



Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: July 21, 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 (6)

Chris Martin	Chair
Karen Callahan	Chair-Elect
Dave Speth	Treasurer
Seth Barrett	Secretary
Steve Trohalaki	Alternate Councilor
Kaarina Lokko	Alternate Councilor and Outreach Chair

Others Attending (1)

Bob Kroshefsky	Section Agent
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Members Absent (6)

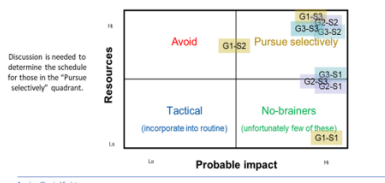
Barb Ambrose	Past-Chair
Alicia Friedman	Treasurer-Elect
Joan Esson	Councilor
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Clay Harris	Councilor
Chris Hadad	Alternate Councilor

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. **Quorum was not met, no votes were taken.**

1. Review of Minutes from previous ExComm Meeting (tabled for August meeting)
 - a. 06 16 2025 ACS Executive Committee Minutes_fv.docx
2. Brief Report/Update from Strategic Planning Subcommittees: (tabled for August meeting)

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: (Barb*, Karen, Seth, C. Martin)

G2: Communications: (Kayla*, Alicia)

G3: Partnering: (Joan*, Hadad, Seth)

3. Guest: Susan Olesik – OSU Chemistry: State Leadership

a. Attachments

- i. Finalized Talking Points ACS Virtual Hill Visits.pdf
- ii. State Sheets – Ohio.pdf

- b. Susan contacted representatives, waiting for responses. If she gets a response, she anticipates she will likely talk to staffers, not the representatives themselves. The goal of meeting with representatives is to personalize the impact of federal funding cuts. Highlight what the funding cuts will mean for the state of Ohio.
- c. An ACS member asked if Susan has been in contact with Ohio Life Sciences, who has an employee dedicated to communicating with representatives (a professional lobbyist). Susan responded that there is a difference between private citizens expressing concerns over funding cuts vs. a lobbyist.
- d. AAAS is also trying to organize meetings with representatives to highlight the importance of science funding.
- e. The general population does not understand the impact the proposed funding cuts will have (now and in the future).
- f. Susan is looking for ACS members who are willing to join her in meeting with our representatives.
- g. Susan is also looking for additional examples of how science funding impacts society overall (especially projects that seem niche but lead to important discoveries with wide-reaching applications). These examples will help provide context to the value of science funding.
- h. Susan is also looking for examples of how science funding cuts have affected scientists within the state of Ohio.

4. Financial Matters

a. Update on ISEF Student Awards

- i. Dave sent 2 international wire transfers and 2 checks to US based students. Dave has not heard from 2 students regarding prize payment. Dave will contact Tiffany King at ACS for help. If the 2 students do not respond, we will need to transfer the unclaimed money back to ISEF.
- ii. There is still confusion as to why the local section has to complete the prize distribution. Why does ACS national not take care of this?
 1. Other sections who helped with previous ISEF events also expressed frustration over prize distribution.

- b. Discussion and vote on reallocation of investments (vote tabled for August meeting)

- i. See email from Bob on 07142025 (investment statements for Q2)
- ii. See email from Bob on 07242025 (additional investment options)
 1. To change investment distribution, we would like an official motion and vote. Wait until August meeting.
 2. Updates from Vanguard. Current distribution is 86% stocks/14% bonds. Goal is to be closer to 65/35, protecting local section assets from market volatility.
 3. Look at bond and treasury funds at Vanguard.
 - a. BNDX, Total International Bond Fund
 - b. VCEB, US Corporate Bond Fund
 - c. Intermediate Term Treasury ETF
 4. A member in the chat added the following CD information from Vanguard:

We offer a variety of FDIC-insured brokered CDs with different maturity terms and rates

[View detailed CD rates](#)

Maturity term	1-3 months	4-6 months	7-9 months	10-12 months	13-18 months	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	7 years	10+ years
Yield	4.35%	4.35%	4.25%	4.30%	4.35%	4.35%	4.20%	4.10%	4.45%	4.35%	4.50%

As of 07/21/2025 2:45 p.m., ET

5. Web Page update ?
 - a. The website expires soon.
 - i. Does this update automatically?
6. Google Drive update ?
 - a. Tabled for August meeting.
7. ACS 150th Anniversary programming (Karen)
 - a. Tabled for August Meeting
 - i. Side note: Patterson Crane Award Committee on track.
8. [Reminder] The 2025 AVS (American Vacuum Society) Ohio Symposium and Poster Session
 - a. July 30th at Ohio State University
 - b. Requested help from ACS Columbus in both funding and advertising it to local chemistry students
 - i. Robert Bird sent a notification to local section members previously.
9. Recap of June Meeting
 - a. Columbus ACS LS June 2025 Meeting.docx
 - i. June meeting well went, had reasonable turnout (~20) despite meeting notification issues and a heat advisory.
10. Summary of meeting with Ohio Life Sciences – Online 06/26/25 – Angela McMurry

- a. Ohio Life Science - Angie McMurry - Meeting Summary (June 2025).docx
 - i. Great meeting with Angela
 - 1. Learned that the state of Massachusetts allocates \$50 million for their equivalent program, compared to \$5 million for the state of Ohio (which has been cut to \$2 million in the future).

11. Planning of 2025 Meetings

- a. July: no meeting
- b. August: no meeting?
- c. September: College Roadshow?
- d. October: CAS with President-Elect.
 - i. Chris will ask about the 50, 60, and 70-year certificates.
- e. November: a couple options have been presented
 - i. Joan can talk about her sabbatical research on chemistry and art, understanding colorant use in China over time to help determine when paintings were made.
 - ii. If industry folks are interested in serving on a panel, we could host a careers-in-chemistry event.
 - iii. Give the educator award at this meeting or in October?
- f. December: Scotts Miracle Gro
- g. Think about meetings left in 2025. Nothing in July. Attendance at meetings drops off in the summer. Any August ideas?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Attachments (shared OneDrive):

ACS LS - Agenda July 2025 (v1.0).docx
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 State Sheets – Ohio.pdf
 Columbus ACS LS June 2025 Meeting.docx
 Ohio Life Science - Angie McMurry - Meeting Summary (June 2025).docx

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