meeting will feature the ACS president-elect and occur at CAS. Student awards will be given in April/May.
9. Motion to adjourn at 5:53 PM by Krishna, seconded by Robert, passed without opposition.

Minutes Addendum:

1. No Executive Committee meeting was held at the March local section meeting, because a quorum of executive committee members was not available at that meeting.
2. On April 10, Kelly proposed a motion that the ACS Columbus Local Section provide an additional loan to CERM2020 of \$10,000, with the understanding that this must be repaid to the Columbus Local Section together with other loan(s) existing or made in future, before profit (or loss) is distributed according to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Region. Robert Woodman seconded this motion, which passed on April 11 with 10 votes (from a total of 12 Executive Committee members).