**MEETING MINUTES January 26, 2021, 6:00pm**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Attendance: Kevin Noonan, Heather Juzwa, Fu-Tyan Lin, Evonne Bauldaff, Tabitha Riggio, Alysia Mandato, Kim Woznack, Edward Zovinka, Toby Chapman, Haitao Liu, Dave Waldeck, Rich Danchik, Logan Miller, Brad Davis

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kimberly Woznack moves. The agenda was accepted as presented.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Kevin is working on the local chemistry competition with Paul Johnson. This is a local exam for high school students, which is somewhat tied into the Chemistry Olympiad. Non-monetary awards are given based on high scores, and about thirteen students can move on to the national exam. Close to 200 students have taken this exam in past years. This will likely be administered virtually. There has been a laboratory component in the past; perhaps this can be done virtually. The names for the national exam need to be provided by February 1.

From the Leadership Institute, there was a discussion about a strategic plan. Do we have a plan for the next couple of years about things we would like to accomplish? Heather says we accomplished the website update, and a new goal is to get more people engaged and involved in the section. Maybe we should have a detailed and formal plan written out about our short- and long-term goals. A suggestion is having a retreat with a facilitator for this strategic planning; since it is virtual, it may be very cheap.

Year-end printout: $377,374. Taxes will be done by Mark this year.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Opening Balance - $85,129.81 / Ending Balance - $84,780.14 (costs include website hosting, email newsletter / revenue includes ChemLuminary Award)

2020 revenue ($48,000) - 2020 expenses ($24,000) = 2020 net positive ($24,000)

We were going to put some money aside for CERM 2024. We are not sure, though, if we will be hosting the meeting; everything is up in the air due to COVID. In the next few weeks, there is a Central Regional call to talk about meetings.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

National ACS will be looking into revising membership details at the Council Meeting on March 24. There is a petition coming in March by the Committee on Committees to change the structure of the membership terms and number of members. A goal of this change is to increase the diversity of the Committees. National Meeting is held virtually from April 5-30. Registration is only $99.

There will be an undergraduate programming at the National Meeting with Pittsburgh presence (Covestro, Pittsburgh natives, etc.). It is only $25 for undergraduates on April 9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating

Nothing to report

PGH & DS Award

Nothing to report

Financial

See above

Project SEED

There will be no program at Duquesne. Covestro will host at least one student in a virtual program (working with FAME and Girls Hope schools). We have a new coordinator for this.

Prof Relations/Employment

Nothing to report

Chemistry Olympiad

See above about the local exam.

Long Range Planning

Nothing to report

Crucible

Nothing to report

Archives

Nothing to report

NCW

Nothing to report

On the Road

Dr. Laura Ritchey is presenting a talk titled, “RNA in Plants, Viruses, and Vaccines: Connections to the COVID Vaccine” on February 17 at 7 PM. Ed will use about $40 for a memento for the speaker.

Media Committee

Nothing to report

Earth Day Poetry Contest

Nothing to report

Website

Nothing to report

GROUP REPORTS

WCC

Nothing to report

YCC

Nothing to report

Energy Tech

Nothing to report

50/60/70 year members

Nothing to report

Environmental

Nothing to report

Polymer

Nothing to report

Education

Nothing to report

CERM 2023

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

From Kevin: Thank you all for your hard work over the last year!

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

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