ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting

Ohio Dominican College, Columbus

April 8, 2018

Attending meeting:

- Puran De, Chair
- Jim Wasil, Past-chair
- Jeff Trent, Chair-elect
- Kelly Moran, Treasurer
- Bob Koshefsky, Treasurer-elect
- Joan Esson, Councilor
- Virginia Songstad, Councilor
- Don Songstad, Alternate Councilor
- Robert Woodman, Alternate Councilor
- Krishna Bobba, Alternate Councilor
- Leah Pastor, Younger Chemists Committee
- Effie Miller, Younger Chemists Committee
- Barbara Ambrose, Secretary
- Lewis Hogarth, Member
- Kaarina Lokko, Member

Absent:

- Ed King, Councilor
- Amber Hendricks, Younger Chemists Committee
- Zech Thompson, Younger Chemists Committee

Meeting started 4:10 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes from February and March – motion to accept February minutes as written by Joan Esson, seconded by Krishna Bobba, approved without opposition. The March minutes were discussed, and some errors in the attendance list and the New Business section were pointed out. Motion to accept the amended version of the March minutes by Joan, seconded by Jeff Trent, approved without opposition.

2. New ACS logo for the local sections was discussed. Puran De has a copy of the new logo. The ACS national logo differs from the local section logos to differentiate between local and national. However, ACS national does provide insurance for local activities, such as Earth Day. The consensus among executive committee members is that the section can use up any supplies with the old logo, such as stationary; however, the website will need to be updated. Robert Woodman will work with Pauline to get the website updated.

3. May meeting – There is one nominee, Dr. Dehua Pei, for the Columbus Section Award to be given out at the May meeting. Lewis Hogarth will check with Dr. Pei to find out his availability and schedule the meeting so that Dr. Pei can attend. The target date is May 15th. Lewis will talk to Ohio Dominican as well to arrange for the meeting. Other potential future meeting venues were discussed: the OSU Golf Course; J. Liu on High St. in Worthington had a nice 2nd floor; Nicola Restaurant on Henderson and Reed; Old Bag of Nails; Sunflower Chinese Restaurant on
Sawmill Rd.; LaScala Restaurant on Rt. 161. Ohio Dominican University is expensive at $35/person, while the section makes money at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Lewis is already working with Ohio Dominican University for the May meeting.

4. Summer meeting – Puran has contacted the Clippers – baseball game tickets are $10 each for group tickets, but attendees must buy their own food. The alternative is to get $14 tickets for box/picnic seating, with catering extra. We can prepay for “Clipper Cash” which can be used to purchase tickets and can be given to members to buy food. Days with firework displays are almost all gone; “dime a dog” nights are a possibility. An evening game in the second half of July or August appears to work the best with executive committee member’s schedules, so long as it avoids the dates for the ACS National Meeting on the 3rd week of August. Puran will need to make arrangements by the end of April. Columbus Crew soccer games are more expensive than baseball games at $20 per ticket.

5. Krishna was contacted by a member of another local section from the University of Findley; she was interested in having her section get together with ours for an outing at the Columbus Zoo. Jim suggested that September is a good time for the zoo. With no CERM this year, other sections might be interested in such an event. There is a nice pavilion by in the Heart of Africa exhibit by the giraffes. Jeff and Jim will look into the possibility of a zoo trip. Joan Esson also has contacts at the zoo and should be included in the loop. Puran as well should be included.

6. Younger Chemists Committee – the poster session is postponed until the fall. A painting night event is planned for the beginning of May, after finals. The price will just cover the painting event and snacks including non-alcoholic drinks; alcohol will be extra.

7. Treasure’s report – The section’s tax return was filed by Bob Kroshefsky. The transition from the old logo to the new logo was discussed; the consensus was that we can use the existing old logo supplies until they are exhausted.

8. Event planning for fall – at least 2 meetings need to be planned – the September meeting and a November/December meeting. The October meeting is the ACS President-elect’s visit and the recognition of 50/60/70-year members and the High School Teacher of the Year Award. Various potential meeting topics such as climate change and the history of chemistry were discussed. Anyone who has a potential presenter should contact Puran.

9. Long-term planning – changing the month for the college outstanding junior and senior awards as well as changing the timing of the nominations was discussed. An early February call for nominations was suggested. Since the 1st semester grading period, as well as 1st semester capstone experiences, end in December, January might be a better time for asking for award nominations. Overall long-term planning was also discussed. Bob Kroshefsky proposed a motion to establish a long-term planning committee. This motion was discussed, but shelved for a future executive committee meeting. The August-September executive committee meeting was suggested as a potential time to discuss this. Puran would like to invite any member who was interested to participate. Ideas discussed in regards to the long-term planning committee included: mission statements; strategic planning accomplishment goals; member buy-in; and initiative packaging.

10. Kaarina Lokko handed out a brochure on Celebrate Earth Day with Chemistry; she announced that we have a booth at the Earth Day event which will run from 1-7 p.m. on April 22, 2018.

11. Bob Kroshefsky made a motion to adjourn the executive committee meeting at 5:14 p.m., Barb seconded it, passed without opposition.