ACS Local Section
Columbus

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: November 17, 2025 Time: 7:00-8:00 PM Location/Method: Zoom
https://osu.zoom.us/j/99262545609?pwd=bR4zFafPw7buc6L9wkq3UvpxNRodxx.1

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
Dave Speth	Treasurer
Seth Barrett	Secretary
Chris Hadad	Alternate Councilor
Alicia Friedman	Treasurer-Elect
Kaarina Lokko	Alternate Councilor and Outreach Chair

Others Attending (1)

Bob Kroshefsky	Section Agent

Members Absent (5)

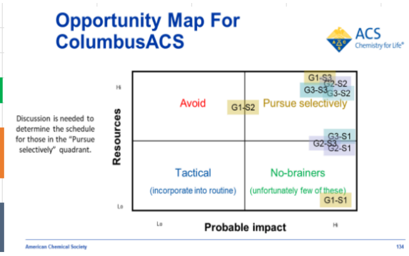
Barb Ambrose	Past-Chair
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Clay Harris	Councilor
Steve Trohalaki	Alternate Councilor

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Quorum was met at 7:01 pm.

1. Review of Minutes from previous ExComm Meetings
    a. 10 20 2025 ACS Executive Committee Minutes_2.docx
        i. Minor change to Karin's name. Motion to approve made by Chris H, seconded by Seth. Vote was unanimous in approval.

2. Brief Report/Update from Strategic Planning Subcommittees:

CELL Goals Focus	GxSy	I/R	G/S Focus	Q2 2025	Q3 2025	Q4 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			
	G2S3	H/M	Website/S.M. content		summer	
G3. Focus Area	G3S1	H/M	Research partnerships			
Partnering	G3S2	H/H	Collaborative Mtgs			
	G3S3	H/H	Specific programs			



G1: Networking (Barb*, Karen, Seth, C. Martin)
- No update

G2: Communications (Kayla*, Alicia)
- No update

G3: Partnering (Joan*, Hadad, Seth)
- No update

Some comments were made to re-evaluate the subcommittees for the new year, including an expressed desire to meet in person.

3. Financial Matters
   a. Update from Treasurer (Speth) and/or Financial Agent (Kroshefsky)
      i. In the future, ExComm may want to invest in a managed account, as not every ExComm treasurer will be well versed in investments.
      ii. ACS national response regarding ISEF funds. Dave has contacted Accounts Payable regarding the excess funds from ISEF awards. Dave is awaiting a response.
   b. Long-Term Investments
      i. Bob received confirmation that the 5-year CD was successfully transacted on the 17th for $75,000. With $300,000 in working investments, interest (assuming average 5% return) would cover section activities. Current non-CD investments are at $388,000, so we could initiate another $75,000 transfer into a CD. Longer term and safe. Will do by the end of the year.

4. Web Page update
   a. Meeting with interested LS ExComm and Dominique Hadad (11/18 @ 6:00 PM)
      i. The meeting is online, discussing what we want to see on the website and how involved Dominique wants to be.
   b. Callahan summary of current website (email from 11/15 in attachments)
      i. Karen updated the website with recent section events.
      ii. It was straightforward to update the website in its existing format, adding new functionality (including registration and payment) may likely be much more challenging. More discussion on the website will take place in the meeting with Dominique.
      iii. For next year, the idea is to have the immediate Past Chair (Chris M) help Dominique with the website.

5. ACS 150th Anniversary programming (Callahan)

a. It is not clear what ACS national has planned for the anniversary. Karen has only seen branding updates. ExComm consensus is to think about what activities we want to have, then come up with specific dates for the activities later in Jan. Perhaps we could ask COSI if they are willing to help/provide space. Other ExComm members recommended the Columbus Library as a potential location. Timeframe of March/April (official date is April 6, but we do not have to hold an event on that particular date).
    i. Karen does have a food/wine scientist speaker lined up for March: Lisa Dunlap (Research Scientist for Enology at OSU) at Wyandotte Winery.

6. COSI accepted tactile Periodic Table (Oct 15 – White Cane Day) – Update
    a. ExComm believes the periodic table was donated to the School for the Blind previously.
        i. Confirm with Joan.

7. Planning for 2025 Meetings

    a. November 20, 2025 (registration in the low 40's)
        i. Location – The Point (Room 165) at Otterbein University, 60 Collegeview Rd, Westerville, OH 43081
        ii. 6 pm dinner, 7 pm talk
        iii. Speaker/Topic – Esson Sabbatical Research
        "Unveiling the Palette: Multi-Analytical Insights into Colorants of Modern Chinese Paintings"
        iv. Organizational Point – Martin/Esson

    b. December (Week of Dec 15 – Proposing Dec 18 - Thursday)
        i. Location – Scotts Miracle-Gro
        ii. Speaker/Topic – Chilicki R/D
        iii. As early as 4:30-5, but would prefer not to *start* later than 6
        iv. Due to timing, proposed dinner ideas? (Skip? On our own? Reserve?)
            1. Multiple food options were presented, from restaurants in the area to a food truck at Scotts. ExComm consensus: meeting attendees can make dinner plans separately, then meet at Scotts for the talk.
        v. Need guest list for name tags and security.
        vi. Registration capped at 50, will be broken into two groups: 30-45 min tour and a 30-45 min technical talk. 1-1.5 hour total time at Scotts. Start at Scotts around 6:30 pm.
        vii. Preliminary flyer will be distributed at Otterbein meeting.

8. Anything else?
    a. Election proceeding as planned.
    b. Leadership Institute update
        i. Kaarina and Karen will attend.
            1. ACS national will pay for Karen, local section will pay for Kaarina.
    c. Section cellphone. In the previous meeting, ExComm approved expenses relating to a section cellphone. Bob has a spare cellphone we can use and activate for the section. Work with Clay Harris to transfer payment and registration information to the new phone (Venmo, PayPal).

d. Google Drive is set up as a repository of local section information. The Google Drive is meant to be a living document; ExComm will continue to update information after each meeting. Want to put minutes on the website and on the Google Drive. Key distinction: the Google Drive is intended for ExComm use, while the website is intended for local section member use.
    i. Dave has minutes and meeting dates going back many years. We will want to get digital copies of this information and save them on the Google Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Attachments (shared OneDrive):

ACS LS - Agenda November 2025 (v1.0).docx
10 20 2025 ACS Executive Committee Minutes_2.docx
Callahan - website update - 11.15.25.docx