

Pittsburgh ACS Section

2/19/18 Minutes

Attendance: Michael Mautino, Michelle Ward, Logan Miller, Heather Juzwa, Rich Danchik, Kim Woznack, Brad Davis, Amy Rupert, Kristi Kauffman, Tabitha Riggio, Tim Grant, Evonne Balduff, Fu Tyan Lin, Ai Sezer

Approval of Agenda: Rich Danchik motions, Mike Mautino seconds.

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Treasurer's report: doing well, though percentages still too high. Usage of about \$3000 as operating funds could solve problem. Discussion of motion to withdraw funds suggested for later pending more information on income. Rich Danchik motions to accept, seconded by Fu-Tyan Lin

Chair's report: PJAS: Amy Rupert never wrote checks for awards, though winners were chosen. Awards likely in progress.

Councilor's report: NOLA national meeting: Kim Woznack and Rob Mathers attending, Ali Sezer to attend as alternate in Mike Mautino's stead (alternate card was mailed 2/19/18). (Kim) Several motions up for vote at National, one in particular regards distribution of division funding from National: Percentages of allocation are proposed to change based on attendance of regional meetings. Mike and Rich have not reviewed proposals yet.

Financial: \$326,443 in account to date. Funding is available to remove funds if desired as per discussion during Treasurer's report.

Professional relations and employment: Job searching event occurred Friday and Saturday. 16 attended Friday, 35 attended Saturday. Lisa Bowes was the speaker, discussion non-traditional careers. Following the seminar on Saturday was 1:1 resume review sessions. Improved publicity planned for next year. Options for high schoolers discussed, WCC does Careers in Chemistry in April (M. Ward).

Nominating: Nothing to report.

Chem Olympiad: nothing to report.

Long range planning: nothing to report.

Crucible: advertising structures under consideration, with 15<sup>th</sup> of month deadline for submission for the following month. Brad Davis brought up idea of David Gallaher's to dedicate a page to activities in student chapters. Brad reached out to student chapters, and Logan Miller confirmed there is no maximum page limit for the crucible. Suggestion made to encourage one student group to organize the page (on rotating basis) to foster better communication and collaboration between student chapters by Michelle Ward. Brad, Logan, and Dave to discuss later outside of the meeting.

Archives: nothing to report.

NCW: nothing to report. Michelle Ward suggested that a save-the-date be sent out until advertising begins. Michael Mautino to make and submit to Crucible.

On the road: Mildred Perry Memorial lecture: 45 people attended, speaker was Dr. Amanda Bryant-Friedrich. Event went very well and several important faculty members from CalU attended, along with students from as far as Waynesburg. Idea for future events: teleconferencing with a skype or similar broadcast to different satellite locations, possibly hosted by student sections.

Media: nothing to report.

Group Reports:

WCC: Updates from last few months: Gift drive for vets was moved from Christmas to valentines day, 300 bags assembled and delivered. Event helped out by Pitt Attacks Cancer Together (PACT). Travel grant given to PLU Pitt to help defray travel for March for Science. Workshop held for NoBBChE. Participated in NCW. Careers in Chemistry symposium planning in progress. Ideas for improved utilization of LinkedIn (photographer for head shots, etc.).

YCC: Events in planning.

Energy Tech: Meeting planned for Thurs, March 22, with new elections to be held at that meeting, Heather Juzwa to attend. Plans include drawing in members interested in officer positions, and in broadening member base. Discussions of bylaws to be held at same meeting. Co-event with AIChE being planned. Plans for new location for dinner meetings and speakers for meetings being made.

Environmental: nothing to report

Polymer: nothing to report

Education: nothing to report.

**Old Business:** Final reporting completed by Heather.

Tripartite: two ACS-SAs confirmed for Fe Chef competition, with Waynesburg in process of completing registration. Chefs and speakers presenting confirmed or will be confirmed very soon.

Officer dues proposal: Amy has not yet drafted an official proposal, but did not receive any input from committee in interim. To date, pros include encouraging volunteers and participation, and potential for more student participants. To be tabled for a future meeting.

PRSEF Sponsor Judges: covered.

**New business:**

Event reports: nothing to report, but Heather Juzwa appreciates receiving event reports as the events happen instead of all at once at the end of the year.

Committee assignments: updated excel file distributed by email. Rick Danchik discussed adding email and phone numbers on the list, suggesting that even a list for just officers would be useful. No current treasurer elect, but Michelle Ward suggested asking Tamika Madison, who has expressed interest in getting more involved. Rick Danchik said that if no one is elected, someone can be appointed by the committee. Evonne Balduff said that treasurer elect was strategically omitted from ballot due to number of vacancies. Amy was treasurer elect last year, and moved up one month early to the two-year term of treasurer. Treasurer elect will be included on the ballot next year.

Budget Review: nothing to report.

Next meeting planning:

ACS New Orleans is March 16-22 and March Madness is March 15-17 (complicated parking last year). Kristi Kauffman to select a date the last week in March and distribute invitations.

Rich Danchik moves to adjourn, Heather Juzwa Seconds.