ACS Columbus Section Executive Committee Meeting – Minutes
October 28, 2019

Attending:

Kelly Moran Chair
Christopher Hadad Chair-elect
Bob Kroshefsky Treasurer
Barbara Ambrose Secretary
Virginia Songstad Councilor
Don Songstad Alternate Councilor
Krishna Bobba Alternate Councilor
Robert Woodman Alternate Councilor

Absent:

Puran De Past-chair
Emil Stoyanov Treasurer-elect
Joan Esson Councilor
Ed King Councilor

Guests:

Jim Wasil CERM Committee Co-Chair

Old Business:

1.) No 2019 METT Grant applications were submitted to the Chair’s knowledge. – The METT Grants do not offer enough funds to seem worth the effort of applying given that the Section has sufficient funds for its needs.
2.) Treasurer’s Report: We have over $200,000 in the Vanguard accounts.
3.) Silver Circle/Senior Chemists Committee/ Younger Chemists Committee. The Executive Committee approved reimbursing Effie Miller for her OSU YCC expenses and is willing to take over the expenses for the OSU YCC, considering that Effie is graduating this year. Christopher has their contact information and will see if there is interest in the YCC at OSU. The OSU Chemistry and Biochemistry Club is active, but is independent of the ACS. Muskingum University has a strong YCC. Otterbein also has an active Chemistry Club, but not enough YCC members to qualify for grants. Christopher asked for feedback from the student affiliates – the students are interested in opportunities where they can claim that they founded an organization, because this looks good on their resumes. So they are less interested in established organizations like YCC. We might get them back with financial incentives or by giving them the opportunity to add value to the organization.
4.) Barb reminded the EC that local section elections will be coming up. The Chair-elect, Treasurer-elect, Secretary, and 1 of our 3 councilor positions will be up for election in 2019. Action: Barb will send out a “Request for Nominations” to the section and request the election only e-roster from ACS National. Krishna mentioned that he might know someone who would be interested.

New Business:

1. The State of our 2019 Chair – Kelly has been diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer. She will attempt to keep up with the section’s business but she needs to focus on her health at this time.
2. The new website is ready to go – we need to populate it.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Bob submitted the treasurer’s report. The section has done well with its investments this year and has almost $300,000 in assets. The check for ~$4,300 from the ACS for the councilors’ travel expenses for the Spring 2019 national meeting was marked “return to maker” and the money was not deposited in the section’s account.
4. In the past, the local section made donations to other organizations. Bob said that this year, the local section had not made any such donations, even though they were included in this year’s budget. Motion by Virginia, seconded by Chris – the ACS Columbus Local Section will give $2500 to COSI, $500 to ACS Scholars and $500 to Project Seed – passed without opposition
5. Future Question – should we look into strategic planning retreats?
6. Action: Barb will send Chris a meeting schedule for the past years so that he can use it to plan next year’s schedule.
7. Motion by Kelly, seconded by Bob, to accept the minutes for September; passed without opposition.
8. Virginia mentioned that the Silver Circle had a program at Rumpke which was interesting and could be a potential Local Section meeting presentation; she has a contact she can send to Chris.
9. Jeff Bracken would like to present the High School Teacher of the Year Award at the next section meeting.
10. Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.