

**ACS Pittsburgh Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
August 24th 2009**

Attendees:

Guy Berry, Michelle Blanken, Simion Coca, Diane Cohen, Rich Danchik, Bodie Douglas, Joe Jolson, Fu-Tyan Lin, Jim Manner, Christina Mastromatteo, Michael Mautino, Mordecai Treblow, Nick Tsarevsky, and Garry Warnock

Reports:

- 1) The minutes from the June 22nd meeting were approved.
- 2) Nick Tsarevsky reported that 40 copies of the Merck Index are being donated to Pittsburgh Section. Most of them will be donated to local colleges and universities. Nick may request additional copies.
- 3) Joseph Jolson reported that Travis Sefzik did excellent graphics for the ChemLuminary Award poster. Toby Chapman, acting assistant chair, University of Pittsburgh Chemistry Department, had the poster printed. Joseph Jolson and Michael Mautino displayed the poster at the ACS National Meeting in Washington, DC. Pittsburgh Section received ChemLuminary Awards for Best New Public Relations Program and Outstanding Event for a Specific Audience.
- 4) Joseph Jolson spent 3 ½ days working as a career consultant at the ACS National Meeting.
- 5) Richard Danchik submitted a councilors report for the ACS National Meeting in Washington, DC on behalf of himself, Michael Mautino, James Manner and Michelle Blanken. The report indicated that over 14, 000 people attended the meeting and 453 booths were at the exposition. Nancy B. Jackson, Cheryl A. Martin, and Mary Virginia Orna are the candidates for 2010 president-elect. ACS is projecting a net contribution from operations of \$11.2 million for 2009. This is largely the result of contingency plan actions and expense management initiatives implemented in early 2009 which offset revenue shortfalls in the approved budget.
- 6) Richard Danchik reported that the proposed SSP and SACP budgets will be voted on shortly. If approved, support for ACS – Pittsburgh Section will remain near last year's levels.
- 7) Tabitha Riggio wants someone to chair Project SEED next year. Candice Thornton and James Claybourne, last year's Project SEED participants from Duquesne University, had a great time presenting their work at the SciMix session at the recent ACS National Meeting in Washington, DC. Washington & Jefferson College will be transitioning into a new science building next summer. Therefore, it is doubtful that they will participate in project SEED next year.
- 8) Guy Berry is looking for someone to replace him as webmaster.
- 9) Jim Manner reported that the recommended stipend for summer I and II Project SEED students is \$2,800 and \$3,000, respectively. Pittsburgh Section has commitments of \$3,000 from both SSP & SACP. The number of students in the program is about 422. Six of these are Duquesne University students.

- 10) Jim Manner reported that in 2008 Ciba pledged \$1.2 million to fund college freshman with a commitment to chemistry. In 2009, Ciba pledged another \$800,000. Students submit detailed grant applications. The first year grant is \$5,000/student. 25-50 grants were awarded for the Fall of 2009.
- 11) Michael Mautino submitted WPTAG's semi-annual report and a warrant requesting \$300 (the 2009 2nd half allocation).
- 12) Mordecai Treblow reported that Thomas Lane, President of the ACS, will unveil the Historic Landmark Award at the Heinz History Center on Wednesday morning, August 26, 2009. The award honors Samuel Kier for constructing the first oil refinery in America. The next day, there will be a ceremony in Titusville, PA in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Drake oil well.
- 13) For the first half of 2009, Mordecai Treblow reported that our endowment has gained 1.61% to \$139,912.40
- 14) Garry Warnock reported that the Pittsburgh Award dinner, honoring Mildred Perry and Theodore Cohen, will be at the University Club on Thursday, November 12, 2009. Mildred Perry's plaque will be sent to her ASAP.
- 15) The slate of officers for 2010 includes:
 - i. Chair-elect Heather Juzwa
 - ii. Treasurer-elect Emanuel Schreiber
 - iii. Secretary-elect Michelle Blanken
 - iv. Councilor (1) Richard Danchik and Joseph Jolson
 - v. Director (2) Bodie Douglas and Mordecai Treblow
- 16) Nick Tsarevsky received an unsatisfactory response to his petition to save the Priestley House. The response, from Merle Phillips, Republican caucus administrator of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania asked how much money we could contribute. Nick will ask Gary Patterson for ideas on saving the Priestly House.
- 17) The next energy group meeting is Sunday, October 18, 2009.
- 18) Diane Cohen reported that the next meeting of the Pittsburgh Chemistry Club will be at the Spaghetti Warehouse on September 29, 2009. The topic is air quality and fine particulates.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 in Room 434 of Mellon Institute.

Report Preparation

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