

April 19, 2017  
Columbus Section  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Spaghetti Warehouse

Members attending

Jim Wasil	Chair
Jeff Trent	Past-chair
Puran De	Chair-elect
Dave Speth	Secretary
Kelly Moran	Treasurer-elect
Bob Kroshefsky	Alternate Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Pauline Tan	Member, Webmaster
Leah Pastor	OSU Chemistry Club
Hannah Smith	OSU Chemistry Club
Bernadette Lattimer	OSU Chemistry Club
Lewis Hogarth	Member

Absent

Ed King	Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. before a quorum was present. A quorum was established at approximately 5:25 p.m.

The minutes from the March meeting were approved with corrections. The Secretary will send the minutes from the January through March meetings to the webmaster Pauline Tan to be posted on the website for the membership.

An informal treasurer's report was provided by Bob Kroshefsky. The letter to ACS National requesting a local dues charge was sent. The fee will be \$5. The first half-year membership dues deposit was sent from ACS National. It was \$2,187. The annual allotment of \$11,551.42 has also been deposited. Bob will make two further transfers to the Local Section Vanguard accounts to keep our funds working for us. This follows up on the transfers made in March and completes the reallocation of the funds that came from our annuity. Payments are up to date. Checks will be written tonight to make awards to the college and university best junior and senior students.

**Old Business**

A poster session was held at the end of March at OSU Physics Building. There were 24-25 posters equally split between graduate and undergraduate students. Awards were given for the best three posters in each division. Checks for these awards will be presented at the meeting tonight.

All of the IPG grant funds to start the mentoring program have been spent. The program initiating the program was more expensive than anticipated due to an extra speaker fee. Students have been assigned to mentors but few have contacted them. Puran will follow up with new emails after the close of the semester in early May. Students liked the program and they have requested more information on interviewing. The executive committee discussed options for using local resources for this aspect including members of the executive committee who have hiring responsibilities and local recruiters (Aerotek).

### **Central Regional Meeting**

The 2017 CERM will be June 6-10 in Dearborn. Registration is \$125 and the hotel is \$130 per night. Chair Jim Wasil requested Local Section funding to attend. This was approved.

CERM 2020 in Columbus is on track. Two technical program Chairs from OSU have been identified. ACS National is working on a request for proposal to arrange for hotel and meeting room space. A room at the OSU chemistry department will be assigned for the organizing of this event.

### **Other events**

Kaarina Lokka will be doing a booth for Chemists Celebrate Earth Day on April 22. The theme is Chemistry helps feed the World. The National March for Science will be held in conjunction with Earth Day. Joan Esson will be attending the National March in Washington, DC along with several of her students. All ACS members are encouraged to participate in the Columbus March. Kaarina is also organizing a Chemistry poetry contest. Submissions will need to be made by April 25 with results to be announced in May.

The May meeting will include presentation of the High School Chemistry Teacher Award. Jeff Bracken is organizing and selecting the awardee. He has suggested holding the meeting on a Tuesday or Wednesday night. The Executive Committee discussed finding a location that would be less costly than Mozart's Café or the OSU golf course clubhouse. The Clintonville Women's Club and Ohio Dominican University were discussed as options. (This discussion is the result of the discussion in March of resetting the cost of the meeting for members, retirees and guests. No further discussion of meeting fees was held at this meeting. More discussion will be held in May so that fees can be changed for the fall schedule.)

State Science Day is Saturday, May 13. Bob Kroshefsky reports that he has approximately 40 judges. The first informational announcements for this event will be sent this coming week. More judges are always welcome.

### **New Business**

Jim Wasil has purchased a back-up projector for the Local Section to prevent the problem that we had in March.

Jim is interested in updating the by-laws and in formalizing a schedule and duties list for executive committee members. The Committee will work on this over the coming months. The rewrite done approximately 5 years ago will be used as the base if the records of this can be found.

The OSU attendees expressed an interest in building up the Young Chemists Committee. They proposed to start as a part of the Local Section and then split off if there is sufficient interest. They will work on this over the summer and present a proposal to the Executive Committee in September. This will supplement councilor Joan Esson's idea to organize an activity for recent graduate members over the summer. The Executive Committee was very supportive of both of these efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.