**MEETING MINUTES December 15th, 2021, 6:00pm**

IN ATTENDANCE

Kevin Noonan, Heather Juzwa, Evonne Baldauff, Alysia Mandato, Toby Chapman, Haitao Liu, Rich Danchik, Ed Zovinka, Tabitha Riggio, Fu-Tyan Lin

CHAIR’S REPORT

* **Election Results**: Results are posted in the December Crucible. Response rate was pretty good this year.

**2022 Officers:**

Chair: Kim Woznack

Chair-Elect: Ed Zovinka

Immediate Former Chair: Kevin Noonan

Secretary: Alysia Mandato

Secretary-Elect: Jiahan Xie

Treasurer: Matt Price

2022 Elected Directors: Evonne Baldauff (ends 12/31/24), Logan Miller (ends 12/31/24)

Directors: Mike Mautino (ends 12/31/22), Toby Chapman (ends 12/31/22), Dave Waldeck (ends 12/31/23), Heather Juzwa (ends 12/31/23)

2022 Elected Councilor: Kristin Nuzzio (ends 12/31/24)

Councilors: Kim Woznack (ends 12/31/22), Rich Danchik (ends 12/31/22), Haitao Liu (ends 12/31/23)

Alternate Councilor: Robert Mathers (ends 12/31/22), Ali Sezer

* **Dinner Awards**: January 22 is the date of the award banquet. Ed (and possibly Kim) will be in Atlanta for the Leadership Institute.
* **Strategic Planning**: This grant was approved recently. Someone from ACS will probably come in to help us tackle this meeting a bit more efficiently. Tentatively talked about this happening in May 2022.

TREASURER’S REPORT

* We had normal expenses this year in addition to extra spending for NCW ($540).
* Rich: $399,322
* Heather: Several grant applications for Spring National Meeting are awaiting word from ACS National. Can we set up a Venmo account to fund the students from Kevin’s budget instead of Kim’s budget? There are eight grant applicants - we did not award any last year, so Kevin thinks it is good to fund all eight.

COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

* Nothing to report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating

Nothing to report

PGH & DS Award

Nothing to report

Financial

Nothing to report

Project SEED

Covestro will likely participate in a way similar to last year.

Prof Relations/Employment

Nothing to report

Chemistry Olympiad

Kevin will be working on this within next month or so.

Long Range Planning

Nothing to report

Crucible

Nothing to report

Archives

Nothing to report

NCW

This year, we had in-person and virtual components. There was low in-person attendance. 12 exhibitors each day at the Carnegie Science Center. 1800 students. We were able to fund every single student that came in – no expense to teachers. CSC has taken more control of planning and organizing this. The teaching mailing kits were a great thing to give us more “teeth” in the program – let’s continue this. In 2019, we had a funding excess from NCW. This $3000 was not applied to 2020 NCW. New people were hired to run the CSC NCW program (a good contact is Julie Segner). The $3000 was returned and applied to 2021 program.

On the Road

Nothing to report

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

We probably need to start planning this, but ACS National is not cooperating much. How can we attract industrial contributions to CERM? We have a large coating industry in Pittsburgh – could we do a coating themed session to get attendance higher (registration money!)? Or keynote speakers from the major companies? We are probably going to have to dip into our savings to support this meeting. Need to call this “a loan from the Pittsburgh Section to CERM”.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS

Toby is in contact with the Carnegie Libraries. ACS gave the libraries an endowment to have journals and books. This endowment is worth $2.9 million. They have all the ACS journals available online for anyone with a library card to access, and there is almost no use of that (~$48,000). Either people don’t need it, or they know about it. They pay for a print edition of the Indian Journal of Chemistry. Applied Science and Technology database is heavily used. Science Online (a collection of science experiments for teachers) database does not have much use, but still more than ACS. Their biggest expenditure is a tutoring service, tutor.com, which includes STEM, and this is the most used. They would like 4-5% rather than 3% - no objection to 4%. Advertise this service in the Crucible and the website. Some smaller schools do not get all the journals – so we should advertise this. A post on the website and the Crucible to show the image of our old endowment and explain what it means in terms of benefits. Toby and Ed can work on this. We have to figure out how this works (do you need a library card, join any Allegheny County library, how can you access this step-by-step, can you do it from any location, do you need a VPN?).

Heather: Forms report is due to February.

Alysia: We received an email from someone wanting to volunteer and “share ideas on renewable chemical approaches. Ideas: suggest an OTR talk for them, connect them to Energy Tech Group (Tim Grant, Maggie Hall).

Rich: Thank you to Kevin and the officers for working under these difficult circumstances. Great work this year.

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