ACS Columbus Local Section Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021

Attending through Zoom:
Clay Harris Chair
Christopher Hadad Past-chair
Jeff Trent Chair-elect
Bob Kroshefsky Treasurer
Dami Daramola Treasurer-elect
Barbara Ambrose Secretary
Virginia Songstad Councilor
Joan Esson Councilor
Krishna Bobba Alternate Councilor
Don Songstad Alternate Councilor

Absent:
Kayla Kasper Councilor
Robert Woodman Alternate Councilor

Guest:
Harry W. Kilbourne Emeritus Section Member

Minutes – The amended minutes from August were approved after a motion by Bob, seconded by Christopher, passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Bob

a.) September Operating Fund report
   - September in-person meeting at Otterbein on 9/15 cost $1,068 and brought in $290 for a net loss of $778.
   - YCC event at Topgolf on 9/21 cost $1,018 and brought in $115 for a net loss of $903.
   - Three local universities (ODU, Otterbein and Muskingum) asked for chemistry or STEM club support for a total expenditure of $1,050.
   - Current unencumbered funds balance is $9,533.43.

b.) Third Quarter Investments
   - Income, dividends and capital gains were down slightly from those of the second quarter at $1,411 compared to $1,473.
   - As expected, asset value growth was down substantially from the second quarter at $4,898 compared to $24,882. In fact, our Columbus Foundation assets actually declined by $427. However, year-to-date asset growth has been $44,245.
   - Total section assets are about $418,000.
c.) Action Items

- In August, the ExComm authorized donations of $5,000 each to Project SEED and ACS Scholars. Bob said these donations will be made in the fourth quarter.
- Donations to local organizations such as COSI need to be finalized.
- Bob reminded the ExComm that it passed a motion in February to add Dami to and remove Krishna from the 5/3 Bank signatory list. Bob has not acted on this motion because the website, to provide proof of authorities, was not active. Now that the website is active, Bob would like to have this motion confirmed.
- Motion to add Dami to and to remove Krishna from the ACS Columbus Local Section 5/3 Bank account signatory list made by Bob, seconded by Dami, passed unanimously. Bob will submit a letter signed by Clay and these minutes to the bank when Bob and Dami go to the bank to make the changes.

Old Business

1.) Awards:
There has been no new activity regarding the Patterson-Crane, Columbus Section or High School Teacher of the Year awards.

2.) Communications Committee Update
   a.) The website is launched – www.columbusacs.org
   b.) The event registration page is a work in progress.
   c.) Website needs items to populate pages.

3.) File Repository – Clay reports:
   a) TechSoup validation complete – https://www.techsoup.org/
   b) Google Workspace non-profit status validation complete.
   c) Awaiting profile review confirmation by Google Workspace – https://www.google.com/nonprofits/offerings/workspace/

4.) Outreach update and plan – Kaarina was unable to attend this meeting
   a) Kaarina is still planning on holding the poetry contest.
   b) Kaarina is planning National Chemistry Week activities.

5.) Retreat for Strategic Planning for the Columbus Section
   Clay has heard nothing back from the retreat coordinators he was working with. However, ACS National has sent out a form for grants for strategic planning retreats for local sections for 2022. Clay recommended that we wait on the strategic planning retreat until 2022; he will fill out the form and submit it to ACS National. Jeff Trent, Chair-elect, concurred with this decision.

6.) University club support
   Three local universities (ODU, Otterbein and Muskingum) asked for chemistry or STEM club support for a total expenditure of $1,050. Barb will provide Clay and Kayla information on the ACS affiliate leaders to see if other college chemistry clubs would be interested in financial support.

New Business

1.) Elections – Open positions: Chair-elect; Treasurer-elect; Secretary; and Councilor/Alternative Councilor. Joan Esson and Don Songstad are the Councilor/Alternative Councilor whose positions are up for election this year. Joan expressed interest in running again for Councilor. Bob expressed an interest in running for Treasurer-elect. Alicia Friedman was suggested as a potential Chair-elect.
The section has missed the Dec. 1st deadline for reporting the results of its election for the past few years. Barb will prepare an election announcement to be sent out by Robert Bird in August or early September. However, personal contact is the best way to recruit new ExComm members. Bob has contact information of in-person event attendees.

2.) The current meeting plans:
   a.) October – virtual meeting with ACS National President-elect Angela K. Wilson.
   b.) November – meeting at CSCC; toxicology as topic. CSCC would like to have the attendance count by November 2nd.
      • Action - Clay will send out the announcement so that Robert Bird can distribute it to the membership as early as possible.
   c.) December – No members meeting. ExComm meeting TBD.

3.) Suggested future meeting locations:
   a.) Clintonville Woman’s Club
   b.) CSCC Center for Workforce Development (WD) Building. CSCC would like to make hosting a local section meeting an annual event

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob, seconded by Joan, passed unanimously.