**DINNER and KICKOFF MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2023, 5:30pm**

IN ATTENDANCE

Niharika Botcha, Alysia Mandato, Haitao Liu, Samuel Leung, Tabitha Riggio, Robert Mathers, Kim Woznack, Diane Miller, Evonne Bauldauff, Anil Kumar, Christopher Baldy, Rich Danchik, Ed Zovinka, Ashley Smith-Diemler, Arica Jordan, Michael McGinnis, Ronald Taylor, Hannah Frame, Lisa Qian, Sarah Criag, Scott Crawford, Abhrojyoti Mazumder, Don Wardius, Debojyoti Chakraborty, Toby Marshall

INTRODUCTIONS and DINNER

* All members in attendance introduced themselves

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION

* Kim, Niharika, and Alysia will be attending ACS Leadership seminar

STRATEGIC PLANNING RESULTS

* Vision and mission were presented to the section
* Goals and strategies were presented – strategy champions will begin formalizing plans
* G2S3 (High school chemistry outreach) – idea was presented to obtain a list of high school chemistry clubs from ACS

PROPOSED MEETING SCHEDULE

* Ed presented draft local section meeting schedule (all at 5:30pm)
  + 2/7 (Award night at Grand Concourse)
  + 2/14
  + 3/28 (during ACS spring meeting)
  + 4/18
  + 4/26 (SSP/SACP/ACS joint awards night – need to check the date on this)
  + 5/16
  + 6/20
  + 8/15
  + 9/19
  + 10/17
  + 11/21
  + 12/19

LOCAL SECTION COMMITTEES

* There are multiple openings for leadership and participation in committees
* Contact executive committee if anyone wants to participate

OUTREACH UPDATES

* Evonne presented changes to national chemistry week and partnership with Carnegie Science Center
  + ChemFest focus has shifted towards smaller groups and measurable outcomes from programs
* Alysia presented Chemists Celebrate Earth Week as a potential new program to participate in

CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

* Members engaged with high schools should try to help engage students in the exam

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* Planning to be held in October, possibly at the DoubleTree
* “Confluence of Chemistry” will be the theme

BUDGET

* To be discussed at the next meeting
* Goal will be to try to spend more
* Need to make sure that strategic planning retreat is paid

MISCELLANEOUS

* Carnegie library has a grant that was created with ACS years ago that has specific spending requirements
  + Can we use these funds for tutoring?
* Can we fund grad student grants (e.g. during the summer)?

MEETING ADJOURNED