

American Chemical Society Columbus Section
Executive Committee Meeting
Mozart's Café
September 19, 2017

Attending

Jim Wasil	Chair
Jeff Trent	Past-chair
Puran De	Chair-elect
Dave Speth	Secretary
Krishna Bobba	Treasurer
Kelly Moran	Treasurer-elect
Ed King	Councilor
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
Bernadette Latimer	Young Chemists Committee
Hannagh Smith	Young Chemists Committee
Effie Miller	Young Chemists Committee
Pauline Tan	member-Webmaster
Terri Huston	Member

Absent

Joan Esson	Councilor
Bob Kroshefsky	Alternate councilor

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chairman Wasil.

Minutes for the July 17th meeting of the executive committee were approved as submitted.

The treasurer's report will be submitted after consultation between the treasurer and Bob Kroshefsky to help the treasurer assign transactions to the proper categories. All accounts are up-to-date.

Puran De brought to the committee's attention the National ACS Tech Grant program to help local sections purchase equipment such as computers and internet connection devices to assist with remote meetings. Puran suggested this could be used to purchase equipment needed for the regional meeting in 2020.

Puran also reported that he has submitted the report on the IPG grant for the mentoring program to National ACS. Expenditures were \$2,300 not including the awards given for the student poster session. The program has approximately \$1,190 left from the local section contribution to the program. This will be used for an "Acing the Interview" session early in 2018. Puran is working with ACS National and the Young Chemists Committee on the program content and scheduling.

Young Chemists Committee

The representatives of the Young Chemists Committee presented their proposal for support to the executive committee. Students from Ohio State had approached the committee in the spring seeking support for organizing a YCC group in Columbus. The executive committee approved the endeavor and

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had asked the YCC to return in the fall with a plan and a budget. This is based on the fact that the local section has a number of colleges and universities in the area so our membership ranks contain a number of students. Their proposal is below.

YCC Mission Statement: To inspire, support and connect the young chemists of central Ohio in government, undergraduate/graduate school, post-doctoral work, industry and academia.

YCC Goals

- Provide structured opportunities for young chemists of all types to connect with one another informally
- Offer programming which furthers the professional development of our younger chemists
- Promote involvement and increase awareness of younger chemists in both local and national ACS programs
- Encourage and support younger chemists as they transition into and establish their professional careers.

For the purpose of the YCC, they consider their primary demographic individuals 18-35 but they would like to expand this to those who are not yet established in their career regardless of age. Experience, not age, would be the decisive benchmark.

The central Ohio group is modeling their efforts on other YCC groups in Cleveland and Boston.

There was debate about how to provide the YCC group with potential contacts. Treasurer-elect Kelly Moran has names of faculty at local colleges and universities from her support of the junior/senior award program. The ACS membership list could also be sorted to provide members who have joined since a selected date (2005?).

YCC proposed their first event would be a mixer at Pins Mechanical Company (bowling alley) on October 26, 2017 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The proposed event would require a \$500 fee for two hours rental of space for the group. YCC requested another \$200 for food. The target attendance would be 30-50 people.

Other costs expected relate to setting up a Central Ohio YCC website and domain. This would be about \$50.

There was debate about sponsorship since the event location serves alcohol and the ACS does not sponsor alcohol at its events. A motion to approve a budget of \$900 to support the YCC effort was made. The executive committee approved the proposal with Councilor Virginia Songstad and Treasurer-elect Kelly Moran opposed due to the potential alcohol liability of the section.

A question was raised about any formal paperwork necessary to be filed with National ACS to charter the group independently of the local section. Dave Speth will check the ACS website to determine if there are formal requirements listed.

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Virginia Songstad reported on the ACS national meeting. Her synopsis is at the end of the minutes.

Status of CERM 2020

Efforts to organize the regional meeting are still underway. Effort has stalled over the summer but will recommence with the start of the academic year.

Call for Nominations

The local section needs nominations for both local section officers and the Patterson-Crane Award. Local section positions to be filled are:

- Chair-elect (three year progression)
- Secretary
- Treasurer-elect (two year progression)
- Councilor (three year term)
- Alternate Councilor (three year term)

Details for the Patterson-Crane Award are listed on the section's website. Nominations for local section officers can be made by e-mail or letter to any of the existing executive committee members. Elections will be held in November to provide for officers for 2018.

New Business

The next meeting will be October 10, 2017 at CAS. At this meeting we will recognize our 50, 60 and 70-year members as well as the High School Chemistry Teacher of the Year. The event will be sponsored by CAS. The awardees have been contacted. The speaker will be ACS President-elect Dr. Peter Dorhout.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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254th ACS National Meeting

Washington, DC

August 20-24, 2017

Theme: Chemistry's Impact on the Global Economy

Following are some topics addressed at this meeting that ACS Columbus Councilors Joan Esson, Ed King, and Virginia Songstad [songstadva@aol.com], and, alternate Councilor/visitor Don Songstad, attended. These Council-specific topics are lifted from talking points provided to Councilors by the ACS Secretary and General Counsel Flint H. Lewis and other information from *C&E News* and various sources.

Throughout the meeting, ACS reiterated its:

Vision: Improving people's lives through the transforming power of chemistry

Mission: Advancing the broader chemistry enterprise and its practitioners for the benefit of Earth and its people

On Saturday August 19, Ed King and Virginia Songstad attended the Committee on Economics and Professional Affairs. Among topics discussed were the ACS Career/Employment activities, ACS lobbying efforts, ACS member survey review, ACS research of immigration issues in order to develop an ACS policy statement, etc. ACS has over 20 public policy statements that aim to:

Foster Innovation through Research & Technology

Strengthen Science Education & Scientific Workforce

Advance Science through Openness

Promote Science and Sustainability in Public Policy

Also of interest is that Congress now has a chemistry caucus, initiated in 2016 by Rep. John Moolenaar (R-Michigan), who previous to Congress worked as a chemist at Dow Chemical Co., which now has 52 House and 12 Senate members. It provides opportunity for members of Congress to be informed of chemical topics.

ACS National Meeting Attendance

The total registration was about 13,000 which included about 3,000 students. Among some specifics were 282 exhibiting companies, 9,370 papers presented (as well as many posters), and 36 employers at the careerFair.

Actions of the Council

The council defeated a proposal from the Committee on Divisional Activities that it establish a probationary Division of Space Chemistry, effective January 1, 2018.

A recommendation by the Committee on Membership Affairs that the council approve the petition on International Chemical Sciences chapters narrowly failed to achieve the two-thirds majority required to amend the bylaws. The proposal would have amended Bylaw IX, Section 4, to permit financial support

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for International Chemical Sciences chapters and to remove language from the bylaws prohibiting chapters from having representation on the council.

The council passed resolutions (1) in memory of deceased councilors; (2) acknowledging President Allison A. Campbell's service as presiding officer of the council; and (3) in gratitude for the officers and members of the Chemical Society of Washington, the host section for the 254th National Meeting, the divisional program chairs and symposium organizers, and ACS staff.

Highlights of Committees

Nominations and Elections (N&E)

Ballots for the 2017 fall national election will be distributed on September 29, with a voting deadline four weeks later, on October 27. In a change of procedures, all members with an e-mail address on file and eligible to vote will receive an electronic ballot with the option to request a paper ballot. Those members with no e-mail address on file will be sent a paper ballot with the option to still vote electronically. The ACS election vendor, Survey & Ballot Systems, will send three e-mail reminders during the voting period to those who have not voted as of the reminder date.

Candidates for President-Elect, 2018

Bonnie A. Charpentier --- Cytokinetics, Inc., South San Francisco, CA
Willie E. May --- University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Candidates for Directors-at-Large, 2018-2020

Kenneth P. Fivizzani --- (retired), Nalco Company, Naperville, IL
Wayne E. Jones, Jr. --- University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
Helen A. "Bonnie" Lawlor --- (retired) National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services, Philadelphia, PA
Barbara A. Sawrey --- University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA

Budget and Finance (B&F)

The society's 2017 Probable 1 projection calls for a net income from operations of \$25.3 million. This is \$2.1 million favorable to the approved budget and \$1.6 million higher than 2016. Total revenues are projected to be \$553.0 million, which is \$2.4 million unfavorable to the budget, but 5.0% higher than the prior year. Total expenses are projected at \$527.6 million, which is \$4.5 million favorable to the budget, and 4.9% higher than 2016.

The committee considered several program funding requests for 2018, and on its recommendations, the board subsequently approved funding for the *ACS Online Course in Laboratory Safety* and the *New Faculty Workshop Series* for inclusion in the 2018 Proposed Budget and the 2019-2020 Forecast.

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Additional information can be found at www.acs.org, at the bottom of the page, click 'About ACS', then 'Financial'. There you will find several years of the society's audited financial statements and IRS 990 filings.

Actions of the Board of Directors

The Board's Executive Session

The board of directors received and discussed reports from its committees on the Petroleum Research Fund, Strategic Planning, Corporation Associates, Executive Compensation, Professional and Member Relations, the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the ACS Governing Board for Publishing, and the Joint Board-Council Task Force on Governance Design.

On the recommendation of the Society Committee on Budget and Finance, the Board voted to approve the advance member registration fee for national meetings held in 2018 at \$475; and to authorize two new program funding requests: an *ACS Online Course in Laboratory Safety*, and a *New Faculty Workshop Series*.

The Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer's Report

The Executive Director/CEO and his direct reports provided updates to the board on the activities of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) and the ACS Publications Division. He offered current and proposed strategies to increase membership in the society; reported on safety initiatives, resources and security; and provided an update on the Atlantic Basin Conference on Chemistry (ABCChem) scheduled for January 2018. As part of his report, he invited the treasurer to brief the board on the Enterprise Financial Systems Program (EFSP), which is unifying several financial operations for society staff; the Financial Planning Conference in early November; and ACS Development Activities.

The Board's Regular Session

The board held a well-attended regular session which featured a discussion on the role ACS and its members play in advocating for adoption of important public policy priorities to foster scientific advancement and innovation. Mr. Glenn Ruskin, Director, External Affairs & Communications in the Office of the Secretary and General Counsel, and Mr. Anthony Pitagno, Director of Government Affairs and Outreach, External Affairs & Communications, spoke about the critically important role federal investment in basic research plays in driving U.S. innovation, job creation and economic growth. A question and answer session followed the presentation, first with the presenters, and then with the board for general concerns and comments.

Prior to the presentation, members of the presidential succession and the Executive Director/CEO offered brief reports on their activities. The officers provided more extensive reports on their activities and/or future plans as part of their written and oral reports to the council.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR COUNCILORS

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Following is a list of URLs and email addresses for supplemental information.

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