

ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting

Ohio Dominican College, Columbus

May 15, 2018

Attending meeting:

Puran De	Chair
Jeff Trent	Chair-elect
Kelly Moran	Treasurer
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor
Zech Thompson	Younger Chemists Committee
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Lewis Hogarth	Member
Kaarina Lokko	Member

Absent:

Jim Wasil	Past-chair
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer-elect
Joan Esson	Councilor
Ed King	Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Amber Hendricks	Younger Chemists Committee
Leah Pastor	Younger Chemists Committee
Effie Miller	Younger Chemists Committee

Meeting started 5:18 p.m.

1. Meeting minutes from April – motion to accept April minutes with corrections by Puran De, 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. CERM 2020 Report
 - Jeff Trent sent an e-mail update on 4/26/18; copies were distributed. In place of the Toledo 2018 CERM, a chemistry conference will be held.
 - The Central Regional steering committee will meet on June 15, 12-2 p.m. at the University of Toledo. Jeff will go to represent the Columbus section. Kelly Moran might go as well. Jim Wasil could call in; Puran will find out if calling in is an option.
3. Events Planning for 2018
 - State Science Day was handled by Bob Kroshefsky; Krishna Bobba said there was a nice write-up in the Columbus Dispatch.
 - Earth Day was handled by Jeff and Kaarina Lokko.

- National Chemistry Week is being organized by Jeff Trent. He is working on an event to be held at the Columbus Metropolitan Library on October 28th; Krishna offered to help with the set-up. Jeff needs volunteers.
 - Summer baseball outing – Puran will send out a survey in a couple weeks to see who is interested. This could be a joint event with the Younger Chemists Committee.
 - An executive committee long-term planning meeting to be held sometime around August was discussed. Ideas for potential topics for this meeting included preparing a mission statement for the Columbus section, strategic planning for the section, recognition of volunteers, timing and planning of Columbus section elections, public relations/social media outreach, changing the college awards to March, obtaining new technology for the section or treasurer, improving meeting attendance, and understanding the members' interest.
 - Joint Summer/Fall event with Findley or other local sections was discussed. Jeff said that Findley e-mailed him that they are gauging the interest in their section, so the next move will be left to them.
 - Two more speakers are needed for 2018 – the October meeting at CAS is taken care of and the November/December meeting is the joint meeting with the chemical engineers and they will provide the speaker. Puran or Kelly may reach out to them to see what they are planning. If we skip having a solo meeting in December, which is difficult to schedule, then only 1 speaker is needed. Jeff offered to contact Anthony Thomas to see if we could get a speaker on the chemistry of chocolate. Lewis Hogarth suggested a science entrepreneur who works with start-up companies as a potential September meeting speaker.
4. Treasurer's Report – Kelly Moran said that the section's account are a bit low. She said that the ACS allotment and the section dues were received. Travel stipends for Columbus section councilors to go to the Boston meeting come from ACS national. Most of the section's funds are in the Vanguard account. Some of the recipients of the college awards have not cashed their checks; Puran suggested giving them a 90-day window to do so.
 - The discussion of credit card options through the 5/3 Bank was tabled until the long-term planning meeting.
 5. New Business
 - COSI invited Jeff Trent, Puran De, and David Speth for their Epic Announcement, which is probably about a grant from Battelle. Puran cannot go, but Krishna Bobba can go in his place. This announcement event will be attended by the CEOs for COSI and Battelle and the Columbus City Mayor.
 - The Columbus section normally gives COSI a check for \$2500; we can give some to Project SEED and \$2000 to COSI – a reminder should occur around September.
 - Jeff discussed the NSE program – 250 science kits for doing chemistry with kits are available. Jeff suggested contacting COSI and using the kits during National Chemistry Week. We will need to supply volunteers to use the kits.
 6. Virginia Songstad suggested the Clintonville Women's Club as the venue for the September meeting. Monday meeting was not good; Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday worked better.
 7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Over the summer business:

- On June 19-25th the executive committee voted to contribute \$2,500 to COSI.
- On July 10-13th, the executive committee approved a motion by Kelly Moran to send the Dayton section a check for \$1,500 to cover the Columbus sections' share of the 2018 Patterson-Crane Award and to split the costs of \$250 (for \$125) for a gift to go with the award.