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January 23rd, 2024, 5:30 PM EST
Lucca Ristorante in Pittsburgh, PA

<https://pittsburghacs.org/>

In attendance: Highlighted in **Bold and Underlined**

Executive Committee (voting members):

Alysia Mandato (Chair, Webmaster)

Dr. **Edward Zovinka** (Immediate Former Chair)

Dr. **Samuel Leung** (Chair-Elect)

Dr. **Niharika Botcha** (Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect)

Dr. **Ronghong Lin** (Secretary, Secretary-Elect, Director)

Sarah Scrivener (Newsletter Editor)

Dr. Evonne Baldauff (Director)

Logan Miller (Director)

Dr. **Toby Chapman** (Director)

Heather Juzwa (Director)

Dr. Kevin Noonan (Director, Alternative Councilor)

Dr. Kristin Nuzzio (Councilor)

Dr. **Kimberly Woznack** (Councilor)

Dr. Rich Danchik (Councilor)

Dr. **Haitao Liu** (Councilor)

Standing Committee (non-voting members):

Madison Martin (Social Media)

Tabitha Husted Riggio (Project SEED)

This ACS Pittsburgh local section monthly meeting was held in person at Lucca Ristorante in Pittsburgh, PA. Ten voting members and two non-voting members attended the meeting. Alysia distributed meeting handouts and announced the start of the meeting at 5:55pm. The meeting commenced with a round table self-introduction.

WELCOME

Approval of Agenda

Haitao motions

Heather seconds

Approval of Minutes (December 5th, 2023)

Name spelling "Amalene Cooper-Morgan" to be fixed

Heather motions

Ronghong seconds

CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the new officers!

Alysia introduced executive committee members.

Goals for 2024

- 1) Improve social media, get more younger people interested. Sam is our photographer.
- 2) Outreach committee: working on getting meeting set up. If anyone is interested, contact Alysia.
 - a. Heather mentioned CMU van program. Toby mentioned that Pitt had a similar program.
 - b. Tabitha: what's target audience? kids and adults.
 - c. Ed: most outreach, K12 target
 - d. Alysia: use ACS resources as much as possible, will prepare proposals, ACS will fund programs with main purposes. People have ideas. Get people to volunteer and get more involved.
 - e. Heather: maybe work with SSP and SACP for collaboration.
 - f. Madison mentioned Pitt community engagement center. Toby asked for more information. Madison will send some material to everyone.

2023 Final Report

The report deadline is 2/15. Ed has not started to work on it yet. Heather will resent administrator form to Ed. Ed and Alysia will work together, and heather and Kim will help if needed.

Kim: should submit to ChemLuminary Awards again, did not win last week, will keep trying.

Approval of Bylaws

Change of Bylaws attached, will send it to National for approval.

Sam: just language change, old versions posted on our website, will add the new version.

Haitao brought to the attention the last part of the changes, and discussion followed.

Bylaw X Finances	Portions from Old Bylaw V, "Dues" Section 1 members may be assessed voluntary LS dues set by EC Section 2: Section may raise/collect funds for Section purposes Section 3: Section may receive donations or bequests Section 4: An annual review of the Treasurer books by "two or more disinterested members appointed by the EC. Reviewers report their findings on Jan 31."
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"members" has a specific meaning.

May ask previous EC members to review.

Sam motions to approve.

Toby seconds

The committee unanimously approved the Bylaws.

Discussion about voting privileges.

It's in the Bylaws.

Will clarify in the next meeting.

Budget and Committee Assignments

Niharika and Matt are still working on the budget.

Niharika: Matt has a treasurer report, once he submits it, the transfer will complete. Will talk about it in the next meeting.

Tabitha: submitted request for SEED. Alysia will look into it to make sure we have budget for that.

Committee assignment

Finance:

Kim steps down as co-chair.

Heather will stay.

Chair and treasure will be added.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Welcome Niharika!

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Matt's December report attached.

Niharika: created a new CERM account; loan to CERM \$40K; have CC for ACS event, (one for chair, one for treasurer).

Heather: CERM will take 25% of profit.

Ed: Brad is the fundraiser chair, he knows how much money to spend. Last CERM, 350 people attended.

Niharika: new warrant is on website.

Kim: In Fall 2023, WCC national money approved, not sure if the money came yet.

Niharika will check the bank account.

A few standing checks. Matt will take care of them. Niharika will check with Matt.

Ed moves to accept the Treasurer's Report

Haitao seconds.

The committee unanimously approved the report.

COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Spring 2024 National Meeting

Haitao and Kim will attend in person.

Fall meeting deadline is 4/1.

Will check with Rich and Kristin if they will be attending. (Who will check??)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating – Ed

Deadline for EC 10/1.

Kim: community associate will not vote, if you do not renew in 60 days, will be moved to associate,

PGH & DS Award – Sam

Will find nominees. Combine with CERM.

Call for nomination go out in Feb. Other CERM awards will be in Crucible as well.

Financial – Heather/Kim

Nothing to report.

Project SEED – Tabitha

Nothing to add.

Prof Relations/Employment -Logan

Sarah and Alysia went to the employment workshop on Saturday; speaker from ACS was very good. Had CV review time.

Heather mentioned there used to be a local chemical company list, but it has not been updated for a long time. Ronghong mentioned he used that list when he was looking for job opportunities a few years ago.

Chemistry Olympiad – Kevin

Chemistry Olympiad scheduled on 3/15 at CMU. About 50 registered. Will send 10 to National.

Kevin and Haitao will organize a session for kids. 4 awards to Allegheny.

Strategic Planning – Kim/Ronghong

Kim/Ed/Kevin did review last summer. Will review later.

Haitao mentioned the Meet with Pitt Award Winner event. Not many interested.

CERM 2024 – Logan/Matt

Kim: still collecting ideas, a dozen proposed, hope to get a minimum of 20. Kevin/kim recruiting.

Still do not have a final date yet, between 11/5 and 11/10.

Cite visit on Monday.

Kim and Sam will attend the leadership conference in Atlanta. Alysia will look into tonight to have some stickers/cards.

Last open call for sessions to Crucible.

Niharika will be CERM treasurer.

Crucible – Sarah

26th the latest. Issue with Crucible email. Please double check if do not receive confirmation from.

NCW – Evonne

None to report

CCEW – Alysia

Nothing to report

On the Road – Ed

Planning one for the fall.

Social Media – Madison/Korina

Posting twice a week, Facebook, X, INstagram, mem507@pitt.edu.

Kim/Sam will go to leadership conference, can send photos during the event. Will text Madison.

Travel Grants – Heather

Nothing to report.

PRSEF – Sam

Date 4/3, senior division. Ed will not be able to judge.

Used to give out one grand prize of \$1000. Consider multiple prizes this year.

Alysia will check with PRSEF to see how many awards we can give. We are okay to give several awards.

Website – Alysia

Nothing to report.

GROUP REPORTS

WCC –

Meeting bi-weekly, professional event, targeting graduating students, also have something for CERM.

Tabitha: anyone interested in MCC?
WCC open to all genders.

YCC

Energy Tech

Environmental – Ronghong:

Next environmental lecture, Feb 7, 12 :00pm -1 :00pm, “Microplastic pollution, not just an issue for marine organisms” by Dr. Robert Hale from William & Mary. Received talk info today, will send it to Crucible.

Polymer

Education

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

New outreach and/or membership committee -

Kim is interested. Will add her to a committee.

Funding Requests: Seton Hill FSP, Duquesne undergrad research symposium, MAGSS

Wait for budget.

Ask for more information, what's the chemistry.

Adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Sam motions

Ed seconds

*Prepared and submitted by
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Alysia Mandato, Chair*