Pittsburgh ACS Section

1/29/18 Minutes


Approval of Agenda: Heather Juzwa motions, Dave Waldeck seconds.

Approval of minutes: omitted, no minutes presented.

Treasurer’s Report: Correction to distributed document: first column is actual 2017, second column is Estimated 2018. Amy Rupert commended for stepping up early to the position.

Chair’s Report:

Award’s banquet: 12/6, Fu-Tyan Lin won Distinguished Service Award, Deborah Singer won Pittsburgh Award

Councilor’s Report: nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: D. Waldeck is new chair (nothing else to report)

Service Award: no activity

Financial: Quarterly reports to be filed but not discussed in meeting.

Project SEED: Donald Zapien (sp?) requested funds for a student. Tabitha discussed with Donald day of meeting but had not yet reported back. A. Rupert to check on funds available.

Professional Relations: No new chair yet, but L. Miller organizing meeting. Karen Johnson no longer Bidwell rep, now the contact is Heather Steiner. Karie Holzworth is chair of SSP employment committee.

Chem Olympiad: Erica Huston to coordinate with Sam Baum for this year’s event.

Long Range Planning: nothing to report.

Crucible: February edition posted. Common structure for advertisers to be developed, and once complete will be sent to potential advertisers. Committee agreed to continue to include job postings.

Archives: nothing new to report. (still scanning)

NCW: nothing new to report. Correction to committee list: Evonne Baulduf is on committee, but Amy Rupert is not.
On the Road: Kim Woznack provided flyers for the event, which is Monday, Feb. 12th at 6 pm.

Media: posting scheduled for several committees on various social media.

Group Reports:

WCC: Adopt-a-Vet Valentine’s day event currently ongoing and Ronald McDonald House events in planning.

YCC: Will migrate website into ACS LS domain.

Energy Tech group: petition made for re-election of officers for group. Unstable communication with chair over last few months. Motion made to hold new election of officers and board due to insufficient communication of some current board members.

Joe Jolson agreed to be liaison between ACS LS and Energy Tech group during transition period.

Environmental: no active members

Polymer: Event in December held. Gabrielle Pros asked for reimbursement, was instructed to fill out end-of-year reporting guidelines for funding.

Education: still on hiatus, Evonne Baulduf and Dave Gallaher discussing restoring group. To be tabled for later agendas.

Old Business:

Forms: Final report to be submitted to ACS National by Feb. 14. Rich Danchik to submit, and he needs all the information as soon as possible.

New Business:

Two corporate Associate grants: one $1000 industry-friendly grant and one $5000 grant: Logan Miller interested in applying for next year for the Job Searching event.

Opportunity for emerging leader in chemistry to give lecture at ACS meeting in Boston: nominations being accepted

Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair: Kristi Koffman and Michael Mautino volunteering in different positions. Brad Davis to volunteer to take pictures with winners. Event date is 3/23. International fair is in May, and volunteers, particularly bilingual volunteers, are needed.

Tripartite: Molecular Gastronomy event and iron chef competition for ACS-SAs (funding combined with IPG)


Event to be held at Carlow University in April.

Crucible Funds from SSP and SACP were not received last year: One deposit for $2500 received, but it isn’t clear from which group (likely SSP) or from which fiscal year the money is allocated. Michael Mautino recommends asking both Chair and Chair-elect for the money.
every year, just in case the line item on the budget is not maintained that year. Amy Rupert to follow up.

Investment Earnings: Investment income is close to exceeding the cap (33%) of fluid income. If this value exceeds fluid income two years in a row, the organization is considered a private foundation (not a desirable outcome). Two options: make less money on investments, or make more money from fluid account. Heather Juzwa to follow up with her husband (who files ACS LS taxes)

Covering dues for LS committee officers:
Concerns expressed that this might be a conflict of interest.
Other parties discussed that an individual paying dues to be able to volunteer is more expensive than just volunteering. No mention of this situation in bylaws.
Precedent exists in other LS, and has shown positive influence in membership numbers.
Exact implementation and personnel covered to be outlined by Amy Rupert and discussed at next meeting. Amy welcomes contact (treasurer@pittsburghacs.org) before meeting with comments and concerns.

Committee Assignments:

Corrections: Amy Rupert is Treasurer, not treasurer-elect.
Remove Mackenzie Speer from all committee lists, to be replaced with Ed Zovinka.
Remove Kelley Colopietro from all lists.
Haitao Lu is Secretary-elect (unable to attend Monday meetings).
Logan Miller, Toby Chapman, Michael Mautino, and Heather Juzwa’s terms end in 2020.
Rich Danchik is chair of Awards.
Amy Rupert and Heather Juzwa are the bylaws committee.
CERM: Mackenzie Speer to be removed.
Finance: remove Kelley Colopietro, Take Evonne Baulduf out and replace with Dave Gallaher.
LRP: replace Evonne Baulduf with Dave Gallaher
PR: Logan Miller is Chair.
 Programs: YCC chair is Dan Siroky, WCC to remain as is for now, to be discussed later.
Library Fund: Funds earmarked for library use currently do not have any spending outlet, to be discussed later.
Tripartite: Monique Hockman to be added.
SEED: Michelle to be removed. Donald Zapian to be added.
Archives: Monique Hockman and Dave Gallaher.

Kristi Kauffman has master list of corrections, to be redistributed at next meeting.

Changes for Budget: IPG funding ($2300) is accurate, LS won more than one IPG.
$5000 income, $6000 income for the Tripartite.
Separate line item unnecessary for NCW poem contest.
Earth day entry should show $200.
Amy Rupert to amend for next meeting.
Next Meeting: Will remain last week of month, though day for debate: M unavailable for Sec. Elect, T unavailable for others. Doodle to be sent out by Kristi Kauffman to pick date and time. Agreed upon conference call for meeting in February, but not last week due to Pittcon.