**Meeting Minutes**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ed Zovinka, Samuel Leung, Sarah Scrivener, Niharika Botcha, Toby Chapman, Judy Wang, Haitao Liu, Riti Sen, Heather Juzwa, Marsha Grimminger, Gessica, Brad Davis, Madison Martin

WELCOME

Approval of Agenda – Haitao moves, Toby seconds

Review of Minutes (June 20, 2023) – Correct Martha Grimminger spelling; Haitao moves, Toby seconds, all approve

CHAIR’S REPORT

Be sure to complete Reporting Form for any ACS Pittsburgh events, submit to [ezovinka@francis.edu](mailto:ezovinka@francis.edu)

* Ed asks Heather to email Tabitha form for Project Seed

CERM

* Logan and Matt have sent the contract to Ed from National ACS for CERM 2024 – to be held Oct 30 – Nov 2
* Kim and Kevin will be program chairs
* Ed will meet with them to go over details – will also meet with Alysia
* Ed will also read over contract tonight before signing

Next Mtg: Sept 19

* Ed is working with Brad and Yvonne for an October in-person meeting
* Would also like an in-person meeting for September
* Ed asks where should it be held – requests any suggestions to be emailed to him

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer’s Report-Matt

* Matt sent an email with treasury report

COUNCILOR’S REPORT

Councilor’s just returned from Fall ACS meeting in San Francisco, Chemluminary nomination

* Haitao attended in person, Rich was remote
* Haitao will share Councilor talking points and report for Crucible
* Most important issue: Motion to increase representation of international members to the board – motion was moved to reduce from 6 to 5 for current board and to create international district director board member; ACS constitution will need to be amended; Singapore international chapter will be created; also some US sections will be separated; motion was approved
* There was also a solicitation of input on how ACS can make themselves more equitable; similar action on council side
* Council travel expense – currently reimbursed, ACS National 80%, local 20% - this will be changed to National providing $2000 per councilor to the local section and then paid out
* Chemluminary – Pittsburgh did not win, but Evonne won volunteer of the year
* Niharika – next Fall, Mike Martino will speak for receiving the Outreach Awqard – may want more presence from our section to attend next year
* Rich attended the budget finance committee – society is doing great; 100k full members; total membership closed to 190k (includes associate members)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating- Kim

* Not here

PGH & DS Award- Alysia

* Not here
* Ed – nominations are closed for distinguished service award

Financial – Heather/Kim

* There will be a Teams meeting with BAIRD on August 28 to discuss markets, but otherwise in good shape
* Will have a report for September meeting

Chemistry Olympiad/PJAS – Kevin

* There will be more info on dates in Oct/Nov

Project SEED – Tabitha

* Not here
* Project SEED is completed – Tabitha will email the report
* Participants were a big help and everything went smoothly

CERM 2024- Logan/Matt

* Logan and Matt not present
* Ed was sent paperwork from ACS National – DMES Meeting Management agreement and memorandum of understanding – Ed asks Rich if he knows what the DMES is – will read tonight and send them back (Logan has already signed)
* Kevin will be cochair with Kim for the program – will set up a meeting with Kim
* Heather – does National ACS send out RFQs for local venues or do we? – Ed will ask National ACS

Travel Grants – Heather

* Heather – gave one grad, two undergrad travel grants – already received one undergraduate report back
* Will put on final report for website – Alysia will put them on the actual website

Crucible- Niharika

* Niharika – Will hand back to Alysia
* Ed – do we know when information has to be submitted
* Niharika – one week before is preferred

NCW & SciTech Days: Evonne

* Good news: SciTech Days is back with us
* It will not be called ChemFest, but it has been merged with the SciTech Days programming that goes on throughout the year
* The SciTech Day will be chemistry focused – same theme as NCW (Health and Medicine)
* Will be soliciting for people (industry/government/nonprofit partners, student chapters) to help participate and set up a tableat the Science Center just like in the past
* One difference – they are doing all the work
* Before this happened, Evonne, Ed and Marsha had a discussion about alternative plans
  + Marsha had ideas on how to get out of the city – get student chapters involved
  + Student chapters would set up mini version of ChemFest
  + Still want to do this simultaneously
  + Will give students stipend to host own event
  + Would be nice to have an actual ACS table at SciTech Days
  + Date: Oct 15-21 is NCW - 20th is actual event date
  + Evonne will give information in Crucible
  + Science Center will also have wet lab session in Pittsburgh city high schools – need 6-8 volunteers on the 16, 18, 19th – could be undergrad students – will be ONE day
* Science Center is asking for $11k in support funds
  + Ed will let Evonne decide whether we should give the full amount

PRSEF – Sam

* Sam will look for information for next round

Strategic Planning – Kim/ Ronghong

* Kim sent a progress report after meeting with Ronghong
* G2S1 – Haitao, hosted industry/academia panel event in June at UPitt
* Alysia is working on incentivizing new members
* G2S2 – Ed asks Sam if we are doing this at CERM
  + Sam – yes we will work on incorporating into the program
* Outreach program – Kevin and Niharika are working on getting in touch with people – looking to get an inventory of people to speak
* Kim is working on a PR team
* Ed will email the report to Sam

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

* Ed is asking Brad and Evonne for Oct meeting
* Evonne reached out to Raychelle Burks (forensic scientist) – she declined – did recommend a professor at Boston University
  + Can also look for someone else
* Kevin – the suggested speaker has ties to Pittsburgh
* Ed – seems like a good person to speak

GROUP REPORTS

WCC –

* Michelle resigned

YCC

Energy Tech

Environmental-Ronghong

* Ronghong has been traveling
* Will have more updates later

Traveling

Polymer

Education - Matt

OLD BUSINESS:

n/a

NEW BUSINESS:

None

* Toby – no new business but sad about WVU and budget cuts
* Ed – Next year is peak for number of college students interested in STEM, then 10 year slide downhill
* Niharika – should we consider outsourcing website/social media management?
  + Ed will look at budget. Could have a student do it. Other sections have done the same.