



Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: June 16, 2025 Time: 7:00-8:00 PM Location/Method: Zoom (invitations sent)
Quorum Required for Voting Issues: min. 7 of 12 elected ExComm members



Vision

A vibrant chemical sciences community in Central Ohio



Mission

Growing and uniting our community through networking, education, and outreach in the chemical sciences.



Goals

Networking, Communications, Partnering

Members attending (7)

Chris Martin	Chair
Karen Callahan	Chair-Elect
Barb Ambrose	Past-Chair
Dave Speth	Treasurer
Alicia Friedman	Treasurer-Elect
Seth Barrett	Secretary
Chris Hadad	Alternate Councilor

Members Absent (5)

Joan Esson	Councilor
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Clay Harris	Councilor
Steve Trohalaki	Alternate Councilor
Kaarina Lokko	Alternate Councilor and Outreach Chair

Others Absent (1)

Bob Kroshefsky	Section Agent
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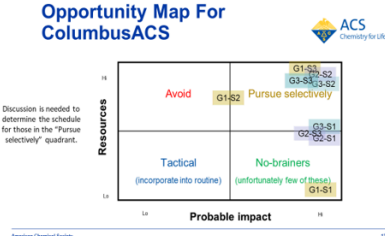
The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. Quorum was not met until 7:21 pm.

1. Review of Minutes from previous ExComm Meetings.
Dates: April 21, 2025 and May 27, 2025 (see shared online folder)
 - a. April minutes still need approval. Once quorum was met, April minutes were approved unanimously (7-0).
 - b. May minutes. Once quorum was met, May minutes were approved unanimously (7-0).

2. Brief Report/Update from Strategic Planning Subcommittees: (skipped due to lack of quorum).

CELL Goals Focus	GxSy	I/R	G/S Focus	Q1 2025	Q2 2025	Q3 2025
G1. Focus Area	G1S1	H/L	Define Subgroups		5/1/2025	
Networking	G1S2	M/M-H	Set up committees		6/1/2025	8/1/2025
	G1S3	H/H	Subgroup activities			
G2. Focus Area	G2S1	H/M	Set up Comms Team		5/31/2025	
Communications	G2S2	H/H	Comms Plan	March		
	G2S3	H/M	Website/S.M. content			summer
G3. Focus Area	G3S1	H/M	Research partnerships			
Partnering	G3S2	H/H	Collaborative Mtgs	March		
	G3S3	H/H	Specific programs	March		

Opportunity Map For ColumbusACS



- G1: Networking (people): (Barb*, Karen, Seth, C. Martin)
 G2: Communications: (Kayla*, Alicia)
 G3: Partnering (company): (Joan*, Hadad, Seth)

3. Financial Matters

- Update on ISEF Student Awards
 - New contact: Tiffany King, Accounts Payable, ACS
- Relatedly, checks were also sent for the State Science Fair and Science Olympiad too.
- Donation to COSI (see item 7 below).

4. Web Page expiring in August? (columbusacs_websitelookup.pdf) attached.

5. [Reminder] The 2025 AVS (American Vacuum Society) Ohio Symposium and Poster Session

- July 30th at Ohio State University
- AVS requested help from ACS Columbus in both funding and advertising it to local chemistry students
 - Robert Bird sent to ACS listserv.
 - Remind students about the symposium and poster session, if interested.

6. Recap of Meetings/Events at COSI
 - a. Keely Buckly – Senior Manager of Corporate Giving
Columbus ACS Contribution Update: keep Catalyst (\$3500) and drop Platform (\$4000) for 2025 as per ExComm discussion. May reconsider at year's end.
 - i. Our goal: give money locally. Try to give to students and universities within the location section.
 1. Note: not renewing Platform level will drop us a funding tier at COSI. Since the periodic table display is so expensive, this drop in funding tier likely isn't significant to our goals.
7. June LS Meeting (Karen)
 - a. Summer Family and Social Event at Homestead Columbus MetroPark: 6/24/25.
 - b. Free to members, LS to pick up cost for reservation, meats, plasticware, etc.
 - c. Announcement submitted to Robert Bird.
 - i. Backup email blast. Karen has a contact (Janet Saso).
 - ii. Alicia, Chris M, and Seth worked together to send the announcement to ACS members.
 - iii. RSVP changed to Sunday at 5 pm.
8. Information/Contacts for Possible Future LS Meetings
 - a. Scotts Miracle-Gro (Natalie Chalicki – ODU grad, past LS Officer)
 - i. Currently suggesting September, December, or January
 - b. Ohio Academy of Science – Mike Woytek (see attachment for meeting details).
 - i. 2-3 hour meeting. OAS is a small non-profit. Organizes conferences for undergraduate students primarily and gives money to HS.
 - c. Ohio Life Sciences – Online 06/26/25 – Angela McMurry
 - i. Will discuss the scope of the organization and possible overlap with ACS.
 - d. Invite Ohio students from ISEF to Columbus to celebrate their projects?
 - i. ~20 Ohio finalists. Good representation from throughout the state. Not all finalists did chemistry related projects. Many were multi/interdisciplinary. Could organize a meeting in Columbus to talk more about their projects and celebrate their successes. Contacts Chris M has spoken with are receptive to the idea. Try to organize a meeting in early August before the school year starts back up. August 12-15?
9. 2013 Columbus ACS LS – Job Manual (attachment online)
 - a. Look at the document. Where do current responsibilities fall short of what is explained in the document? Does the document need updated or position responsibilities need updated? We will work on these areas starting in the fall.
10. Naturalist at Darby Metro Park (Karen)
 - a. Wetlands at Prairie Oaks. Naturalist is willing to give a talk at a LS meeting, discussing restoration plans and how to model wetlands for chemistry content. Naturalist offered to host the meeting at the Darby lodge.
 - i. Available July 22, 23, 25 and August 5-6. Then gone for several months.
 1. The timeline is tight and summer is a tough time to schedule LS meetings. Perhaps schedule the naturalist for a spring meeting?
11. ACS 150th Anniversary programming

- a. Form planning committee, including members beyond ExComm. This can help us with community engagement and identify potential leaders and future ExComm members.
 - b. Reached out to ACS national for guidance, awaiting a response.
12. Second LS credit card?
- a. Do we need a second LS credit card? Anyone listed on the bank account (Bob, Dave, and Alicia) have access to the card.
 - b. For expenses (including for the June picnic), the LS can reimburse members directly.
13. October meeting questions.
- a. Do we want to schedule a talk in addition to the ACS president-elect?
 - i. The president-elect normally has a ~30 minutes introduction and presentation of presidential goals. Along with celebrating the 50-, 60-, and 70-year members, the October meeting is busy,
 - ii. Question for ExComm: do we want to celebrate the teacher award at the October meeting or have a dedicated meeting for the winner?
 - 1. We've done the teacher award celebration both ways, integrated with the Oct meeting as well as in a separate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Attachments (shared OneDrive):

05 27 2025 ACS Executive Committee Minutes_fv.docx
ACS Columbus June meeting.docx
ACS LS – Agenda June 2025 (v1.0).docx
ACS LS – Apr 2025 Minutes (1).docx
columbusacs_websitelookup.pdf
Job Manual 2013-1.docx
Ohio Academy of Science – June 2025 meeting summary.docx