



ACS Columbus Local Section Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

June 16, 2021

Attending:

Clay Harris	Chair
Christopher Hadad	Past Chair
Jeff Trent	Chair-elect
Barbara Ambrose	Secretary
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer
Damilola Daramola	Treasurer-elect
Kayla Kasper	Councilor

Guests:

Kaarina Lokke
Kostas Lazarou

Absent:

Joan Esson	Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor

Meeting started at 6:05 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from the May 19th meeting made by Christopher, seconded by Jeff, approved unanimously.

Old Business

- 1.) Reminder: ACS Core Value – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) – Clay reminded the section of the Foundational DEIR course for ACS volunteers. All are encouraged to take this two-hour course – Clay included information in the meeting agenda. Clay will collect a list of ExComm members who have taken the course – this will be voluntary.
- 2.) Treasurer’s Report – Bob -- Fulfilling an ExComm decision, \$20,000 has been transferred from our 5/3 Bank checking account and deposited equally into our two Vanguard accounts. With all necessary checks having been written, the Operating Fund has a balance of \$3,536.40. A funds statement is attached.
- 3.) State Science Day Update – Bob
Judging was conducted from 6/1 through 6/7 by 18 judges. There were 70 projects in grade group 7-9, with three judging rounds, and 25 projects in grade group 10-12, with two judging rounds. In

each of the grade groups, the top five projects were eventually ranked first through third with two honorable mentions.

All 2021 winners have been notified of their placings. Certificates were printed last week and I have simply been awaiting student contact information from OAS, which was received on 6/15. Certificates and checks will be mailed by the end of the week.

The winners are:

7-9	First	\$500	Sadhil Mehta	8th
Using a Homemade Polarimeter to Study Optically-Active Solutions				
7-9	Second	\$300	Mallory Wolfe	8th
Does Cooking Cabbage Affect Its Vitamin C Content?				
7-9	Third	\$200	Valerie Rindler	9th
Which Dietary Supplement Reduces the Most Flatulence?				
7-9	HM	\$100	Janelle Szymanski	8th
The Dissolution Rate of Different Types of Tylenol				
7-9	HM	\$100	Kate Riegel	8th
Leafy Greens				
10-12	First	\$500	Ryan McGinnis	11th
Gelatinization and Hysteresis of Organic Compounds to Create Edible Shelf-Stable Adhesives				
10-12	Second	\$300	Seth Tivakaran	10th
Comparison of Conductive Solvents During Exfoliative Graphene Synthesis				
10-12	Third	\$200	Nathan Mu	11th
Utilizing QSAR Models to Predict Biological Molecule and Polymer Interactions				
10-12	HM	\$100	Frank Lee	11th
Optimization of a Novel Heck Reaction for the Monoarylation of Allylamines				
10-12	HM	\$100	Kelly Wyse	10 th
Testing How Different Household Liquids Affect Bacterial Growth				

- 4.) CERM + GLRM 2021 – Jeff, Bob and Christopher participated in a 6/10 Zoom meeting of the Central Region ACS (CRACS) board to provide context on any financial questions. Once CRACS fulfills its financial obligation to the Columbus Section, Bob shall transfer funds and we can close the books. The section has 3 potential awards that could be given out at a CERM meeting:
- The Columbus Section Award – every 2 years @ \$2000 value – Bob will contact Lewis Hogarth and Dave Speth about this. Bob has received e-mail responses from them.
 - The Patterson-Crane Award with the Dayton Section every 2 years @ \$3000 and travel and lodging to CERM meeting (usually less than \$2000). Dayton would like to keep the current 3 nominations and award the winner from these. We could contact the CERM2022 committee to arrange a dedicated symposium honoring the winner. The ExComm agreed to go along with Dayton on this, so Chris will facilitate the award.
 - The High School Award – every year @ \$1000 to the teacher and \$300 to the school. Joan will follow up with Jeff Bracken on this award.
 - Outstanding Student Awards – every year – Certificates and checks have been sent to all 2021 Outstanding Student awardees. In addition, all but one of the 2020 awardees have also been contacted and sent their delayed items.

- 5.) Local section website update and plan – The *ad hoc* website committee consists of Dami, Joan, Kayla, Costas, Barb, Bob and Dominique. The communications team (including Dominique) met on June 2nd to review website progress.
- Summary below:
- Website progress received positive feedback from the team.
 - Next iteration of the site will include links to archived materials, social media sites, affiliates (e.g. national organization, COSI etc.) and a members-only section.
 - Documents such as *The Chemical Record* and meeting minutes would be provided for upload and organization.
 - Placeholder emails for executive board will be created (as forwarding addresses) and provided on the website for ease of communication and continuity.
 - Follow-up meeting next week to review the above updates.
- 6.) File Repository – Clay submitted request to TechSoup for validation of non-profit status – Google to follow. This can take up to 2-3 weeks to be validated. We will get e-mail addresses, storage space, and free software from this. The sites under consideration are:
- a) Google Workspace for Non-profits – <https://www.google.com/nonprofits/offerings/workspace/>
 - b) TechSoup – <https://www.techsoup.org/>
- 7.) Outreach update and plan – Jeff has no plans for 2021. Jeff is thinking of stepping down as chair and having Kaarina step up as chair of outreach. Kaarina has had great success with recruiting volunteers. Kaarina has no objection to becoming the chair. Jeff nominated Kaarina as outreach chair, Kaarina accepted. Bob volunteered to help. Kayla volunteered to join the committee. The ExComm unanimously voted to accept Kaarina as the outreach chair.
- 8.) Retreat for Strategic Planning for the Columbus Section – No progress on scheduling. Bob, Kayla, and Clay met with the ACS National facilitator. The cost is \$6000. This includes all of the materials, prework, 2 facilitators, and a report out after the retreat. Space is limited to 15 with time commitments being four 2.5-hour sessions with each on separate days. Clay will connect with Dami, who will sent up a Microsoft doodle poll to identify times for the event.
- 9.) Mechanism for soliciting proposals for financial support from the section. Clay will draft a potential form for social media push for proposals, and Christopher will review it. – No progress.
- 10.) ACS Younger Chemists Committee – Christopher connected Kayla with Victoria Foreman. Victoria was willing to present a resume workshop for YCC.
- 11.) ACS president-elect talk in October - Barb will contact CAS to arrange this.

New Business

- 1.) Discussion on post-COVID chem club revitalization funding from Columbus ACS. Suggestions included: creating a list of schools and department heads to contact; using the ACS programs in a box; investigating new pricing structures for ACS student members; and assisting NOBCChE.
- 2.) Future Meetings – Barb will contact CAS to see if a virtual meeting with the ACS president-elect is possible. Virginia sent an e-mail to ACT for Chemistry about a virtual meeting, but she has not heard back from them. She will try contacting some people she knows. Joan suggested holding a high school and undergraduate chemistry career day. Other suggestions included the following: Nestle; Greif; OLGA at ACS; and virtual reality as an emerging trend in chemistry education.

The current meeting plan:

June – We will have a two-part International Society of Automation (ISA)/ACS presentation on automation and instrumentation in the chemical industry.

July – Second part of joint International Society of Automation (ISA)/ACS presentation on automation and instrumentation in the chemical industry.

August – Gene Therapy – Erandi DeSilva from Forge Biotech – suggested by Christopher. He will follow up on this.

September – Panel for options with a career in chemistry.

October – Let's have it virtual! CAS - Nope? National president-elect – probably not in person?

November –

December

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Christopher, seconded by Jeff, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Reminders from Agenda:

- DIER Course:

As we continue to advance the core value of diversity, equity, inclusion and respect, we are pleased to inform you that a foundational DEIR course for ACS volunteer leaders (including the ACS Board of Directors, committee members, local section and technical division officers, international chapter officers, and faculty advisors of student chapters) and all Journal Editors along with course facilitators - will launch on March 17, 2021. This two-hour course is entitled *Leading Inclusively: Beyond Lip Service*, and was developed by La'Wana Harris, a Certified Diversity Executive, an ICF Credentialed Coach, and a global leadership development professional.

Many of your peers helped to test this course and the feedback we received has been incorporated. In short, the course will assist you with:

- establishing a common understanding around diversity, equity, inclusion, and respect at ACS.
- challenging assumptions and invite new perspectives to welcome, embrace, and value the full spectrum of human diversity.
- identifying key opportunities in your role for supporting the ACS commitment to create a more diverse and inclusive chemistry enterprise.

While the course is not mandatory, we strongly encourage all current ACS leaders, course facilitators and Journal Editors to make this a priority and further commit to helping us to advance DEIR within ACS.

The course will be delivered via Zoom and each session is limited to 50 people per session. To view the course schedule and to register, please visit: [Leading Inclusively: Beyond Lip Service](#). Prior to completing the course you will be required to:

- view a 4 minute video from ACS CEO Tom Connelly
- complete a COMMIT self-assessment
- read a provided article

The pre-work should take no more than 30 minutes.

If you have any trouble registering for the course, please contact registrar@acs.org.