

# ACS Pittsburgh Section Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2012

## Attendance:

Jay Auses, Heather Juzwa, Fu-Tyan Lin, Michael Mautino, Terry Richards, Emauel Schreiber, Longzhu Shen, Michelle Ward

**Chair Michelle Ward** announced meeting at 5:54PM in order.

In memory of Jim Manner, Michelle mentioned to have Pittsburgh Section recognition to him. The SACP is having a food drive to benefit Jim's other volunteering passion, the Food Bank. The food drive will end at the December SACP meeting on December 12, 2012. There are four ways to donate:

A cash donation made directly to the Cross Roads Food Pantry, 2310 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146 in memory of Jim Manner.

Bring a non-perishable food item to the November meeting and leave it at the registration table.

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Take the food directly to the PITTCOON Office at 300 Penn Center, Suite 332, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

Michelle also suggested to set up a special Pittsburgh Science Fair Award to honor Jim Manner's devoting to science fair and PJAS during past several year services. Michelle is going to contact with Carnegie Science Center.

**Chair Michelle Ward** motioned to pass August 13, 2012 meeting minutes for Secretary Report: Jay Auses First, Heather Juzwa second. All in favor and passed.

## **Heather Juzwa** reported:

### 2012 Election

There have been 153 voters as of just before this meeting. If you get a paper copy of The Crucible, it has already gone out. There will be an additional 216 mailed ballot codes to go out in November 13'a mail. The ballots will close November 20th at 5:00. The last couple of years, we have fallen out of the habit of attending the Leadership Institute through National ACS. Hopefully, our new Chair can attend. It will be from June 25-27 in Dallas. The new Chair will be encouraged to attend.

### ACS 2012 Final Report

The final report is due on February 15, 2013. Everyone who runs any meeting is encouraged to submit the meeting report to Heather Juzwa at

hljuzwa@shimadzu.com<mailto:hljuzwa@shimadzu.com>. The report can be found: <http://www.pittsburghacs.org/administrative/final-reporting-guidelines-for-meetingevents/>

CERM 2014

There will be a Program meeting on November 28 to discuss Plenary and other Program items. Things are rolling nicely.

**Michelle Blanken Coffman and Paul Johnson** e-mail report:

Spring Activities

**1. High School Chemistry Contest (Saturday, 6 April 2013, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon)**

- High School chemistry teachers register students electronically to take the exam at specific tests centers (Pitt, Duquesne, Clarion, Geneva, Pitt Johnstown, California, IUP, Franciscan, and St. Vincent). Parents normally transport the students to the exam centers.
- There are two exams: one for students who have one year of chemistry (S exam); another for students with two years of chemistry (D exam). The Pittsburgh section sponsors cash awards for winners in both categories.
- Pitt and Duquesne use the scores from the exams to awards scholarships. The SACP uses scores from the D exam as one item in determining two scholarships that they award..
- Students must take the D exam to qualify for the National Olympic Qualifying exam administered in Pittsburgh
- Contact person for chemistry contest: Paul G. Johnson; [johnson1@duq.edu](mailto:johnson1@duq.edu)

**2. U.S. National Chemistry Olympics (Saturday, April 13, 2013, 8:00am – 3:30pm)**

- Teachers can electronically register as many as two students to take the exam in Pittsburgh. There is both a written and laboratory portion.
- To qualify, these students must take the D exam of the chemistry contest. If more than 11 students take the exam, the D exam scores are used to rank the top 11.
- The exam is administered at Duquesne University.
- Contact person for registration (2013): Sam Baum; [francisbaum@verizon.net](mailto:francisbaum@verizon.net)
- Contact person for the exam (2013) Michelle Coffman; [mablanken@hotmail.com](mailto:mablanken@hotmail.com)

### 3. High School Chemistry Olympics

- This is an all-day event sponsored by Pitt ACS Student Members normally on a Monday in the first or second week of May. High School chemistry teachers register their students and transport them to Pitt in buses.
- The event consists of various laboratory experiments performed by students in groups of three. Lab reports are graded and winners receive medals and cash awards.
- Contact person: Stan Paul; [stanpaul@pitt.edu](mailto:stanpaul@pitt.edu)

**Jay Auses** reported 2012 Pittsburgh Award Dinner:

Pittsburgh Award Recipient: Peter Wipf

Distinguished Service Award Recipient: Rich Danchik

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Double Tree by Hilton, Green Tree (500 Mansfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15205). Social hour will be at 6:00PM, dinner will be at 6:45PM, and the award presentations will start at 7:45PM.

Cost is \$40 (\$20 Student or post doc). Cash Bar. Free parking.

The award presentations are free and open to the public.

Registration is due by December 4<sup>th</sup>

**Michelle** mentioned that Tax Exempt Status is extended to September 2017.

**Joe Jolson** reported that Job Searching Workshops (JSCP) will be held at Chevron Science Center on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Michael Mautino** reported National Chemistry Week 2012

For the 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Pittsburgh Section ACS's National Chemistry Week (NCW) event was held at the Carnegie Science Center (CSC). The 2012 celebration was conducted on Friday and Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> and featured the theme "Nanotechnology: The Smallest BIG Idea in Science!" There were 298 volunteers from 34 groups and organizations, conducting hands-on experiments, activities, and demonstrations. In addition, 8 groups provided volunteers to help run the event. Of the 298 volunteers 142 (48%) were ACS members. Total attendance for the two-day event was 3,760 (2,056 on Friday, 1,704 on Saturday), a decrease of approximately 5% from the 2011 NCW event attendance (3,954).

**Manny Schreiber** Treasurer Report: Manny reported 9/24/12-11/12/12 Income and Expenses (See attached). Total inflow is \$11,238.81. Total outflow is -\$4,021.43. We

received \$5000 from SSP for National Chemistry Week.

Treasurer Report 11-12-12

9/24/2012 through 11/12/2012

| Date                          | Account Num    | Description                | Memo                        | Category   | Amount           |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>BALANCE 9/23/2012</b>      |                |                            |                             |  | <b>40,123.95</b> |
| 9/24/2012                     | Checkin...3629 | Michelle Ward              | exec mt pizza               | (17) Meals:Executive Meeting                               | -108.40          |
| 9/24/2012                     | Checkin...3630 | Michael Mautino            | supplies                    | (16) Local Meetings:National Chemistry Week                | -293.83          |
| 9/25/2012                     | Checkin...DEP  | PPG                        | donation                    | (05) Program Revenue:National Chemistry Week               | 1,500.00         |
| 9/30/2012                     | Savings...     | Interest Earned            |                             | (10) Other Revenue   | 20.66            |
| 10/7/2012                     | Checkin...3631 | Greater Pittsburgh YCC     | YCC yearly allotment        | (12) Subsidies to Subsections                              | -600.00          |
| 10/9/2012                     | Checkin...EFT  | ACS National               | Phila meeting Augusy 2012   | (04) Rebate - ACS for Councilor Travel                     | 3,180.65         |
| 10/9/2012                     | Checkin...EFT  | ACSNational                | Chemistry Carnival: YCC     | (05) Program Revenue:IPG Grant                             | 787.50           |
| 10/29/2012                    | Checkin...3632 | Traci Johnsen              | Oct layout                  | (15) Printing, Newsletters, Postage,etc.:Crucible:Layo...  | -640.00          |
| 10/29/2012                    | Checkin...3633 | Knepper Press              | Oct printing                | (15) Printing, Newsletters, Postage,etc.:Crucible:Printing | -385.64          |
| 10/29/2012                    | Checkin...EFT  | ACS National               | ?                           | (10) Other Revenue   | 750.00           |
| 11/7/2012                     | Checkin...3634 | Parkhurst Dinning Services | lunch vouchers for 10-26-12 | (16) Local Meetings:National Chemistry Week                | -828.70          |
| 11/7/2012                     | Checkin...3635 | Parkhurst Dinning Services | lunch vouchers for 10-27-12 | (16) Local Meetings:National Chemistry Week                | -1,164.86        |
| 11/9/2012                     | Checkin...DEP  | SSP                        |                             | (05) Program Revenue:National Chemistry Week               | 5,000.00         |
| <b>9/24/2012 - 11/12/2012</b> |                |                            |                             |  | <b>7,217.38</b>  |
| <b>BALANCE 11/12/2012</b>     |                |                            |                             |  | <b>47,341.33</b> |
| <b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>          |                |                            |                             |  | <b>11,238.81</b> |
| <b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>         |                |                            |                             |  | <b>-4,021.43</b> |
| <b>NET TOTAL</b>              |                |                            |                             |  | <b>7,217.38</b>  |

## Committee Report

**Chairman Michelle Ward** gave reminder to groups to submit 6-month report to receive the fall allocation from the Section.

**Longzhu Shen** reported for Environmental Group:

Two past events and one planned future event:

On Sept 28, the environmental group organized a social gathering in Hemingway's café to celebrate the successful completion of the ACS local section sustainability programs and attract more people to join the group. On the day of the event, 24 people participate the event. In the end, two people joined in the group and three are interested in being added in the email list.

On Oct. 26, the environmental group attended the 2012 Rachel Carson Legacy Conference. This year is the 50<sup>th</sup> year of publication of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring". In recognition of the qualification of a seminal contribution to science, a campaign with benefit to broad community and more than 25 years old, the American Chemical Society designated the legacy of Rachel Carson "Silent Spring" as a National Historic Chemical Landmark at the conference.

The text of the plaque commemorating the development reads:

*Rachel Carson's silent Spring, published in 1962, was a landmark in the development of the modern environmental movement Carson's scientific perspective and rigor created a work of substantial depth and credibility that sparked undespread debate within the scientific community and the broader public about the effect of pesticides on the natural world. These discussions led to new policies that protect our air, our water, and, ultimately, our health and safety. Carson's book promoted a paradigm shift in how chemicals practice their discipline and helped to establish a new role for chemists in investigating the impact of human activity on the environment. The legacy of Silent Spring continues today in the chemistry communities increased focus on green chemistry practices and the policies heightened support for sustainability in all areas of our lives.*

At the conference, Longzhu Shen had a chance to speak with members from the ACS committee on environmental group. They were affirmed the acceptance of the summary report generated by the environmental group. They were also impressed by the quality of out-reach programs and requested high-resolution photos. They would like to post them on their website as successful activities and reference for future grant applications. The mini grant will be presented and transferred to our local section.

Year 2012 is drawing near to the end. It has been an extremely valuable and rewarding experience to me to work for ACS Pittsburgh local chapter. I have learned tremendous a lot by attending the committee meetings, organizing group activities and interacting with many of you. I'd like to say thank you with my most sincerity to all of you.

As I am approaching my graduation time, my status in Pittsburgh for 2013 is highly uncertain. To keep the continuity of the environmental group activities, I'd like resign by the end of 2012. At the same time, I'd like to nominate Ha Pham, as the group chair candidate for the year 2013.

Ms. Pham is currently a Ph. D. student at Carnegie Mellon University chemistry department. She has been working as the coordinator for the group since the beginning of this year. I'm very impressed by her enthusiasm about the environmental group activities, her interaction to cultivate her leadership competence, high sense of responsibility to complete group tasks and strong capability in communication and organization. She assisted me in organizing multiple events, such as recruiting new members, advertising group events, designing flyers, and preparing sign-in sheet, etc. She enthusiastically participated in the group activities. I'm quite confident that Ha will be

an excellent leader for the environmental group in the coming year. I'm happy to assist her in the group business as long as I'm in Pittsburgh.

### **Spann, Artrease** e-mail report for YCC

Hey Michelle,

I won't be able to attend today's meeting because I'm headed out of town this afternoon. I wanted to give you updates on YCC.

-YCC has been awarded the full ACS IPG of \$3,000 to host a Chemistry carnival and poster session for fall 2013

-In September YCC hosted our 1<sup>st</sup> General body meeting.

-YCC participated in the Carnegie Science Museum's National Chemistry Week celebration by hosting a booth demonstrating disappearing ink.

-YCC hosted a Halloween Happy hour at Mario's Eastside Saloon with over 20 attendees.

-Nov 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Chevron 150 YCC will be hosting a presentation by Joe Jolson titled: *Issues of Importance to Chemists Entering the Workforce*

- Jan 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm location TBD YCC will be hosting a presentation on getting fit in the New Year along with understanding your body numbers/measurements.

Thanks,

Artrease

### **Michelle Ward** reported for WCC:

WCC joins the Greater Pittsburgh Area in raising funds for breast cancer awareness.

Raised >\$1000 to donate to the Young Women's Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation at Magee Hospital through bake sales, t-shirt sales, and an event at Mario's Eastside Saloon. (Additional t-shirts are still available-contact Michelle at [muscat@pitt.edu](mailto:muscat@pitt.edu)).

Participated in National Chemistry Week at the Science Center for the first time this year with an edible demonstration on self-assembly.

Fall social outing at Church Brew Works on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 20 attendees received a tour from a master brewer, followed by lunch.

Technical talk scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM in room 655 Chevron Science Center. Dr. Tara Meyer will speak on Electroplastic Elastomers.

Girl Scout Outreach scheduled for April 13, 2013.

**Michelle Ward**/ Guy Berry reported that Mellon Institute Chemical Landmark Reception will be in Spring, 2013.

### **Next Meeting**

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Monday. Elby Hall Room 307