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9/5/18 Minutes

Attendance: Brad Davis, Mike Mautino, Logan Miller, Dave Waldeck, Rich Danchik, Matt Baker, Amy Rupert, Toby Chapman, Joe Jolson, Tabitha Riggio, Haitao Liu, Tim Grant, Shiv Upadhyay, Dave Gallaher, Kim Woznack, Diane Miller, Fu-Tyan Lin,

Opening Meeting: Rich Danchik moves, Kim Woznack seconds.

Approval of Agenda: Rich Danchik moves, Haitao Lu seconds, with change of listed date

Approval of minutes: Logan Miller moves, Toby Chapman seconds

Treasurer's report: Digital copy sent out prior to meeting.

Councilor's reports:

Rich Danchik's report on National meeting:

>14k attendees. > 10k papers presented. Elections this fall for President. 149,584 members currently, with strongest growth internationally, though many international members are Americans living abroad. 21 chapters for International chemical science, which were recently given freedom to use assign use of their own dues according to the bylaws. 55 international student chapters currently ACS is currently strong financially. ACS Pittsburgh section was nominated for 3 ChemLuminary Awards, and won the award for Outstanding Community Involvement. Full report to be provided by Rich Danchik to section. Next national meeting to be held in the end of March

ACS held seminar on sexual harassment: 30% of those surveyed reported instances at ACS meetings, and 77% of women reported witnessing or being involved with instances in the workplace and 57% of men reported similarly.

Kim Woznack's report: ACS survey found sexual harassment more prevalent than expected in ACS. ACS Council supports being more proactive, though it is challenging for ACS to put pressure on its members' workplaces. Next steps by ACS are not clear yet, though Rich says the guidelines are likely to be revised and disbursed to local sections.

Questions raised about clearances working with minors: Currently only PA requires clearances, so the national section has not reformed official policy as yet.



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Committee Reports:

Nominating: Nominations should be sent to Dave Waldeck, dave@pitt.edu

Fu-Tyan Lin and David Gallaher to reach end of term as director, with both expressing interest to run again

Rich Danchik and Joe Jolson to reach end of term as councilors, with Rich expressing interest to run again

Open Positions:

Chair elect, treasurer elect, secretary elect, 2 councilors, 2 directors

Pittsburgh Awards: no new nominations

Distinguished Service Award: no new nominations. For both awards, nominees can be selected from previous years who have not yet won the award.

Financial: Hefren-Tillotson report send out prior to meeting. As of July 31, acct worth \$322,320, which is up about \$5k from last month. Investments are currently fairly conservative, with a target of 5% growth per year. ~4-5% can be withdrawn for use in a yearly budget or for new programs, but no further plans for these funds currently. To note, SACP and SSP budgets are decreasing, so support from those committees might be less than expected.

Project SEED: Seed has concluded for this year. No program at Duq this year. Increased funding for the project requested by Tabitha Riggio, but no vote held at this time. Dr. Irene McGee is retiring from Covestro, so a new contact will be required there. Report submitted by Tabitha Riggio to the chair.

Professional relations and employment: Discussions with Karen (contact for SACP and SSP) with plans for a speaker in Feb (8-9 or 15-16), with Lisa Bowes speaking again.

Chem Olympiad: Nothing to report.

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

Crucible: Reminder that the 15th of the preceeding month is the deadline for submission of material. Materials should be submitted to Logan Miller or Tracy. Discussions held about inviting ACS-SAs to submit something for the Crucible on their research. Contributions from SACP and SSP will likely decrease, as those societies have decreased their publicity budgets this year. Materials should also be sent to Heather Juzwa for the website.

Archives: Nothing to report. Still Scanning.



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NCW: Mike Mautino: Planning underway with Carnegie Science Center, and about half of the expected groups have registered. Everything is on track.

On the road: Nothing to report. Next site planning beginning.

Media: Nothing to report.

Group Reports:

WCC: Nothing to report.

YCC: Several events in planning for the next calendar year. Yearly planning meeting held this summer, with about 10 events planned for the academic year.

Energy Tech Group: Speaker commitments lined up through February, with planning extending through May.

Environmental: Nothing to report [no current members]

Polymer: Meeting in planning stages.

Education: Evonne Balduff and Dave Gallaher planning to restart the Education group, with the first meeting in late fall, likely at Carlow. When the group last went inactive, whoever was leading the charge contacted Heather Juzwa stating that the group still has \$5300 available (in section bank account currently). Focus of the group is on higher education currently, with high school education to be developed as the group gains momentum. Initial announcement has been submitted to the Crucible.

Old Business:

50-60-70 year luncheon: Successful event held at Lydia's in the Strip.

ACS Pittsburgh section was nominated for 3 ChemLuminary Awards, and won the award for Outstanding Community Involvement.

ACS Sponsorship of Dr. Madura Symposium: Thank you letter received from Duquesne for symposium held at ACS Boston National meeting.

New business:

Evaluation from ACS:

1. Number of attendees for events should be included on reports
2. Implementation of social media and more internet-based advertising recommended due to low readership of Crucible.



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Since a student declined their free subscription for ChemMatters (earned for winning an award) the subscription was donated to a teacher. She sent us a thank you letter.

Next meeting planning: October, to be conference call.

Motion to Adjourn: Mike Mautino moves, Toby Chapman seconds.