

American Chemical Society
Columbus Section
Executive Committee Meeting
Spaghetti Warehouse
December 12, 2017

Attending

Jim Wasil	Chair
Jeff Trent	Past-chair
Krishna Bobba	Treasurer
Kelly Moran	Treasurer-elect
Dave Speth	Secretary
Virginia Songstad	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Don Songstad	Alternate Councilor
Bob Kroshefsky	Alternate Councilor
Bernadette Latimer	Young Chemists Committee
Leah Pastor	Young Chemists Committee
Effie Miller	Young Chemists Committee
Barbara Ambrose	Member and Secretary-elect
Robert Woodman	Alternate Councilor

Absent

Puran De	Chair-elect
Ed King	Councilor

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer submitted his report with a comparison between actual and budgeted levels of income and expense. We have approximately \$12,840 in the checking account. Income for 2017 was below expectations but within reason. Expenses have been approximately as anticipated. The spreadsheet and the bank statement are in agreement. There are approximately \$1,200 of checks (rewritten for the 2017 student award winners) left uncashed. Bob Kroshefsky has these and they will be sent as soon as possible. The accounts will be reconciled with the spreadsheet by the treasurer, treasurer-elect and the 2018 treasurer-elect. This will be the basis for the required annual report to ACS National.

Planning for CERM 2020 is underway. A separate bank account will be set up for this activity to keep funds separate from those of the section.

Jeff Trent reported that he conducted 6 outreach activities over the course of 2017. Expenses were approximately \$1,500. Partners for these programs contributed money so the net expense to be reimbursed by the section was \$937.50.

Jim Wasil reported that a fictitious invoice attributed to him and requesting a payment for unspecified expenses was sent to the treasurer. This was pursued by the treasurer and the falsehood identified. No issues occurred.

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CERM 2020

Jim Wasil reported preparations are about to accelerate. Planning meetings are being held approximately every three weeks. A meeting site at Ohio State has been reserved for these meetings. Documents generated are posted on a Google Docs website. Members interested in accessing the documents can contact Jim Wasil for the link. Jeff Bracken is helping with the high school teachers program.

The Request for Proposal was reviewed with Experience Columbus, the Hyatt and Hilton hotels and the Columbus Convention Center. ACS National has assigned Kim Savage to be our contact. She will visit Columbus in January to negotiate the contracts and details. Rough cost estimate is \$135,000-140,000.

Puran De is heading the Technical Program Committee. He will work with Ohio State to outline the program and solicit speakers.

The dates selected will be around May 27, 2020 with specific dates still open for discussion and based on facility availability.

Jim Wasil will write a summary of the CERM situation for the website to keep the membership informed.

Young Chemists Committee

The YCC social was held in October. There were 30+ attendees. While OSU attendees dominated, there were a few from Otterbein and other local colleges. The organizers were pleased that they had participation from OSU post-doctoral fellows who are difficult to contact. They polled the attendees and received 10 expressions of interest in helping to organize activities. They are working on activities for 2018. This will include a poster session in the spring and, hopefully, a session on interviewing to help people with their job search.

The organizers were also contacted by Owens Corning about partnering on activities for their younger employees. This will be pursued after January 1, 2018.

Local Section Events

The October meeting included recognition of the section's 50-, 60- and 70-year members. It also included awarding of the High School Teacher of the Year award that was postponed from the spring.

The November/December meeting is to be held jointly with the Central Ohio section of the AIChE. Jim has contacted Larry Latta of AIChE and organized this event.

On October 28th, the 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.

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Other Business

- Elections were held in November. Officers for 2018 are:
 - Puran De Chair
 - *Vacant* Chair-elect
 - Jim Wasil Past Chair
 - Barbara Ambrose Secretary
 - Kelly Moran Treasurer
 - Bob Kroshefsky Treasurer-elect
 - Virginia Songstad Councilor
 - Joan Esson Councilor
 - Ed King Councilor
 - Don Songstad Alternate Councilor
 - Robert Woodman Alternate Councilor
 - Krishnan Bobba Alternate Councilor

- A Chair-elect is needed to insure the health of the local section. Members of the Executive Committee were asked to search for someone to appoint to the position.
- Website issues continue. An alternate host may be required. Robert Woodman is looking into Wordpress as an option. The cost would be approximately \$300 for a 5-year commitment and the committee agreed to this level of expenditure. The Young Chemists Committee has just gone through this process. They were asked to help the local section evaluate the alternatives and develop the website. He will also look into using websites for virtual meetings. Webmaster Pauline Tan may not be able to continue her duties due to a job change. A new webmaster may be required.
- Krishna Bobba will attend the ACS leadership conference in January as the local section's representative.
- Joan Esson suggested we poll the membership to identify activities and schedules that might attract more attendance. She specifically mentioned that local college faculties have difficulty with our weeknight meetings. This will be pursued in 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to allow attendance at the evening's event.