**March 15, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes**

IN ATTENDANCE

Michelle Ward, Samuel Leung, Niharika Botcha, Marsha Grimminger, Haitao Liu, Rich Danchik, Ronghong Lin, Toby Chapman, Alysia Mandato, Heather Juzwa, Danielle Beres, Kim Woznack, Kristin Nuzzio, Evonne Baldauff, Tabitha Riggio, Matthew Price

WELCOME

Approval of Agenda - Rich moves, Heather seconds

* Heather also requests to receive the Reporting Forms for events.

Approval of Minutes (February 21st, 2023)

* Haitao moves, Kim seconds

CHAIR’S REPORT

* Ed has requested to be sure to complete Reporting Form for any ACS Pittsburgh events. They can be submitted to [ezovinka@francis.edu](mailto:ezovinka@francis.edu) and to Heather. Heather historically has gathered the reports.
* Kim asks for nominations for the Chem Luminary awards for events. Events done by the local section can be submitted for consideration if they fit the category/criteria. This should be noted in the event reports. This will be added for discussion in the next meeting.
* Michael sent an email to congratulate Evonne on receiving the Global Outreach Volunteer of the Year. This will be added to the website.

TREASURER’S REPORT

* Matt sent an email with the report.
* He asked Niharika and Evonne if checks have been received. Niharika is waiting for other checks in addition and will cash them together this week. Evonne has not received her check and will send an email to follow up.

COUNCILOR’S REPORT

ACS Spring Meeting March 26-30, Indianapolis IN

* Rich will not attend in person and will be hybrid. The finance meeting is taking place on Saturday – Rich will be in attendance. Kim will also attend meetings remotely. Kristin will attend some meetings in person. Some have not yet received credentials and will follow up. Rich indicates that financially the society is in a good place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating - Kim

* Nothing to report.

PGH & DS Award - Alysia

* Call for nominations was sent in the Crucible. We will wait for one month and then start reaching out.

Financial – Heather/Kim

* Nothing to report.

Chemistry Olympiad/PJAS – Kevin

* Nothing to report

Project SEED - Tabitha

* Nothing to report.

CERM 2024 - Logan

* Matt – nothing to report
* Call for symposia ideas was sent out.
* Kim asked whether invited speakers will be from anywhere or from the central only? Michelle responds that plenary speakers are commonly from outside region.
* Niharika notes that the deadline for symposia ideas is at the end of March. But these are not for complete plans, simply looking for ideas at this point and asking the membership for these ideas.
  + Four topics have been submitted – Chem Outreach Symposium, Rare Earths and Critical Materials, PFAS Chemical Analysis and Remediation, Porous Carbon Materials and Applications
* The ACS site visit is in April. Exact dates will be dependent on the site but will be generally in late October or early November.
* Michelle notes that we can send a separate flyer for symposium ideas outside the Crucible to bring attention to it.
* Matt still needs to set up bank account.

Crucible - Niharika

* Niharika is new crucible editor
* Alysia put together a how-to guide + Google Drive and sent the materials to Niharika.

NCW & SciTech Days - Evonne

* Nothing to report
* Michelle notes that previously, WCC invited groups to Ronald McDonald House to trick-or-treat. ACS Pitt has established relationship with propel school in North Pittsburgh. Because we already have teacher support, it may be easy to set up an event with subgroups to set up tables to talk about science and dress up in costumes. Marsha notes that Pitt Johnstown also has outreach programs.

CCEW – Chemists Celebrate Earth Week - Alysia

* Alysia sent out an announcement to teachers on the email list.
* Alysia asked for $200 extra for the event. The plan is to do a photoluminescence experiment and will fun 100 kits to do photoluminescence.
  + 5 teachers have requested kits. 50 kits left. Any remaining kits will be distributed to local libraries.
  + The Pitt student affiliate group may be able to help assemble kits and then send them out to teachers.
* Alysia will include details in the Crucible.

PRSEF – Sam

* Sam notes that the orientation for sponsor judges is tomorrow evening at 6pm. Ronghong and Ed will also join as judges at the Carnegie Science Center. The event will take place on March 29.

Strategic Planning – Kim/Ronghong

* Kim asked for project plans to be sent in. Ronghong and Kim will have a meeting to discuss the plans
* Also may be a good idea to have regular status update/progress meetings.

On the Road @ Waynesburg (South Site, SPR in- person meeting)

* Evonne notes that Brad + Ed will be hosting. They are bringing in a forensic chemist to speak. Updates to come.

GROUP REPORTS

WCC – Michelle W

* A flyer has been created to be emailed out for hybrid event. The event invitation will include Pitt affiliates. Speaker will be remote.
* Google Form will be sent out to sign-up.
* Niharika also will send out a poll to guage and find interest.

YCC

* Nothing to report.

Energy Tech

* Alysia sent out request for volunteers to take over. No responses received yet.

Environmental - Ronghong

* The first meeting took place on March 1. 12 volunteers participated.
  + Main topic was a Lecture series, the first of which is April 5. A UMN professor will be speaking
  + Ronghong asks if it is possible to stream the event live on YouTube. Alysia will try to get the stream up and running. Logan may have the credentials as well as streaming equipment
  + An announcement advertising the event will be sent out.

Polymer

* Another call was sent out for volunteers.

Education – Matt

* n/a

OLD BUSINESS:

ACS Fellow Nominations: Heather Juzwa & Brian Strohmier

* Kim is the champion for Heather. Ed is working on Brian’s nomination.
* The deadline is April 1.

In-person April 18 Meeting at Univ of Pitt - Haitao

* 6th floor of chem building has been booked. Ed will send the address and the meeting will also be hybrid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chem Luminary awards to be discussed next time.

Rich motions to adjourn.