

**American Chemical Society
Executive Committee Meeting
April 24, 2023
Virtual Meeting**

Attendees

Alicia Friedman	Chair
Barbara Ambrose	Chair-elect
Bob Kroshefsky	Treasurer
David Speth	Secretary
Clay Harris	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Chris Hadad	Alternate Councilor
Krishnan Bobba	Alternate Councilor
Angela Howard	Treasurer-elect
Tom Weeks	Silver Circle Chair
Steve Trohalaki	Member

Absent

Jeff Trent	Past-Chair
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Satish Garre	Alternate Councilor

The meeting was called to order on Zoom at 7:05

Several corrections to the March Executive Committee meeting minutes were presented and noted. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurers report

Treasurer Bob Kroshefsky gave an oral report to supplement files sent to the committee members.

- Undergraduate student award winners who attended the April meeting were given certificates and award checks at the meeting. Certificates and checks for winners who did not attend will be ready this week and will be sent to the winners as soon as correct addresses are available.
- Checks for top performers in the local Chemistry Olympiad will also be prepared and sent in the next two weeks.
- State Science Day project judging (virtual) has been completed and certificates and award checks will be prepared in the next two weeks.
- The local section has received the first local section dues payment from ACS national. Payment was \$1650 which is less than we expected (\$2000).
- The treasurer is awaiting deposit of our local section allotment from ACS national. He anticipates approximately \$13000 will be sent. A note asking for information will be sent to ACS national to determine when to anticipate this deposit.
- Schmidt's has been paid for the April meeting.
- OSU Fawcett Center has not been paid for the March meeting due to communication challenges.

- Councilors who attended the ACS National meeting in Indianapolis need to submit reimbursement requests asap as there is a deadline of May 5 to submit request for repayment from ACS national.
- Our checking account has approximately \$6000 at present without the Local Section Allotment which is anticipate withing the next few weeks.

Future events

- May 17, 2023 Tour of Watershed Distillery. Limited to 45 attendees
- June ACS Board will be in Columbus at CAS-Could a meeting with them be scheduled?
- September 21 Dr Mary Virginia Orna at Otterbein
- October ACS President Elect, Service Awards at CAS
- November Intel at Capital?

If we have a June meeting the November meeting might be cancelled.

Councilor update from ACS National Meeting

Joan Esson reported from the membership committee. Most membership tiers will remain the same for 2024. For 2025 ACS affiliates (non-degreed people working in the chemical industry) will get access to the standard membership package. There will also be adjustments for disabled chemists and a change in the dues structure for some international members. In 2024 the requirements for Emeritus status will also be modified to remove the age 70 lower limit.

Clay Harris reported that the nomenclature committee is working to standardize how reactions, symbols and equations are presented in the chemical literature and in textbooks.

In ACS general business nominees for ACS President-elect were chosen at the Council meeting. The Council also initiated discussion of how to best continue mixed in-person/virtual meetings that are becoming standard for the Society. The Council also noted that since the Society has a large number of international members, the composition of the board might be changed to include an international member in place of one of the members-at-large. A vote on this will be taken at the Fall National Meeting.

Awards Discussion

Joan Esson is working with her teacher partner on nominees for the high school teacher award. Letters were sent to local high schools. Deadline for nominations is May 12, 2023 and she expects the committee to meet to select the awardee by early June. The award will be given at the September meeting.

Chair Alicia Friedman has been attempting to contact the Dayton section about the Patterson Crane award without success. Steve Trohalaki reported that the Dayton section has been struggling to elect a new executive committee so they have postponed an award selection to 2024. He also reported that the reason that the 2019 awardee has not been presented with her award is that she and the Dayton/Columbus sections were unable to arrange a date for the award presentation. The last communication gave the awardee the ability to choose a date but there has been no more communication after that email.

Old Business

The chair and treasurer had a discussion with COSI about donations. The section can make a donation to the COSI general fund or if we make a large donation, we can designate which program should get the funds. Chris Hadad mentioned that a donation for 2022 was approved but neither the section nor COSI noted that the donation had been made. Bob Kroshefsky noted that COSI is having an award ceremony for a local noted creative **Need a name**. We can be listed as a member of the Giving

Circle for a donation of \$3500. All the donations for this event will go to providing more of the COSI education boxes that Dr. Bertley described for us at the April meeting. Joan Esson suggested that we also include \$1500 for the COSI general fund as having flexible resources is important. A donation of \$5000 was moved and passed.

Steve Trohalaki has reviewed the local section bylaws and asked the executive committee to consider changes and clarifications. Some key issues are listed below

- The local section is incorporated
- At present students are not allowed to be elected to local section offices since they are transient. It was decided that students (graduate and undergraduate) could be named as committee chairs but that their status for elected offices should be left as it is today.
- The status of affiliate members was discussed especially their ability to vote in local section elections. ACS national has rules about voting eligibility and they select members who can vote. The local section does not have a role to play in this process.
- Dates for nominations and elections were moved from October to November to acknowledge the difficulty the section has in finding members to sit on the executive committee.
- Elections can be conducted electronically so the paragraph about a quorum at a Section meeting could be deleted.

Steve will work on a modified set of bylaws to be presented to the executive committee at a future meeting.

Alicia Friedman and Bob Kroshefsky have initiated the website update. Alicia reported that the Dayton section has a good model for us to consider. She also reported that we now have a Google Workspace site for archiving local section information. Access will be granted to all executive committee members. Some triage decisions on information to be stored and posted on the website will need to be made.

New Business

Alicia Friedman reported that she has been approached by the committee organizing the Mid Atlantic Pharma Symposium for some financial support. It was suggested that the local section could support refreshments for a poster session. Krishnan Bobba proposed a donation of \$1000 which was approved. The organizers also requested help identifying local industry contacts to organize a panel discussion of potential careers in the Pharma industry. Jeff Trent works in the industry so it was decided to contact him for suggestions.

Joan Esson also noted that the High School Teacher committee has a budget of \$500. She proposed to use it for refreshments at an upcoming workshop at Otterbein.

Kaarina Lokko reported for the Education Committee in an email that Chemists Celebrate Earth Day literature was distributed at the Worthington Library and that the CAS Young Professionals are planning to organize an activity at the Riverview International Center in June to continue the Earth Day activities. These will also continue in the Fall. Kaarina also requested volunteers to assist with her education projects.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.