

**American Chemical Society
Columbus Section
Executive Committee Meeting
Virtual Meeting
March 27, 2024**

Members attending (10)

Barb Ambrose	Chair
Chris Martin	Chair-elect
Dave Speth	Treasurer-elect
Seth Barrett	Secretary
Steve Trohalaki	Alternate Councilor
Chris Hadad	Alternate Councilor
Alicia Friedman	Past-chair
Joan Esson	Councilor
Kayla Kasper	Councilor
Angela Howard	Treasurer

Others (2)

Bob Kroshefsky	Section Agent
Tom Weeks	Silver Circle Chair

Absent (3)

Clay Harris	Councilor
Satish Garre	Alternate Councilor
Kaarina Lokko	Outreach Chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m.

- 1.) Review of minutes from ExComm meeting on Feb 18, 2024. Approved unanimously.
- 2.) Website and social media
 - a. Website updated with most recent section meeting information. April meeting information has been sent to ACS members and can be posted on the website. Officer positions are also posted on the website.
 - b. Should councilor reports be posted on the website too? General consensus is yes.
 - c. Barb and Bob attended an ACS webinar on how to use social media. Kayla volunteered to make flyers for upcoming events to post on social media and mentioned a way to post one announcement that is displayed across all social media platforms (see Item 6b below).
 - d. For the website and social media accounts: having multiple people with administrative privileges will help us keep the accounts updated over time.
- 3.) Local Section Meetings
 - a.) Meeting proposal presentation by Chris Martin.
 1. Develop a college and university meeting circuit where schools will rotate hosting duties for ACS meetings. Presentation mentioned Ohio Wesleyan, Otterbein, Denison, OSU,

Ohio Dominican, OSU Newark, Columbus State, and Capital. ExComm members suggested adding Mount Vernon Nazarene, Muskingum, OSU Marion and Battelle-OSU STEM High School to the list.

2. Faculty at each school would ask students to select 3-5 speakers from the ACS Speaker Directory to present at the meeting. One of these speakers would give a talk at the meeting.
 3. Home institution can also display chemistry and STEM research posters to highlight their work.
 4. Presentation suggested April and November meetings could be hosted by the rotating schools. Each institution would rotate hosting duties every 4 years or so. ExComm members suggested that the schools could host 3 or 4 times a year, as ACS typically has 6 to 8 meetings each year. Having schools host 3 or 4 times a year, while having industry partners host the other meetings, would still allow for a reasonable balance between academia and industry (which is in line with the national ACS push for more focus on industry members).
 5. The goal is to increase attendance at meetings. Host institutions would coordinate with the surrounding community (and all STEM disciplines) to increase meeting attendance. Can we get 50+ people to attend?
 6. Suggestion: organize vans to encourage attendance to the events hosted by rotating schools.
 7. Suggestion: plan half of the ACS meetings for academia and half for industry. We do lots of symposia and talks. Can do more tours with industry. Owens Corning was suggested for a tour.
 8. Highlight activities at each school:
 - a. <https://accad.osu.edu/news/accad-open-house-will-be-friday-april-5th-3-6-pm>
 - b. <https://accad.osu.edu/>
 9. Rotating host institutions will require lots of advanced planning, 5-6 months ahead of time.
 10. Discussion of the proposal was positive.
 11. Barb motioned to move forward with the meeting circuit proposal. Seconded by Dave. Unanimous approval.
- b.) April meeting – At CAS April 10th - student awards
1. The April meeting is perhaps coming a little too quick after the March meeting. Not many people have registered yet. Bob still needs award information from a couple schools.
 2. Prediction of lots of late registrations on Mon and Tues due to Easter break.
- c.) October CAS meeting – Oct. 17th and ACS President-elect Dorothy Phillips will attend in person
1. November meeting planned? ODU tentative.
 2. Collection of artists from Cincinnati Art Museum in Jan.
 - a. Joan on sabbatical at that time.
 3. Sept meeting at Otterbein?
 4. May meeting: yet to plan. Barb was contacted by Wyandotte Winery, which offered space for a meeting and a tour of the wine cellar. Considering this meeting for May or Sept.
 - a. Location: 4640 Wyandotte Dr, Columbus, OH 43230.

- b. Suggestion: contact Pat Woodward, who brews beer and wine and hosts a podcast. Perhaps Pat would be willing to give a talk?
 - i. <https://patspints.podbean.com/>
- 5. Additional meeting ideas: Andelyn Biosciences, Owens Corning, AEP Research Center, Scotts.
 - a. Industrial tours have been challenging to organize in the past.
 - b. Use our membership list to help identify contacts in local industry. Seth volunteered to help with this.
- d.) Other suggestions
 - 1. OSU faculty club – Chris Hadad
 - 2. Family oriented outing on weekend – baseball?
 - 3. COSI?
- 4.) Strategic planning meeting – date, venue (CAS?)
 - a. Funding for this. Clay not present: discussion tabled.
- 5.) 2024 Budget
 - a. Charitable Contribution Requests for 2024
 - 1.) COSI contribution progress. Meeting with COSI to discuss donation and how to use that money on April 19th.
- 6.) Outreach
 - a.) State Science Day participation
 - 1. Organize from list of people who regularly participate.
 - b.) Kaarina Lokko sent out an e-mail to membership to ascertain interest in volunteering for STEM activities. Few nibbles, not many volunteers. Need more volunteers. Put out the call for more volunteers on social media.
 - 1. Kayla mentioned Hootsuite, which connects all social media platforms to allow one announcement to be shared on all platforms.
 - i. Do we have a LinkedIn account?
 - ii. Once the platforms are linked, we will want to showcase how charitable donations have been used (can start by including pictures from the FOCUS Research Symposium).
 - iii. Will want to include multiple people with administrative privileges on the media accounts. Can use the Gmail account for the section: columbusacs@gmail.com.
 - iv. Suggestions: compile social media logins within the binder of local section information so this information can be passed on with changing leadership.
 - 1. Will want multiple people to have access to the Gmail account too.
 - c.) COSI STEM day in May at CAS. More later.
 - d.) COSI exhibit contribution – periodic table. More later.
- 7.) ACS Spring Meeting – report
 - a. Councilors report from Joan and Kayla.
 - i. Actions of council: Auburn local section name change. International chapters in Egypt. India and China organized into a couple of sections.
 - ii. Dues and benefits. Dues are the same. Society affiliate can now choose tiers.
 - iii. Biggest controversy at the spring meeting: change the name of the Division of Biological Chemistry to Chemical Biology and Biochemistry. ACS members were

concerned that the name change may reduce membership in the ACS Division of Medicinal Chemistry (MEDI). Name change was approved.

- iv. International representation: international members currently have no voice on the council floor. Split the world into zones with international representatives. Limit on that number: <40 international councilors. Some places in the U.S. are also covered in this new model. Context: 40 international councilors is 10% or less of all councilors as there are ~400 total councilors now. Current councilors are in favor of international representation. There will be 4 or 5 zones, which will be reviewed every 4 years.

8.) New business

- a.) ACS Student Chapter at Sinclair Community College (Faculty Advisor Steve Trohalaki) would like to establish communications with the Columbus Section. Suggestion: add contacts to the ACS email list. Encourage attendance at local section meetings (forward meeting notices to the student chapter).
- b.) Request: section gave \$750 to a group at OSU to support an external lecture. How can information and invitations to similar lectures be spread to the greater scientific community?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.