



Pittsburgh Section of the ACS

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3/26/18 Minutes

Attendance: Logan Miller, Amy Rupert, Matt Baker, David Waldeck, Brad Davis, Kristi Kauffman, Joe Jolson, Ali Sezer, Maggie Hall, Tim Grant, Fu Tyan Lin, Kim Woznack, Perry Bergman

Approval of Agenda: Logan Miller motions, Dave Waldeck seconds.

Approval of minutes: Logan Miller motions, Toby Chapman seconds.

Treasurer's report: sent as email to members prior to meeting. Support for crucible received from SSP, SACP.

Chair's report: nothing to report.

Councilor's report: from ACS NOLA: report sent as email to members prior to meeting. Alternate councilor's introduction was useful and informative, recommended for future alternates. The Divisional funding discussion was postponed until additional information could be provided.

Financial: nothing to report (quarterly reports).

Project Seed: National has approved proposals from Covestro and Slippery Rock. No news from Duquesne.

Professional relations and employment: Event had 16 techs on Friday, ~40 attendees on Saturday, waiting on payments from SSP and SACP.

Nominating: Nothing to report.

Chem Olympiad: nothing to report.

Long range planning: Nothing new to report. Planning to meet in the Fall.

Crucible: The 15th of prior month is the new deadline for a given month's crucible submissions.

Archives: nothing to report. Still Scanning.

NCW: nothing to report.

On the road: nothing to report.

Media: website redesign under consideration. The Dropbox now has a folder for new logos to use, specialized for the local section.

Group Reports:



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WCC: nothing to report.

YCC: Held Program in a box two weeks ago, Career talks series in planning for April/May, planning resume and writing workshops.

Energy Tech Group: Meeting held March 22nd. 7 people attended. Executive meetings planned for June and fall, to determine a theme and plan events.

Perry Bergman made report claiming March 22nd meeting was illegitimate, and that the board of Directors held a separate meeting on March 7th. Notice for March 22 meeting was made in February. Notice for March 7th meeting was made March 1.

[According to Pittsburgh section bylaws, all meeting notices require 10 days notice, and only an executive member of the committee may call a meeting.]

Joe Jolson motions that the ACS section recognizes the results of the March 22nd meeting, with Fu Tyan Liu seconding. Motion passes (quorum is present)

Elected members:

Chair: Tim Grant

Secretary: Heather Juzwa

Treasurer: Connie Zaremsky

ACS Liaison: Joe Jolson

Joe Jolson motions that the ACS pays \$776.77 for a memorial bench for Mordecai Treblow, to be deducted from amount returned to ETG.

D. Waldeck seconds. Motion passes.

Environmental: nothing to report [no current members]

Polymer: nothing to report

Education: nothing to report.

Old Business:

Tripartite:

Officer dues proposal: proposal presented that must be re-enacted every 5 years (proposal automatically expires if not passed at that time).

Proposed conditions:

Core board members (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Crucible Editor, Directors, Councilors) could be reimbursed 100% of national dues if >70% of the meetings are attended.

Local dues are not covered.

Reimbursement would only be in December when a real tally of meeting attendance for that



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calendar year can be taken.

Those whose employer will cover ACS dues cannot be reimbursed by the local section.

Warrants must be submitted to the Treasurer, including all appropriate documentation detailing costs.

Question raised on covering subgroup officers: proposal omits this topic but leaves it open for discussion. Since subgroup participation does not require ACS affiliation, it was suggested that subgroup officers should not be covered.

No mention of similar proposals made in operating procedures or bylaws: Question raised for the magnitude of the difference that is required to force an amendment to the bylaws.

Discussion will be tabled until question about bylaw amendment is researched.

PRSEF Sponsor Judges: 2 ACS winners, Emma Dziergowski (8th grade, Bethel Park, Which Beverage has the most electrolytes) and Prateek Adurty (9th grade, Diofuel Energy Optimization using Calorimetry)

New business:

Event reports: (submitted by Monique Hockman via email): Tripartite is Sat. April 7th, registration can be found on the website.

Committee assignments:

Budget Review: nothing to report.

Elementary school science Olympiad: training for elementary school teacher to apply for \$3k for a science Olympiad at their school will be held Oct. 20th.

Cerm has been cancelled, but a smaller event will be held on the same dates.

Next meeting planning: Conference call near end of April. Recommendation made that one states their name prior to comment.

Meeting to be held in April, but no date set yet.

Ali Sezer motions to close, seconded by Dave Waldeck.