

**American Chemical Society
Columbus Section
Executive Committee Meeting
In-Person Meeting at CAS
February 18, 2024**

Members attending (8)

Barb Ambrose	Chair
Chris Martin	Chair-elect
Angela Howard	Treasurer
Dave Speth	Treasurer-elect
Seth Barrett	Secretary
Clay Harris	Councilor
Steve Trohalaki	Alternate Councilor
Chris Hadad	Alternate Councilor

Others (1)

Bob Kroshefsky	Section Agent and former Treasurer
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Absent (5)

Alicia Friedman	Past Chair
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Joan Esson	Councilor
Satish Garre	Alternate Councilor
Kaarina Lokko	Outreach Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 1:46 p.m.

- 1.) Review of Minutes from ExComm meeting on Jan. 21, 2024. Motion to approve the minutes made by Chris M. Motion seconded by Steve.
- 2.) Delivery of physical copies of section materials to the incoming officers.
 - a. Included in the physical materials: book of scheduling, helpful information on how to be a successful chair. Alicia has the book. Barb and Chris M. will sit down to go over the information.
- 3.) Addition of 2024 Treasurer Angela Howard and Treasurer-elect David Speth to 5/3 Bank signatory list, cont.
 - a. Barb will print out January minutes (to document the motion to add Angela and Dave to the signatory list) on Monday and have the document notarized. Bob will have a copy on Tuesday.
- 4.) 2024 Budget
 - a. Charitable Contribution Requests for 2024
 - 1.) COSI ☐ contribution progress. First \$3,500 payment has been made. Remaining \$4,000 of \$7,500 contribution will be made later.

- 2.) Kaarina would like help with outreach activities. Some work with NOBCCHE. Mentioned AIChE: not active for several years. Recommendation: add AIChE national members to ACS mailing list.
- 5.) Report on completion of ACS yearly report (due Feb. 15th) and taxes.
 - a. Submitted for approval on the 12th. Joan approved.
 - b. Taxes were completed. Emailed PDF copies to the group.
- 6.) Outreach opportunities
 - a.) Confirmation of State Science Day participation
 - a. Bob is organizing this. The event will be virtual again; it may never go back to an in-person event. As such, we will consider switching support to Buckeye Science & Engineering Fair (event for HS students only) in March.
 - b.) STEM night at Summit Road STEM Elementary on May 9th (deadline for volunteering, March 15th)
 - a. We have been invited to volunteer. How many volunteers are needed?
Recommendation: ask Robert Bird to email a call for volunteers to the listserv.
 - c.) Proposal by Outreach Chair, Kaarina Lokko, to send out survey to membership to ascertain interest in volunteering for STEM activities.
 - a. Kaarina wanted to send an email to group to gauge interest. Previously, we provided money for female scientists event. The event will have two external speakers and a poster session. If we want to judge, we can volunteer. Recommendation: email OSU graduate students for more volunteers.
- 7.) Website and social media
 - a. Need to update our website. Last updated in 2023. The list of officers has not been updated. Upcoming meetings are not listed.
 - i. Recommendation: make a list of changes for Chris H.'s daughter to make to the website (she has updated the website previously).
 1. Recommendation: we will want two or three people with access to the website to ensure we do not lose access over time. ACS recommends three people, including two people who will continue participation for the following year.
 - ii. The transfer of signatory form also asks for a reference website. It would be helpful to have updated officers on the website.
 - iii. Is there a special URL to update website? Can ask Alicia too.
- 8.) Leadership Institute
 - a. Update from Chris. Institute met the last weekend of January and was valuable experience. Learned how ACS is organized and run. Helped understand ACS goals and how to run local sections.
 - b. One common theme: lack of industry participation in ACS. How can this issue be resolved?
 - i. Talked about local industries in the greater Columbus area.
 1. American Regent, Hikma, Nestle, Owens Corning, Sherwin Williams, Scotts, etc.
 - a. OSU career services has a list of these employers. Would they be willing to share the list to help us establish contacts?

- c. Lots of local sections in OH (12 or 13). Talk to other local section leaders to organize a larger joint event with Columbus Local Section. Chris M. has initiated this discussion and will provide updates.
- d. At the Leadership Institute, PowerPoint slides from the meeting were provided. Idea: print and/or save the material digitally to include in the book to pass on to future local section leaders.
- e. Institute pushed hard on the ACS speaker directory: goal is to have 500 talks from people this calendar year.
- f. Institute pushed for members to get more involved in community education and outreach to schools. Keep students engaged and interested in science.
 - i. COSI chemistry permanent exhibit would be great (OSU, CAS, industry partners).
 - 1. Bob's COSI contact can help us with this idea. What would they like to do? What can we do together?
 - ii. COSI STEM Day in May at CAS.
 - iii. ACS Local Section meetings can also include these outreach activities.
 - 1. While chair, Jeff organized chemistry demonstrations at the OSU main library. Can we do similar events?
 - iv. Wonders of our world (WOW) from OSU: wow.osu.edu.
 - 1. Can help go into the classrooms and aid teachers with science demos.
 - 2. We have demo materials from previous events:
 - a. Jeff, H₂OQ, etc.

9.) ACS Spring Meeting

- a. Councilors will be going. Clay has received the spring meeting details. Has Kayla and Joan? Make sure they also received these details.

10.) Local Section Meetings

- a.) Crooked Can Brewery tour progress – Barb, last minute details are being arranged. Will send meeting notice for Feb 29th. Reserving space now gives significant savings when compared to summer (when the cost is about double).
- b.) Crimson Cup Headquarters – Barb and Kayla. Aiming for the last week of March. Renee is the contact. Crimson Cup will pay for a lot of the food. Can pass the discount on to ACS members attending the meeting.
- c.) April meeting – student awards. Located at CAS on April 10th or 18th. Need to find a speaker: look at the speaker list.
- d.) October CAS meeting – Barb. Oct 17th. ACS President Dorothy Phillips will attend the meeting in person. Organizing the meeting so far in advance helped make this possible.
- e.) Suggestions for interesting local section meetings:
 - a. Schmidt's in Sept. This is a good venue at a good price.
 - b. Spaghetti warehouse. Is the new location suitable for an ACS meeting?
 - c. OSU faculty club. If this is of interest, Chris H. can help us reserve at a discount.
 - d. Recommendation: while reading journals, papers, C&EN, keep an eye out for speaker ideas.
 - i. Hydrogen drilling from OSU faculty member.
 - 1. <https://earthsciences.osu.edu/news/bill-gates-backed-clean-fuel-startup-raises-246-million-aid-plans-drill-hydrogen>
 - ii. Columbus Museum of Art: mix art and chemistry.
 - iii. Westcott House in Springfield: video discusses pigment analysis.

- e. Other locations: Upper Arlington Library, Dublin Library, Panera on Lane Ave.
- 11.) New business – additional topics of discussion.
- a. Applied for funding for a strategic retreat. The proposal was approved. Funding will provide personnel. We will have to determine how to get the facilitators here or if we meet them in DC. Retreat is one and a half days. Roughly 10 people will be involved.
 - i. CAS would be a great venue for the retreat. Could meet Sat and Sun. Convenient location, good parking, quiet. Make sure not to schedule during football games.
- 12.) ExComm, propose a virtual March 11-15 in the evening.
- a. Time doesn't work for Angela. Could do the last week of March.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.