Attendance:
Guy Berry, Diane Cohen, Michelle Coffman, Rich Danchik, Joseph Jolson, Heather Juzwa, Longzhu Shen, Jim Manner, Mike Mautino, Manny Schreiber, Mordecai Treblow, and Michelle Ward-Muscatello

Report from Secretary:
The minutes from the January 17, 2011, meeting was approved.

Report from Treasurer:

- Manny Schreiber passed out the 2010 expenditures (attached to these minutes); it is approximately $10,000 less than projected.
- The Executive Committee discussed the cost to print the Crucible and noted that it seems that income from advertising in the Crucible is up from previous years. The Executive Committee also discussed going to an electronic Crucible, with limited hardcopies being sent to ACS local members.
- Manny Schreiber has looked into changing the return check charge fee from the banking account/lowering the fee. The Executive Committee voted to change the bank account to receive image copies of returned/cashed checks rather than hardcopies.
- Manny Schreiber also discussed opening a business savings account for the section’s excess monies; at times throughout the year the local section has excess monies, which, if put into a savings account would collect interest. This savings account would be linked to the checking account so that it would be easy to transfer funds between accounts. The Executive Committee voted to open a business saving account.

Report from Past Chair:
The 2010 annual report has been submitted and accepted by National. Jim Manner is looking at the by-laws to update them to include the option of electronic ballots. This is part of long-range planning (Long-Range Planning Committee planning to meet before end of April 2011).
Report on Programs and Activities from Committee Chairs

1) Finance
   - The Executive Committee discussed returning $5,000 withdrawn for the 2010 budget to the investment account. It was decided to wait and see where the local section finances are at the end of 2011 and then see if it should be reinvested. It was also discussed that this money could be used to start saving for the Central Regional Meeting to be held in Pittsburgh in 2014.

2) Job Searching Workshop
   - Sessions presented on February 4 and 5, 2011, report attached to these minutes.
   - Slightly lower attendance this year than in 2010; therefore, the associated costs were a little under budget.

3) Energy Group
   - American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) and Pittsburgh ACS section Energy Group have agreed to co-sponsor all future events to include meetings and symposiums.
   - A presentation entitled “Smart Grid” is planned for May.

4) Environmental Group
   - Longzhu Shen has accepted the position of chair of this committee. Longzhu was introduced to the committee and discussed plans for the committee.

5) Womens Chemist Club
   - Michelle Ward-Muscatello discussed re-establishing/re-starting the WCC in Pittsburgh. The Executive Committee supports this.
   - Michelle Ward-Muscatello has some students and academic/profession women that are interested in participating.
   - Funds have been set aside for local section groups to start meeting.
   - There was discussion about the WCC, Chemist Club, and Environmental Group possibly co-sponsoring a meeting.

6) YCC
   - No report.

7) WPTAG
   - No report.

8) Chemist Club
   - The March meeting will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse.
   - The May meeting will recognize 50 and 60 year ACS members.

9) Other
   - The Executive Committee discussed funding/monetary support for students for poster presentations at the National Meeting to be held in Anaheim in March 2011, this is not something that the Pittsburgh local section can support at this time.
• The Executive Committee also discussed funding/monetary support for a CMU professor (Subha Ranjan Das) to present at the Geek Arts/Green Innovation Festival at 4900-5740 Penn Avenue on April 1, an International Year of Chemistry (IYC) event, the presentation is on food. The Executive Committee voted to support $500 total, $250 from an anonymous donor and $250 from the local section.

• Project Seed: Bayer is going to sponsor a student for Project Seed. Still determining if this will be through National or through the Pittsburgh local section. PPG will also be sponsoring $2,500 for a student.

• Pittsburgh Junior Academy of Science (PJAS): The Pittsburgh local section sponsored plaques and certificates for students that placed/competed in PJAS, held in February 2011. Local section members also participate as judges for this event.

• Mellon Institute: Mordecai Treblow reported on a meeting held to gather information to commemorate/provide the Carnegie Mellon University Mellon Institute with a National Chemical Historical Award. Committee members include Mordecai Treblow, Guy Berry, Gerry Carlson, and Al Mann.

• Upcoming events for 2011 – See Crucible and Pittsburgh Local Section website http://www.chem.cmu.edu/acs-pgh/

10) Next meeting Monday, April 11, 2011.

Reported submitted on March 7, 2011 by Michelle Coffman, 2011 Secretary of the Pittsburgh ACS section.