

ACS Pittsburgh Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 23rd 2009

Attendees:

Guy Berry, Mark Bier, Simion Coca, Diane Cohen, Rich Danchik, Bodie Douglas, Joe Jolson, Fu-Tyan Lin, Jim Manner, Michael Mautino, Tabitha Riggio, Manny Schreiber, Mordecai Treblow, Nick Tsarevsky, Garry Warnock.

Reports:

- 1) The January minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted.
- 2) Manny Schreiber said we had \$3,157.25 in our checking account when it was turned over to Simion Coca on 2/23/09.
- 3) Nick Tsarevsky will send a reminder to Jim Manner asking him to prepare the warrants needed to get the \$5,000 Crucible subsidy from the SACP and SSP.
- 4) Fu Tyan Lin reported that he submitted our 2008 annual report to National.
- 5) Mordecai Treblow reported that our trust fund contained \$134,201.59 on 12/31/08, down from \$175,303.66 on 12/31/07; a 20.59% drop.
- 6) Jim Manner announced that the 2008 Tripartite Symposium, Chemistry in Art and Archeology, is scheduled for May 6, 2009 at the University of Pittsburgh, Alumni Hall, room 343.
- 7) Nick Tsarevsky and Gary Warnock attended an ACS leadership workshop in Texas last month.
- 8) Joseph Jolson attended an ACS career volunteer training workshop in Texas last month.
- 9) Nick Tsarevsky will be notified by National concerning eligibility to receive the 50 and 60 year service awards.
- 10) Nick Tsarevsky will prepare and submit an application for up to \$3,000 for an Innovative Project Grant in chemistry and art.
- 11) Nick Tsarevsky will ask the YCC to prepare a local section partnership project application. This can bring in up to \$500 for projects for non-science students.
- 12) Nick reported that April 22, 2009 is Earth Day. An announcement will be published in the Crucible.
- 13) Nick reported that the 2009 NCW event; "It's Elemental", is already booked at the Science Center. A request for event ideas will be placed in the Crucible.
- 14) The deadline for submitting nominations for the Distinguished Service Award is February 28, 2009. Garry Warnock and Traci Johnsen will send last year's distinguished service award announcement to Nick Tsarevsky.
- 15) The SACP Awards dinner is scheduled for May 11, 2009. Nick Tsarevsky, Jim Manner, and Fu Tyan Lin will attend a planning meeting for the dinner in March.
- 16) There is continuing interest in applying for a chemical historic Landmark award and plaque for the Mellon Institute. Guy Berry will supply Nick Tsarevsky with a report that summarizes achievements made at Mellon Institute. Nick will see if we can apply to the Landmark's program in a manner that covers several of the advancements made at the Mellon Institute.

- 17) Rich Danchik reported that all 3 regular councilors will attend the ACS's Spring meeting.
- 18) Diane Cohen reported that the Pittsburgh Chemistry Club will meet tomorrow at the Spaghetti Warehouse. The topic of the March meeting is tissue engineering and it will be held at the More' Restaurant.
- 19) Mordecai Treblow reported that attendance at Energy Technology Group meetings has been running at twice last year's level. Planning for the summer program is moving forward.
- 20) Tabitha Riggio said Project Seed places economically disadvantaged high school seniors in summer research programs. This year, Project Seed plans on supporting 4 students at Duquesne University and one at W&J. Program plans are moving forward and finances are in good shape. There is substantial leftover money from last year and an application requesting \$3,080 from National has been submitted and another \$2,500 from PPG will come in through National. Tabitha was congratulated for winning last year's National Project Seed Award.
- 21) Michael Martino reported that WIPTAG continues to meet and plans on holding 3 or 4 workshops this year.
- 22) The first meeting of the YCC is scheduled for 6:30 PM on February 25, 2009 in the Mellon Institute Social Room.
- 23) Hongying Zhou has stepping down as chair of the polymer group. Simion Coca reported that the group is looking for a chair but has a treasurer.
- 24) Joseph Jolson reported that 51 people attended the Job Searching for Chemical Professionals workshop held on February 7, 2009 and 22 people attended the Job Searching for Chemical Technicians workshop held on February 6, 2009. The combined total of 73 attendees was 5 more than last years record turnout.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM on Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Mellon Institute. We will probably meet in Room 434; however, Nick will confirm this at a later date.

Report Preparation

Reported prepared by Joseph Jolson; 2009 Secretary of the ACS - Pittsburgh section.