

**ACS Pittsburgh Section**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**April, 26<sup>th</sup> 2010**  
**Mellon Institute**

**Attendance:**

Robert Mathers, Simion Coca, Jim Manner, Nick Tsarevsky, Heather Juzwa, Pat Von Dreele, Joe Jolson, Toby Chapman, Michelle Blanken, Fu-Tyan Lin, Emanuel Schreiber, Rich Danchik, Guy Berry, and Mordecai Treblow

**Report from Secretary:**

The minutes from March were approved.

**Report from Treasurer:**

The account balance, including a \$4000 withdrawal from Mellon, was \$27712.31. Simion is mailing the Councilor's report.

**Report from Chair:**

Jim Manner is waiting for submissions for the Pittsburgh Award. Please forward corrections for the directory to Jim or Rob Mathers. Jim is mailing the form for section dues to National.

**Report on Programs and Activities from Committee Chairs**

- 1) **Crucible:** No report.
- 2) **Finance:** Guy Berry is mailing form to IRS this week. Mordecai Treblow reported that money in the ACS Investment Pool needs to be moved due to changes with National. Rich Danchik and Guy suggested some funds.
  - a. The committee agreed to pursue professional fund management
- 3) **Energy Tech:** The group has had meeting in March and April. A meeting is planned for May.
- 4) **Job Searching for Chemical Professionals (JSCP):** Joe Jolson reported on the rescheduling of the JSCP on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The total attendance was 89. Attendance has been steadily increasing since 2004. However, the job fair portion was weak. Joe plans to discuss this with the SSP.

- 5) **Energy Symposium:** Joe Jolson reported on the joint effort between AIChE and Energy Tech. to partner with the Marcellus Shale Coalition. The meeting is scheduled for Oct 1<sup>st</sup> at the Lawrence Convention Center. Joe has talked to Katie Klaber director of the Marcellus Shale Coalition.
- 6) **YCC:** The YCC had a meeting last Thursday and 10 people attended a panel discussion on careers.
- 7) **WPTAG:** No report.
- 8) **Chemists Club:** A meeting is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> at Duquesne Univ. On May 25<sup>th</sup> the 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> year awards will be given at More's restaurant.
- 9) **Innovative Project Grant:** Heather received a grant for \$2025 to fund a poster session for graduate students, undergrads, and high school students. The event is named Crossroads. Heather anticipates the poster session will inspire high school students to major in chemistry.
- 10) **Councilors:** Jim Manner, Rich Danchik and Joe Jolson went to the National ACS meeting in San Francisco. Rich met with the International Activities Committee. Joe was a Career Councilor. Jim met with the Project SEED committee.
  - a. Rich prepared a report that is attached.
- 11) **Tripartite:** This year's topic is forensic science. The symposium is being held at Duquesne on May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 12) **SEED:** Jim Manner reported SEED got money for a seventh student.

- a. Tabitha Riggio and Jennifer Aitken had the following report:

I am very pleased to tell you that our request for 3 summer II students (returning students) and 3 summer I students (new students) has been granted. For our 3 summer II students we have received \$4,950 in funds from the National Project SEED program, in addition to the \$4,950 that we already had from our own local sources. For our 3 summer I students we have received \$5,350 in addition to the \$3,050 that we already had from our own local sources. At this point, though I have seven really great applicants. I am working on getting additional funding for one more student. I would also like to tell you that we have raised sufficient travel funds for our three returning students to attend the National ACS meeting in Boston this August.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1) Tripartite on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Duquesne.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm in the Mellon Institute. Room arrangements will be made.

Reported submitted on 4/28/2010 by Robert Mathers, 2010 Secretary of the Pittsburgh ACS section.

March 28, 2010

**Report on: ACS SPRING 2010 NATIONAL MEETING – San Francisco, CA**

Three of our ACS Pittsburgh Section Councilors were in attendance at San Francisco, CA.

The meeting attracted over 17,000 attendees and an exposition of 387 booths.

The following candidates for President-Elect for 2011 are:

Luis A Echegoyen

Bassam Z. Shakhashiri

The following candidates for Director of District II 2011-2013 are:

George M. Bodner

Joseph R. Peterson

The following candidates for Director of District IV 2011-2013 are:

Larry K. Krannich

Will E. Lynch

The Committee on Meetings & Expositions reported that the total meeting registration was 18,076. Of these, 9,715 were regular registrations, 1,219 were exhibitors, 5,705 were students, 923 were exposition only, and 514 guests. The exposition had 257 companies represented in 387 booths.

The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Director-at-Large for a 2011-2013 term: Janan M. Hayes, Robert L. Lichter, Kathleen M. Schultz, and Kent J. Voorhees. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted this fall.

The Council received three amendments to the ACS Constitution and Bylaws for action: The Petition on Admissions Committee, the Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition, and the Petition on Election Timelines 2009.

The Council voted to approve the Petition on Admissions Committee. This petition removes the Admission Committee from the Bylaws and transfers its functions to the Council Committee on Membership Affairs.

After considerable debate, a motion to approve the Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition failed. The Petition on Candidate Selection by Member Petition would have amended the Constitution to emphasize that candidates selected by a petition process from members will have no further screening.

The Council also thoroughly debated the merits of the Petition on Election Timelines 2009. The motion to approve this petition failed. The Petition on Election Timelines 2009 would have shortened certain national election timelines.

The Council and Board of Directors learned that the Society's total 2009 revenue (\$460 million) was up +1% from 2008, but fell short of the 2009 approved budget by \$19.5 million or 4.1%. Fortunately, the revenue shortfall was fully anticipated in early 2009. Therefore, contingency planning actions and cost containment initiatives were implemented across the Society, resulting in expense savings totaling \$22.5 million. Significant reductions were realized in salaries and fringe benefits, and in discretionary accounts such as travel, training, and professional services. As a result, the Society's Net Return from Operations was \$13.7 million, or \$3.0 million greater than anticipated in the 2009 Approved Budget.

Unrestricted Net Assets rebounded in 2009 to approximately \$124 million, from a previous \$60 million at the end of 2008. The significant increase can be attributed to the favorable operating results, investment gains, and a net reduction in the Society's post-retirement benefit plan liabilities. The Society ended the year in compliance with four of the five Board-established financial guidelines. The Fund Balance Ratio Guideline, which measures the adequacy of the Society's unrestricted net assets, was not met. The financial outlook for 2010 is better, and ACS management expects the Society to meet the 2010 approved budget.

The Council voted to set the members dues for 2011 at the fully escalated rate of \$146. This rate is established pursuant to an inflation-adjustment formula in the ACS Constitution and Bylaws.

The Council voted to continue for three years the current formula for determining allotments to local sections.

At the close of 2009, Society membership totaled 161,783 compared to 154,024 for year-end 2008. The number of new membership applications received last year was the highest ever. The 2009 number also reflects the transition of 6,658 former Student Affiliates to the new student member category in June 2009 and the recruitment of 6,341 new student member undergraduates

Respectfully submitted,

Richard S. Danchik (Author)

James Manner

Joseph Jolson (Alternate Councilor)

Pittsburgh Section Councilors