ACS Pittsburgh Section

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2012


Report from Secretary:

The minutes from the January 2012 meeting were approved.

Report on Programs, Activates, and Committees

Report from Treasurer:

- Manny Schreiber reported that we have positive funds from the previous year 2011 and we also have an outstanding bill from the Pittsburgh Award’s Dinner.

2012 Budget Report:

- A request for both SACP and SSP to give less support for The Crucible by about $1,500 should be submitted. This should be done in May. A letter has been drafted for Michelle Ward to send.
- Jim reported money was low on the national level overall.
- Reports standard form – Heather Juzwa reminded everyone that there is now a standard report format that all meeting leaders should use for gathering meeting statistics. The Pittsburgh Section is so active and does so many wonderful things. If we capture this data in the final report, it is easier for us to go for a “Best Overall Section” ChemLuminary Award. The report can be found on the website at: http://www.pittsburghacs.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/ACS-Final-Reporting-Guidelines-Fillable-3.pdf

By-Laws Update:

Jim Manner will be sending the by-laws for review at the next executive meeting.

Report on Programs and Activities from Committee Chairs:

Job Search (Chemical Technicians/Professionals) Workshop:

- Joe Jolson reported on the workshops that took place on February 4, (held at Bidwell Training Center) and 5, (held at the University of Pittsburgh, Chevron Building) 2012. Both sessions were successful.

Energy Group

- The Pittsburgh Section AIChE workshop on “Energy Strategies for Sustainable Built Environments” will be held on Wednesday, March 28th. There will be a social hour beginning at 6pm at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Volker Hartkopf, Ph. D. is the guest speaker. Please contact Elliott Bergman by Tuesday, March 27th.
Environmental Group

- Longzhu reported two upcoming events. The first seminar will be held on April 19, 2012, at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. The speaker for this seminar will be Robert Jackson and the topic is “Drinking Water Contamination Accompanying the Gas-Well Drilling.” The co-organizer is the Pittcon Seminar Series.
- The second seminar will be held on April 24, 2012 at the Spaghetti Warehouse. The speaker for this seminar will be Terrence Collins and the topic is “Green Chemistry and Sustainability Development.” The co-organizer is Pittsburgh Chemists Club.
- Both events will be advertised in the Crucible in March and/or April.
- The environmental group also plans to take advantage of these seminar events to recruit new members.

WCC

- Michelle Ward will send an email about some upcoming meeting and topics.
- Michelle Ward reports that the first technical talk is on February 13. It will be held at the University of Pittsburgh, and the speaker for this meeting will be Linda Peteanu from Carnegie Mellon University.
- The community outreach committee is having an organization meeting in February to start setting up experiments for the “Girls Scouts;” this is in collaboration for the “Science Style” badge.
- Dan emailed Michelle Ward about their upcoming luncheon in March details are still being finalized.
- The WCC is calling for nominations for three awards: Award for Encouraging Women in to the Chemical Sciences, Early Career Excellence in the Chemical Sciences and Excellence in the Chemical Science. The description for each award criteria is posted on in the Crucible. Nomination for the above awards will be accepted through Friday, March 16, 2012. Please contact Michelle Ward to submit.

Chemist Club

- Upcoming meeting is March 2012, details to follow.

Polymer Group

- We officially have a polymer Group, the location of the meeting will follow. Carrie DuMars is the Chair.

YCC

- Artrese Spann (Chair) is currently receiving submissions for potential committee members.

Other

- Tripartite Symposium “CHEMISTRY behind the CUISINE” information has been finalized for Saturday, May 12, 2012, the speakers for this session is Dr. Ariel Fenster, Dr. Kent Kirshenbaum and Dr. Subha Das.
- Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair (PRSEF) will be held on March 30-21, 2012, the competition takes place at Heinz Field. This event is being coordinated through the Carnegie Science Center.
- Pittsburgh Section is sponsoring an illustrated poem contest for students in Kindergarten-12 grade. Contest Deadline: Wednesday, March 28th, a $50 Prize for each category so please mail entries to Michael Mautino.
Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 5:30 pm. It will be in the Chevron Science Building, room to be determined.

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