

American Chemical Society
Columbus Section
Executive Committee Meeting
CAS
October 10, 2017

Attending

Jim Wasil	Chair
Jeff Trent	Past-chair
Puran De	Chair-elect
Krishna Bobba	Treasurer
Kelly Moran	Treasurer-elect
Dave Speth	Secretary
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Ed King	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Bob Kroshefsky	Alternate Councilor
Pauline Tan	Webmaster
Bernadette Latimer	Young Chemists Committee
Leah Pastor	Young Chemists Committee

Absent

Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor
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The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer submitted his report he is still working with former treasurer Bob Kroshefsky on categorization of income and expenses to fit the spreadsheet Bob designed to help make our accounting relate to the categories required by the ACS annual report. Checking account balance is approximately \$14,325. Both income and expenses are below the budgeted amounts.

There was a debate on how the local section accounts for meal expenses and 'subsidies.' The uncertainty is whether we account for all the difference between the catering cost and what attendees pay or only include free meals given to speakers and awardees and the reduced prices charged to students and retirees (\$5). No option is without complexities and no resolution was reached. This discussion also reignited a brief discussion of our \$20 standard meeting charge. Since this fee was initiated, restaurant prices have risen at some locations. This discussion should be revisited before the first meeting of 2018.

A discussion of website registration problems followed. This month the Local Section has experienced a problem with error messages being sent to members registering for the monthly meeting. This has required a work around for Bob Kroshefsky to get a list of members registered to acknowledge their attendance registration and account for their attendance. Attempts by Bob and Pauline to resolve the issue have not been successful. There may be a bug in the website or at the host company or it could be an issue with the way we repopulate the website with meeting details every month. This led to a

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discussion of alternate website hosting providers. While our existing provider is free of cost to the Local Section (supported through ACS National), other web hosts provide the service for a very low cost (approximately \$10/month as per input from the YCC) and another provider may have additional services. One of these could be an online option to pay for the monthly meeting with a credit card-an option Bob is investigating with 5/3 Bank. If this was activated, it would simplify the treasurer's monthly tasks and allow the section to obtain payments for the meeting when people register. Bob and Pauline will continue to look into these matters.

Another discussion revolved around the donations category of the Treasurer's report. Don Songstad asked if we had agreed to make donations to ACS Project SEED (support for high school students) or ACS Scholars (college students). To date the only donations were \$2500 to COSI and \$500 to the Cleveland Section for one of their Go Chemistry event. Don proposed we make a \$500 donation to both Project SEED and ACS Scholars. These donations were approved. Dave Speth reminded the group that we had considered a donation to the Midwest Inorganic Weekend event at the September meeting but did not vote on it electronically during the month. A donation of \$500 was proposed and approved.

After these discussions the treasurer's report was approved.

Young Chemists Committee

The Young Chemists Committee reported that they are now contacting members and local colleges about their upcoming event at Pins Mechanical Company on October 26. They are preparing an invitation email that also includes a survey to find out what interests potential YCC participants have and to see if more volunteers can be recruited to expand the group beyond the core organizers at Ohio State. There was a debate about whether/how to use the Local Section membership list. Puran De had provided a list of student members to YCC but YCC would also like to contact young professionals just starting their careers. Sorting the list to find those members will be slightly more difficult. The YCC also asked for help contacting faculty at local colleges and universities. Kelly Moran will help with her list of contacts for the junior and senior student awards. Joan Esson also has contacts at most of the local colleges. Identifying contacts at local companies is more difficult. The YCC will send out an email to all Local Section members to help identify contacts for future reference. (The email was submitted to the Executive Committee for approval.)

Councilors

Virginia Songstad's report on the National Meeting was included with the September minutes. Kelly Moran will submit a report from the Senior Chemists Committee at the next Executive Committee meeting.

CERM 2020

Jim Wasil reported preparations are about to accelerate. He is working to identify a leadership team to provide structure for both the program and the arrangements. The program has two chairs identified. Volunteers for the local arrangements will need to be identified. Once the outline of the program has

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been assembled (expected attendance, number of concurrent sessions) ACS National will prepare a bid package to start the local arrangements process. The present outline is for up to 12 concurrent sessions. The hope is to complete the bid package by 12/1/2017. Jim also mentioned that he would like to identify a constant location for the organizing committee to meet. OSU has proven to be a difficult host to work with. Bob Kroshefsky suggested CAS. Joan Esson also volunteered Otterbein. The first meeting will be at Otterbein sometime before the end of October.

Local Section Events

The October meeting will include recognition of Local Section 50-, 60- and 70-year members. It will also include awarding of the High School Teacher of the Year Award postponed from the spring.

The November/December meeting is held jointly with the Columbus section of the AIChE. Jim has contacted Larry Latta of AIChE and is working on options for this event. Date and event are to be determined. Several suggestions were discussed.

October 28 the Local Section will sponsor an event at the Columbus Main Library to celebrate National Chemistry Week. The event will be from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It will include COSI on Wheels. Volunteers are needed. YCC members will send a note to their list.

Officer Elections

ACS National would like results certified by the Secretary by December 1, 2017. Positions open for 2018 are

- Chair-elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer-elect
- Councilor/alternate councilor (Ed King and Bob Kroshefsky) 3-year term

Puran is working on a recruiting letter to solicit volunteers for these positions

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to allow attendance at the evenings events.