

**American Chemical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
January 11, 2023
CAS**

Attendees

Alicia Friedman	Chair 2023
Barbara Ambrose	Chair Elect 2023
David Speth	Secretary 2023
Jeff Trent	Past Chair 2023
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer 2023
Angela Howard	Treasurer elect 2023
Clay Harris	Councilor
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Tom Weeks	Silver Circle
Satish Garre	Alternate Councilor
Chris Hadad	Alternate Councilor
Mike Clingerman	Member

Absent

Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor
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Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m.

The December meeting did not have a quorum so no business was conducted. The meeting minutes from November were amended and unanimously approved with Bob moving for acceptance and Alicia seconding.

The annual report is due by February 15. Jeff Trent will lead the effort for the Section. He will need a list of Silver Circle activities from Tom Weeks and the treasurer's report for 2022 to complete the effort. Kayla and Joan reminded Jeff that the report needs to be completed ahead of the deadline to allow for councilor review and approval.

The treasurer reported that the Section has assets of approximately \$350,000 in three accounts. The account with the Columbus Foundation is dedicated to the Patterson-Crane Award. It has approximately \$27,000 in it. (Note a winner of the Patterson-Crane Award was last named in 2020 but due to the Covid-19 pandemic it has not been awarded to the recipient.) The two other accounts are the Vanguard Wellington Fund and the Vanguard 500 fund. The Wellington fund lost 14% and the Wellington 500 fund lost 17% in 2022. They have improved to date in 2023.

Most of the meeting was devoted to discussion of the **2023 budget**.

Awards

As mentioned above, the Patterson-Crane Award has not been given in several years. The last recipient is European and prefers not to travel. An attempt to organize an online presentation has not to date been successful. The committee will work with our partners in the Dayton Section to complete the award this year. One of the issues with making this award is a lack of nominees as the award is intended for people who have contributed to chemical information technology. It was suggested that we work with some of the ACS divisions and CAS to generate a new list of nominees with a target to make the award in 2024. The award is \$1,500 from each section (\$3,000 total) plus any travel expenses. Include award description language here.

The Columbus Section Award is given to a member of the local section who has made a major contribution to recruiting new people to the chemical sciences. It was last awarded in 2018. The committee has set a goal to make an award in 2023. The award is \$2,000 plus a medal for the recipient. Include award description language here.

Outstanding Student awards are given to the best undergraduate students in the chemistry departments at local colleges and universities. The students are named by the college or university. The awards will be given at the April meeting. Joan Esson knows most of the department heads at the local institutions so she will initiate contact and inform the departments of this program. The budget is nominally \$5,000.

State Science Day awards are given to junior and senior high school students for their science fair projects. Traditionally, these have been awarded at the State Science Day event in early May. Since the pandemic, the science fair has been conducted virtually – as it will be in again 2023. Bob Kroshefsky, who has headed the local section judging effort for the past several years, suggested that the Section should consider allowing the Ohio Academy of Sciences to judge the presentations and the Section would simply provide the funding for the awards. Budget for these awards is \$3,000.

The Chemistry Olympiad is an international program. The Section provides awards for local students participating in the event. The budget is \$2,000. Note who the sponsoring teacher is.

The Section provides an annual High School Teacher of the Year award. It provides \$1,500 for the teacher and \$500 for the high school for a total of \$2,000. We anticipate the award to be presented in the fall.

The Section has on occasion hosted a poster session for local undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students. The Section would like to renew this effort in the fall of 2023 with a target to have posters at the October meeting. A budget of \$2,000 was suggested.

It was suggested that the Section could provide travel awards for local students attending either the regional meeting in Detroit or the national meetings in Indianapolis or San Francisco. This will replace the Mentorship line in our budget. The college or university would select the awardees. The Young Chemist Committee has a template for requesting a travel award. The committee will investigate. It was suggested that the awards could be \$500 per student to a total of \$5,000.

An additional award line item is \$1,500 for the production and mailing of certificates, medals and plaques.

Other Expenses

Donations

Only limited donations were made in 2022 due to the pandemic. It was suggested that the Section consider increasing its donations in 2023 to make up for 2022. Possible donations to COSI, the Columbus Public Library and local college chemistry clubs were mentioned. A donation to WOSU Public Radio was also mentioned as a way to inform the local public of the section's activities. Budget \$12,000.

Website

Our website needs to be monitored and updated regularly. Cost of this effort is \$1,500.

Miscellaneous Expenses

A line item of \$500 was suggested.

Travel Expenses/Special Events

The budget includes support for councilor travel to national meetings and for Executive Committee travel to the Central Regional meeting for a total of \$12,000. Additional travel support may be provided for the chair to attend the ACS Leadership Training Institute or for the ACS Strategic Planning Retreat which is being organized for later in 2023.

Committees

Key changes to allocations for the committees were an increase for the Silver Circle committee from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Tom Weeks asked for this increase to account for increased meal expenses. The Silver Circle serves older Section members and provides them with the opportunity to stay active in the chemical community even in retirement. It involves daytime events which allow those who prefer not to drive after dark to attend.

Other modifications to the budget were an increase in funding for the Young Chemist Committee from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and an increase in the budget for the High School Teachers Committee support from \$500 to \$1,000 to sponsor an annual workshop.

Approval of the amended budget was moved by Bob and seconded by Joan. It was approved unanimously.

Other issues mentioned

Tom Weeks requested permission for an ACS associate member to organize events and incur expenses for the Silver Circle activities. This was approved by the Committee.

The Section should consider arranging for a booth at COSI Science Day. Cost and program for this is undetermined.

It was suggested that the Section visit the local college and university chemistry clubs to inform students of our activities and provide information on industrial careers in chemistry to those who are interested.

The Section needs to know how to contact the associate members to widen our outreach to the local community. It is not clear how that can be done. The ACS national membership list includes a separate list of known associate members. We will use this as a starting point for contact.

Bob has provided an archive of useful Section information on budgets, awards and other Section activities. Alicia suggested that the Section find a place and procedure for archiving this information so that it can assist future Executive Committees with their organization. Dave indicated he may have more information on an old computer hard drive which he will attempt to have resurrected.

Scheduling future Executive Committee meetings was discussed. They could be held prior to event as has been the arrangement in the past or held on other dates. They could be in-person or virtual. This will be decided on a month-to-month basis.

Future Events

February 15 at the OSU planetarium. There will be a limit of 60 attendees.

March 21 location to be determined with a presentation on artificial blood.

Several suggestions for program topics were made.

Alicia made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barb at 8:15.