



ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

February 27, 2020

Attending:

Christopher Hadad	Chair
Clay Harris	Chair-elect
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer-elect
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Alternative Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor

Absent:

Emil Stoyanov	Treasurer
Ed King	Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor

Guests:

Jim Wasil	CERM Committee Co-Chair
Jeff Trent	CERM Committee Co-Chair
Mike Clingerman	CERM Expo Chair
Kayla Kasper	Younger Chemists Committee
Rao Chitikela	Member

Meeting started at 5:20 p.m. without a quorum.

At 5:27 p.m., the executive committee had a quorum with Joan Esson's arrival.

- 1.) Christopher reported that the 2019 Columbus section annual report was submitted and approved as of February 21, 2020. ACS National has not yet provided any feedback on the annual report.
- 2.) Clay introduced Kayla Kasper to the executive committee. Kayla works at Owens Corning with Clay and has offered to help organize the Younger Chemists Committee for the local section.
- 3.) Spring 2020 National ACS Meeting in Philadelphia – Attendees and Reimbursements - Christopher will be going as part of a committee on patents and related matters; OSU will pay his expenses. The section has 3 councilors; Councilors Joan Esson and Ed King are going; Alternative Councilor Krishna Bobba will go in place of Councilor Virginia Songstad. Bob and Emil urge all attendees sponsored by the section to get their travel expenses with receipts in promptly.
(Note – the Spring Meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)
- 4.) Meeting dates and speaker plan for 2020:

- March 2020 – targeting last week in March at Owens-Corning with a building tour and Clay Harris (our chair-elect) as the speaker (Note – this was scheduled for March 25th, but replaced with an online executive committee meeting due to COVID-19).
- April 2020- scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th at CAS with Gary Booth, former VP for Research, Procter and Gamble as the speaker. Outstanding junior/senior awards to be presented at the meeting. Unfortunately, this date falls during finals week for some undergraduate institutions; however, with both the site and the speaker lined up, the committee decided to go forward with the meeting.
- May 2020 – no meeting due to CERM 2020 (May 27-29)
- June 2020 – possible executive committee meeting.
- August 2020
- September 2020
- October 2020 – At CAS with ACS President-elect H. M. Chang and awards for 50-, 60-, and 70-year members.

ACTION: Contact Christine Casey at CAS to set this meeting up. Jim has a letter that he used to ask CAS to set up this meeting and he will send Christopher a copy.

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- Future meeting suggestions:

- a.) Enhancing and demonstrating diversity for our speakers;
- b.) Andre Palmer (Professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, OSU) Artificial blood research;
- c.) David Lenz (US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense – History of chemical weapons and the development of approved therapeutics.
- d.) Mike suggested microbreweries as potential meeting sites – he will find out if any of them have viable presentation locations. Robert reminded the committee to check for wheelchair accessibility of meeting sites.
- e.) Coronavirus – OSU College of Medicine has an immunologist that might be a potential speaker.

- 5.) Liability Insurance for local section's Directors and Officers – ACS has an umbrella policy for local sections and their leaders. This is a piece of paper that allows us to have outreach events and covers us for civil suits. ACS does not have a recommended vendor for liability insurance. Liability insurance costs about \$1000-1200 a year. Mike has a lab business with two million dollars of liability insurance through Hartford.

ACTION: Bob and Emil will explore ACS insurance options. Mike will look into insurance through Hartford.

- 6.) Younger Chemists Committee – Kayla Kasper from Owens Corning has expressed interest as acting as the lead. Other Owens Corning chemists are interested in this as well. Bob pointed out the committee members do not have to be ACS members; however, Kayla is an ACS member.
- 7.) State Science Day – Bob has communicated with the organizers of State Science Day that the section will not have its own judging program this year. It will, instead, provide \$2,500 in prize money.
- 8.) Local section website – Bob has been working on the CERM 2020 website along with Josh Goldberger and Robert, so he has not had time to address activating and populating the section website; especially the ability to register and pay for meetings. Bob has yet to get a complaint about the section website having been down since last fall.

- 9.) Chemical Record – Bob has communicated with Ashish Deshmukh, the editor of the Chemical Record. The executive committee needs to decide if the Chemical Record still has value.
- 10.) Awards in 2020 – given at CERM; they include the Patterson-Crane Award.
- 11.) CERM 2020 current status – CERM Co-chair Jeff Trent will attend the ACS National Spring Meeting to network for CERM (Note – the Spring Meeting was cancelled – see above). Mike and Clay will attend Pittcon and work on recruiting sponsors and vendors for the expo. Elizabeth Perry at ACS National has expressed interest in setting up a Facebook page for CERM, but Raeanne Woodman has already set up the CERM 2020 Facebook page.
ACTION: Jeff will let Raeanne know to whom she needs to give administrative access. Jim Wasil and Christopher continue to work on gathering sponsorships for CERM.
- 12.) Section Outreach - Jeff would like \$750 to cover expenses for setting up an exhibit at the COSI celebration on April 25th. Kaarina Lokko will assist with the COSI event. Jeff will also participate in the kids' expo at the Arnold on March 7th.
ACTION: Jeff will submit a plan for section outreach to Christopher.
- 13.) Motion to approve the minutes from the January executive committee meeting – motion by Robert, seconded by Krishna, passed without opposition.
- 14.) Motion to adjourn the executive committee meeting at 6:07 p.m. – motion by Clay, seconded by Barb.