



## ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting - Minutes

October 5, 2020

### Attending:

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| Christopher Hadad | Chair           |
| Clay Harris       | Chair-elect     |
| Emil Stoyanov     | Treasurer       |
| Bob Kroshefsky    | Treasurer-elect |
| Barbara Ambrose   | Secretary       |
| Joan Esson        | Councilor       |

### Absent:

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| Ed King           | Councilor           |
| Virginia Songstad | Councilor           |
| Don Songstad      | Alternate Councilor |
| Krishna Bobba     | Alternate Councilor |
| Robert Woodman    | Alternate Councilor |

### Guests:

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| Jim Wasil    | CERM Committee Co-Chair    |
| Jeff Trent   | CERM Committee Co-Chair    |
| Kayla Kasper | Younger Chemists Committee |

Meeting started at 5:35 p.m.

- 1.) 2019 Columbus section annual report - ACS National has still not provided any feedback on the annual report.
- 2.) Junior and Senior Undergraduate Awards – Bob sent out checks to all the students he could contact using their e-mails. He needs more information to send out some of the checks. He will reach out to faculty in order to get the money to the awardees. \$1500 in checks need to be sent out. Christopher suggested sending a message to our contact person; if we get no response, then move on.
- 3.) Election of 2021 Columbus section's officers – ACTION: Barb will send out a note asking for nominations to Robert Bird for distribution to the section e-mail list. This topic will be discussed at the meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 4.) ACS Diversity and Inclusion letter. This letter can be found at <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/membership-and-networks/acs/welcoming/diversity/diversity-inclusion-and-respect-letter-august-2020.html>. The section could take a deeper dive into outreach and inclusion activities, such as starting a scholarship

for underrepresented minorities. ACTION: read the link, then come up with ideas for the next meeting.

- 5.) Liability Insurance for local section's Directors and Officers – Bob has not had time to research liability insurance; discussion of this tabled for a future meeting.
- 6.) Budget status and update – Due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, the section has underspent the budget on meetings. The State Science Fair check had to be reissued; this is reported in the budget update. The website development costs are on track. The Vanguard accounts have regained the money lost at the beginning of the year; they currently hold \$334,664.68. The CERM account is functional; the CERM mailbox received a \$1000 check from Advion. The H2OQ check for \$9000 from the CERM committee was processed in July. Clay asked if the section investments would affect its tax exempt status. ACTION: Bob will consult ACS national to determine what the financial limits are for tax exempt status. Christopher suggested funding scholarships with any excess money.
- 7.) Local section website – Bob has still not heard anything about the website. However, he has not received any complaints about the lack of a section website.
- 8.) Outreach and engagement update: Kaarina Lokko did the Earth Day poetry and art contest; she asked for \$100 for this. Bob has not sent her a check. Jeff did not participate in the virtual COSI festival which replaced the COSI festival scheduled for May. The Greek Festival was cancelled for 2020 due to COVID-19, so Jeff could not have a booth. Jeff has had no communications about National Chemistry Week celebrations at the Columbus Metropolitan Library.
- 9.) Pat Woodward was announced as a Fellow of the ACS. Congratulations, Pat!
- 10.) CERM 2020 current status – Kim Savage had a meeting with the regional boards in September, but Jeff and Jim could not attend. Jeff and Jim recommend cancelling CERM 2021. The CERM 2020 committee could hold an e-mail vote on cancellation, then let National know that CERM 2021 is not happening. Jeff and Jim thanked everyone who has participated in organizing CERM 2021 for their hard work. Clay suggested asking some of the potential CERM 2021 speakers to give presentations for the local section.
- 11.) Meeting dates and speaker plan for 2020:
  - October 22<sup>nd</sup> - virtual meeting using the OSU Zoom with Gary Booth, former VP for Research, Procter and Gamble as the speaker;
  - November 2020 – David Lenz (US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense) speaking on “History of chemical weapons and the development of approved therapeutics”.
- 12.) Awards for 50-, 60-, and 70-year members – The committee discussed how to handle the membership awards normally given out at the October meeting. Suggestions included: contacting Wendy Reichenbach by e-mail to get her input on these awards; having Robert Bird send out an announcement to the local section honoring the 50-, 60-, and 70-year members; and mailing out certificates then honor the awardees in person next year. This issue will be discussed at the next executive committee meeting.
- 13.) Bob requested funds for a new, light-weight projector screen. He estimated the projector screen would cost under \$100; the committee decided he should go ahead and purchase a projector screen.
- 14.) The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.