

American Chemical Society  
Columbus Section  
Executive Committee Meeting  
July 17, 2017  
Spaghetti Warehouse

Attending

Jim Wasil	Chair
Jeff Trent	Past-chair
Kelly Moran	Treasurer-elect
Dave Speth	Secretary
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Bob Kroshefsky	Alternate Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Treasurer
Joan Esson	Councilor

Absent

Puran De	Chair-elect
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Ed King	Councilor

The meeting was called to order at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as submitted by the Secretary.

Treasurer reports that the Section spreadsheets are up-to-date. The checking account has approximately \$21,662 in it. This is not sufficient to transfer another \$20,000 to our Vanguard accounts. The donation of \$2,500 to COSI has been made and the check has been cashed. Councilor reimbursements for the Spring National Meeting have been paid and the payment from ACS National has been received and deposited. Some checks to student award winners from the spring have not been mailed (and therefore not cashed) due to the treasurer not having addresses for the awardees. Kelly Moran will attempt to contact the colleges and universities to get the awardees contact information.

Investments have shown a good return. The Vanguard accounts are up more than 10% this year. The return on the Patterson-Crane account managed by the Columbus Foundation is not known. (NOTE: The Dayton section-our partner in the Patterson Crane award has suggested moving the award ceremony from the local sections to the Central Regional Meeting. This will still require the two sections to financially support the award and to staff an awards committee to solicit nominations and select an awardee. The Chair will contact Terry Huston to see if she is still willing to serve on this committee and make arrangements for finding members to help with the award.)

Old Business

Councilors Virginia Songstad and Joan Esson committed to attend the Fall Meeting. Treasurer-elect Kelly Moran will also attend the meeting of the Senior Chemists Committee. The Secretary will ask Councilor Ed King to confirm his attendance.

CERM

Jim Wasil attended CERM 2017 in Detroit June 7-10. The meeting had 28 vendors and 400+ attendees. At the meeting he consulted with the 2017 meeting organizers and those organizing the 2018 (Toledo) and 2019 (Midland) meetings. The Toledo Section has requested help with their meeting next year. This would be a good way for the Columbus Section to get experience with the meeting details in preparation for hosting the 2020 meeting.

As we are now approaching 2 years before hosting the 2020 meeting. ACS National is providing support for the organizing committee. The ACS staff is preparing a request for proposal/quote for the meeting. This will be reviewed by the CERM Chair Jim Wasil and sent to local venues. It was suggested that the Chair also contact Experience Columbus when the RFP/RFQ is finished to get their input since they help organize similar events for other organizations as part of their promotion of Columbus.

Committee members committed to organizing the CERM 2020 event are

General Chairs:	Jim Wasil	Jeff Trent
Program Chairs	Patrick Woodward	Josh Goldberger
Financial Chair	Kelly Moran	

Volunteers are still needed. A list of local companies interested in chemistry would be valuable. These companies could be solicited for donations and for participation in the exhibition. Key contacts for other volunteers are Jeff Bracken for teachers interested in helping organize a program for K-12 students and teachers, and Gordon Renkes for the exhibition. (Gordon did this for the previous CERM in Columbus with noted success. He might have suggestions for contacts and approaches that were successful.)

COSI is very interested helping with the event. It may also be possible to cooperate with the Columbus Smart City effort and with OSU Center for Automotive Research for program and demonstration ideas.

#### Mentoring Program

As I mentioned at the last EC meeting, there was significant interest for a workshop on 'Acing the Interview.' I am planning to organize this in late Sept. or early Oct.- budget permitting. I have been in touch with the ACS Career services to host this workshop, but I would also like to create a panel of speakers from local recruiters as well as from ACS members with recruiting experience.

As outlined below, we have \$1187.44 available for the mentorship program from the IPG and budget allocation by the local section. This should be enough funds for the workshop, but I would like to minimize our expenditure for this event. I have talked with my contact at the ACS career services, and they have offered to cover the cost of the workshop as long as we can arrange up to \$600 from our end (that would include printing cost for workshop materials which was more than \$200 in February). That will leave us with \$587.44 for other expenses related to the workshop- e.g. food. I would like to charge the students \$5 for lunch and subsidize the balance from the \$587.44 remaining in our budget. Here again, I would try to minimize the cost by ordering pizza and soda instead of having a full meal catered from somewhere.

I have not made any commitments yet to ACS career- I wanted to get the EC's opinion on this matter before I go ahead and finalize the details for the event. Please let me know.

<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Expense Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
18-Feb	<b>Finding your Path</b>	<i>Speaker's Flight</i>	\$ 308.88
		<i>Speaker's Hotel</i>	\$ 186.95
		<i>Speaker's Food/Parking</i>	\$ 119.43
		<i>Speaker's stipend</i>	\$ 300.00
		<i>Print-out of Presentation</i>	\$ 214.00
		<i>Students' Parking</i>	\$ 78.75
		<i>Lunch for Event</i>	\$ 696.61
		<i>T-shirts/Coffee-mugs</i>	\$ 194.00
25-Mar	<b>Poster Session</b>	<i>Awards</i>	\$ 1,200.00
		<i>Lunch/Dinner</i>	\$ 513.94
		<i>Booking Fees for Venue</i>	\$ -
TBD	<b>Acing the Interview</b>	<i>Speaker's Travel</i>	
		<i>Speaker's Hotel</i>	
		<i>Speaker's Food/Parking</i>	
		<b>Total Expenditure to Date</b>	<b>\$ 3,812.56</b>
		<b>Funds from IPG</b>	<b>\$ 2,200.00</b>
		<b>Funds from Local Section</b>	<b>\$ 2,800.00</b>
		<b>Remaining Funds in Budget</b>	<b>\$ 1,187.44</b>

The Executive Committee approved spending \$1200-1500 on a program for Acing the Interview to be held in the fall of 2017 using the remaining IPG grant funds. It was suggested that Puran check the OSU football schedule to make sure the event is scheduled on an away or off date. It might also be useful to consider a date later in the fall since the October meeting is on the 10<sup>th</sup> at CAS.

#### Upcoming Events

September: Ibrahim el Tarawneh on Industrial Hygiene/Toxicology Date and Location to be determined.  
October 10: CAS, President elect of ACS, 50/60- year member awards, High School Teacher Award. The Chair will contact Wendy Reichenbach to see if she is willing to contact awardees about attendance.

#### New Business

The Chair reported that the new ACS Executive Director and CEO attended CERM and asked for suggestions about how the National organization could help Local Sections. Several suggestions were made to the Chair to forward to ACS National.

Election time is coming. The Columbus Section needs nominees for:

- Chair-elect
- Treasurer-elect
- Secretary
- Councilor/Alternate Councilor

Elections should be held in November to allow new officers to attend the Leadership conference in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.