**MEETING MINUTES March 31, 2021, 6:00pm**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kevin Noonan, Heather Juzwa, Fu-Tyan Lin, Evonne Baldauff, Tabitha Riggio, Alysia Mandato, Kim Woznack, Edward Zovinka, Toby Chapman, Haitao Liu, Rich Danchik, Logan Miller, Brad Davis, Michael Mautino, Rob Mathers

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rich Danchik moves. The agenda was accepted as presented.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Thank you to Matt and Brad for helping with PRSEF judging this year.

In February/March, judging was completed for the PJAS awards. $100 and a plaque will be sent to the winning students. Plaques will be ordered from National ACS through the web store or Amazon. A blurb will go in *The Crucible* with the first names and schools of the winners. This blurb will also be sent to their teachers for recognition.

About 20 students participated in the chemistry exam. We will provide a monetary award to the top scorers.

The document about grant support for virtual ACS meetings is on the website and in *The Crucible*.

We assume that the ACS/SACP awards dinner is not occurring this year.

The long-term planning meeting happened in February to plan some different initiatives for the local section. One of these was a town hall meeting where local section members can provide their thoughts and ideas for the local section. We could start with a discussion point like the issue of increasing industrial connections, for example. The minutes from this long-term planning meeting will be sent out.

The 50/60-year awards need to be planned. Suggestions included a luncheon indoors or outdoors in the fall. We will announce the names in *The Crucible*. Certificates will be sent to the awardees. We will revisit this in a few months when more information about the pandemic has been relayed.

Topical groups will be re-initiated this year. Some of the major groups to focus on are Polymer and YCC. WCC is currently active. How can we better support the topical groups (more participation at events, more connected with us, etc.)

TREASURER’S REPORT

PJAS awards are paid. Warrants for Heather and Ed.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Rich sent out the ACS National Spring Virtual Councilor’s report by email. This report will go in *The Crucible*. Some of the topics discussed at the March 24 meeting included presidential election nominees, changes in membership dues, membership increases, better support of local sections, mission and value statement updates, additional funding for local sections, and a discussion on committee term limits. The ACS National Meeting is virtual from April 5-16. It has been rumored that the Atlanta meeting will be hybrid (virtual and in-person).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating

Nothing to report

PGH & DS Award

Nothing to report

Financial

$383,724 in account

Project SEED

Nathan Chaffin is the new coordinator at Covestro. There will not be a program, but there will be a “camp” like last summer. There is also a small pilot program going on. We need volunteers for the camp (mentors and speakers). Applications are due 4/30. <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/seed/virtual-program/volunteers.html>

Prof Relations/Employment

Nothing to report

Chemistry Olympiad

See above about the local exam.

 Long Range Planning

 See above

Crucible

Nothing to report

Archives

Nothing to report

NCW

Nothing to report

On the Road

Dr. Lan Deng will present a talk in September about industrial-based career planning

Media Committee

Send anything you want to publicize to Heather, Logan, and Alysia

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

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Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report

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