

**American Chemical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
March 21, 2023**

Fawcett Center OSU

Attendees

David Speth	Secretary
Alicia Friedman	Chair
Jeff Trent	Past-chair
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer
Barbara Ambrose	Chair-elect
Chris Hadad	Alternate Councilor
Kayla Kaiser	Councilor
Krishna Bobba	Alternate Councilor

Absent

Clay Harris	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Satish Garre	Alternate Councilor

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:18.

The Chair reported that the ACS Annual Report was submitted. The Chair also noted that organizing an Executive Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. is difficult given work schedules and Columbus traffic. She suggested scheduling meetings via Zoom on alternate dates to allow more of the committee to attend.

The minutes from February 15, 2023 were approved with corrections to the list of attendees and those absent.

The Treasurer reported that the Section had only a few bills during the past month and all accounts are up to date. He also suggested that we should consider raising dinner prices as food costs have escalated in the past three years. This will be discussed at a later meeting. Bob also noted that PayPal is discontinuing its existing card reader program and replacing it with Zettle, which will be an equivalent service but carrying a slightly lower fee for credit card transactions. The only cost will be about \$30 for a new scanner. Approval for the transition was proposed by Krishna and seconded by Ambrose. Motion was approved.

The Chair outlined the proposed schedule for 2023 meetings:

April 19	Frederick Bertley from COSI at Schmidt's with presentation of student awards.
May 17	Watershed Distillery tour. Limit 45 participants.
September	Tour of Owens Corning (unconfirmed).
October	ACS President-elect at CAS and presentation of service awards.
November	Intel at Otterbein (?) with presentation of high school teacher award.

The Secretary discovered a list of past meetings going back to 2001. He noted that several of the meeting sites we have used may no longer be available to us (Clintonville Women's Club, Ohio Dominican, Spaghetti Warehouse) or have priced us out (Mozart's Café). Committee members made the following suggestions:

- Columbus State
- Ohio State Union
- Ohio State Faculty Club
- Sunflower Café
- Confluence Park
- Hofbrauhaus
- Gemut Biergarten
- J Liu

The ACS national meeting will be starting March 26 in Indianapolis. Several members are attending. Because the Committee only decided to offer student travel grants in January, it was decided to award funds for the fall meeting or the Central Regional meeting in Detroit later this spring. Jeff Trent is planning to attend CERM to sit on the regional committee.

The website still needs an update so that future activities are listed. Kayla asked if we could get a QR code to allow online registration and payment. Chris Hadad said OSU has a process for doing that but he is not sure of the details.

The Chair is in the process of arranging for a Google workspace site for online storage of Section documents. Google has confirmed our not-for-profit status so the service will be free. Work to establish this site will continue.

-Steve Trohalaki has volunteered to review the Section bylaws to determine if they are up-to-date and compatible with the current ACS model. He has done a first pass and identified several questions to be answered. The Executive Committee will discuss at a future meeting.

New Business

Krishna Bobba mentioned that the Columbus Public Library is celebrating its 150th anniversary. He will attend a celebratory luncheon along with Jeff Trent. The Section has worked with the Library on several activities in the past and it would be good to re-establish contact.

The Chair and Treasurer are having a Zoom meeting with Keely Buckley, the Senior Manager of Corporate Giving at COSI, to determine our philanthropic priorities. We have worked with COSI on past activities and Dr. Bertley is waiving his speaking fee for our April meeting so re-establishing our connection would help repay COSI's cooperation with us.

A proposal was made to determine if a summer event open to all Ohio ACS sections could be organized. The Columbus Zoo was suggested as a possible location. This has been discussed in the past but no event was held. The Chair will ask the other section chairs if their members would be interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.