**MEETING MINUTES September 20th, 2022, 5:30pm**

IN ATTENDANCE

Kim Woznack, Niharika Botcha, Heather Juzwa, Brianna Greenstein, Sam Leung, Haitao Liu, Matt Price, Ronghong Lin, Kristin Nuzzio, Evonne Baldauff, Alysia Mandato, Kevin Noonan, Toby Chapman, Ed Zovinka, Michelle Ward

**Approval of Agenda**: Haitao moves, Matt seconds

**Approval of Minutes**: Alysia moves, Heather seconds

CHAIR’S REPORT

* **Meeting schedule**: Third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM via Zoom and in-person. Next meeting will be October 18th via Zoom.
* **Introductions:** Welcome to Brianna, Ronghong, and Sam!
* **Reminder to send final reports:** Forward final reports to Kim or Heather for Annual Report
* **LSAC:** LSAC is piloting a Speaker’s Bureau website to search for particular speakers for events you may be hosting. This is a program piloted by Judy Giordan. They would love written feedback. There is a focus group at 10 AM on Friday if anyone is interested.

TREASURER’S REPORT

* Received local dues from January-July 2022. Received deposit from ACS from President’s Challenge. Received a reimbursement from the Treasury. Rich’s travel has been submitted.
* Is anyone aware of Andrew Gordon for the Travel Grant? Evonne says he attended virtually, so he will likely not cash that check. Evonne will ensure the check is destroyed.
* Budget is updated with this year’s spending.
* LSAC presented to Council that they have funds have not yet distributed, which will be divided to local sections. Expect ~$700 from LSAC.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

* Fall 2022 ACS National Meeting (Chicago, IL): August 21-25
* Strategy Café is from 4-5 PM on Thursday, Sept 22.
* Fall Councilor’s Meeting: Kim and Rich attended in-person. Haitao and Kristin attended virtually.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating

If anyone is interested in elected executive positions, reach out to Kevin. We will decide on elections by December 1 at the latest, so this process will be starting soon. Biographies for the candidates need to be in the November Crucible.

PGH & DS Award

Ed has four nominations.

Financial

Hefren-Tilotson is merging with Baird. So there will be a period of time that becomes non-discretionary. End of July: $378,371.87.

Project SEED

Nothing to report

Prof Relations/Employment

Nothing to report

Chemistry Olympiad

Nothing to report

Strategic Planning

Amber Hinkle and Carol Duane are the facilitators of the Strategic Planning retreat. This retreat is best with 12-15 participants, and Kim and Ed have been reaching out to people. They want people who are committed to the full day (Saturday, November 5) and the online component. There will be some pre-work for participants or people who cannot attend on November 5. Ed is working on location.

CERM 2024

Logan will send an update on CERM positions within the next week.

Crucible

Please send everything to Alysia before the end of the month!

On the Road

Nothing to report

CCEW

Nothing to report

NCW

**See below in New Business for updates**

GROUP REPORTS

WCC

The Pitt Student WCC group is planning some ideas for this year.

YCC

Currently open awards: https://acsycc.org/awards/leadership-development/ https://acsycc.org/awards/ciba-travel-award/

Energy Tech

Nothing to report

Environmental

Ronghong Lin has volunteered to take a leadership role here but is still forming ideas. Maybe a joint social hour with WCC.

Polymer

Nothing to report

Education

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

* Fu-mei Lin Memorial Gift: University of Akron has established this now. We can encourage members to donate to the fund via the Crucible. ACS Pittsburgh can donate as well.

NEW BUSINESS

* **National Chemistry Week**: Evonne thanks people who have volunteered to help for this year. Carnegie Science Center no longer wants to participate in ChemFest-type events. They want to do a different event in December, but they didn’t know about the need to have an event in October. Some ideas: tours, small workshop week. CSC already had a tour scheduled for PPG, so Kristin’s tour will not work out because they don’t want another. Evonne sent CSC some information on workshop events, and they haven’t gotten back yet. Should we make alternate plans for our section?
  + Networking/social event for members of the Local Section to meet some members and hear their ideas
  + Focus on student chapters
  + RJ Lead group specializes in electron microscopy and want to get involved in community. Can probably get a tour there.
  + Springdale location of PPG is where the CSC tour is (early October), part of the Tour Your Future program. We’d probably have to get on their radar early if we want to do this next year. Can we count this towards our event?
  + Demo kits at local schools – clearances?
    - Fingerprinting can be done in a couple of days, but everything else is online. Maybe we can reimburse people to do this.
  + Saturday Science at Pitt – PPS says one person who had clearances had to be in the room, maybe not every volunteer?
  + Maybe subgroups can coordinate their own
  + Farmer’s marker demos?
  + Demo suggestion newsletter? Just to bring awareness.
  + Harry Potter themed event in Moon Township. Different groups had different booths set up with demos.
  + Sending out teacher kits?
* Should we put out a note in the Crucible about ChemFest not occurring this year? At least reach out to the student affiliate groups to tell them it’s not happening. Send out a note: ‘ChemFest is changing, and we still need your help!’ Kim has an updated list of student groups.
* Haitao was recently appointed as PLU Chemistry chapter advisor. The PLU President is wondering if Pittsburgh ACS can give any grants to them for activities, awards, etc. PLU could put together a request for support.
* STEM event at Rachel Carson Bridge – is this a group we can connect with in the future? “STEM Coding Lab” <https://stemcodinglab.org/latest-news/events/>
* Will Sam’s role be a special election or part of the next election? It may make sense to combine them.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Toby moves