In attendance: Ed Zovinka, Samuel Leung, Alysia Mandato, Sarah Scrivener, Evonne Baldauff, Ronghong Lin, Rich Danchik, Tabitha Riggio, Kim Woznack, Don, Kristin Nuzzio, Madison Martin, Kevin Noonan, Haitao Liu, Jiarun Wang

WELCOME

Approval of Agenda

 Agenda date needs to be corrected

Alysia motions to approve with correction

Review of Minutes (September 19, 2023)

Rich motions to approve, Haitao seconds

No objections

CHAIR’S REPORT

 Be sure to complete Reporting Form for any ACS Pittsburgh events, submit to ezovinka@francis.edu

Next Mtg: Nov 21 (virtual)

 CERM 2024

 Will be discussed later

 ACS Logo proposal (Ronghong)

Ronghong sent a logo for consideration and Heather followed up with guidelines from National ACS

Alysia – Heather noted that we cannot distort the ACS logo

Kim – Logo looks good, National ACS might be picky about font

Ed - Do we need to send it to someone for approval?

Kim – We can send to secretary office

Rich – Flint could take a look at it

Ed will dig through Heather’s message

 Bylaws & National Office

 Save for the end during New Business

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer’s Report-Matt

Matt not present

SSP awards dinner check was sent out

Haitao was reimbursed

Issued checks (not cashed) for NCW events

Evonne – check should be incoming from SSP

COUNCILOR’S REPORT

 Councilor’s report

 Rich – nothing since last time

 Kim – nothing to report

 Haitao – Haitao will run for Councilor again

 Kristin - nothing

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating- Kim

Positions available: chair elect, secretary elect, 2 directors, 1 councilor

Niharika is current treasurer elect after Matt

Treasurer is a 2 year term, so elections are usually one year in

Kim has reached out to people that were nominated

Kim will need bios for the Crucible

At least one person running for each position

Ed – when do elections happen?

Kim – ASAP, we need to submit new names by December 1

Sarah – We need to get bios by the 24th to publish in the Crucible

Elections are online

PGH & DS Award- Alysia

Congrats to award recipients: Dr. Alex Deiters, Tabitha Riggio, and Michael Mautino

Need to have RSVP for awards ceremony by Saturday (Nov 6 5:30pm awards at Grand Concourse)

Ed – A reminder to ask for a mic and podium

Ed - How many people have registered?

Alysia - 17

Financial – Heather/Kim

Returned to discuss Treasurers Report

Kim – BAIRD statement – total assets as of Sept 30 are $382635.07

Kim and Heather met with Matthew Snyder in early September

Switched back to discretionary changes by BAIRD – previously on nondiscretionary

Reviewed procedure for establishing a loan from local section to CERM – have not done this yet

Rich – We can also do it from operating expenses if loan is not big

Ed – What kind of investment strategy do we have?

Kim – relatively conservative, since Jan up $10k

Ed – how much do we pay?

Rich – less than 1%

Kim – BAIRD is also willing to interact more

Ed – should we have an EC meeting?

Alysia – we could meet and listen and have a smaller meeting?

Ed – would be good to have Rich listen in as well

Chemistry Olympiad/PJAS - Kevin

We received the invitation to participate – needed to be done by Sept 15

May have practice sessions with Haitao

Haitao – ACS also has a page to sign up as a coach

Ed – Do we have a date?

Kevin – March for us, national in April; will send out information to local high schools soon

Kevin – We will host the local exam, top 10-12 will take the national exam

Project SEED – Tabitha

Report is in Crucible

 CERM 2024- Logan/Matt

Alysia – We are having trouble getting National to confirm a site and date

Kevin and Kim are working on the program

We have CERM progress meetings with another meeting this week

The group is trying to pull together things without date and location

Kim and Kevin – went through list of people who self-volunteered organizing symposia; also consulted previous program

Kevin – 8 confirmed to organize sessions; aiming for 30

Alysia – Logan is trying to call this week to get official date; Logan will also get in contact with committee leaders

Sam – Who should I talk to for Strategic Plan?

Ed – Can talk to Heather and Kim

Ronghong – How do we do fundraising?

Ed – If it’s too late, we will have to put it off a year

Alysia – Logan has not reached out about being fundraising chair to Rich

Travel Grants – Heather

Not here

Crucible- Sarah Scrivener

 Sarah is taking over the Crucible

 Information for the Crucible needs to be in by the 24th

NCW & SciTech Days: Evonne

 Happy NCW!

 Science Center kickoff was yesterday morning

 Wednesday and Thursday – wet lab experience for local high school students – ties in to health theme

 “Gene-age Dream”

 Friday – SciTech days (i.e. ChemFest)

 Will have full report at next meeting

 4 local student chapters – hosted their own NCW – will also submit reports

PRSEF – Sam

 Date is set as April 2-3

Strategic Planning – Kim/ Ronghong

Kim – had a meeting (report out) with Ed and Alysia no other meeting yet

Haitao – Task was to develop career advising: had one event for students, later this year will be junior/senior scientist event; also reached out to recent Pittsburgh award recipients; 5 people (2 industry, 2 academia, 1 unconventional) are willing to have business lunch; will advertise in Crucible

 Ed – keep Kim and Ronghong in the loop

Haitao – Request $400 budget for max ~15 people ~$20 per lunch?

Haitao – Pitt Job Fair is on Nov 10 starting at 9am – targets everyone; Can the section contribute $300? Also set up a table for local section and advertise

 No oppositions were raised

 Social Media – volunteer options

 Ed – did we get someone?
 Alysia – Madison is here; still need for login (account) information

Alysia – we should have a centralized database/drive to make transition easier

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

Evonne – we have a soft confirmation for Maleka Jeffreys – organic semiconductors at Boston University; potentially first week of December

GROUP REPORTS

WCC

Happy Hour Nov 17 5:30 at Tupelo Honey

Will advertise on website

Lots of interest to revive the group but no chair at the moment

YCC

Energy Tech

Environmental-Ronghong

Lectures will continue

Next one is tomorrow at 7pm – Prof Sarah Fakhreddine from CMU

Still finalizing for next lecture (Dec?)

Also thinking about developing another program – for high school students

Polymer

Education - Matt

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Several EC members received an email from Amy Yam on bylaws

Our bylaws are out of date

Ed emailed Amy – ours are from 2012

Ronghong (point person), Evonne, Sam will help Ed to revise

Nov 21st is next meeting – virtual only

Ed requests motion to end

Haitao motions to end