ACS Pittsburgh Section Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27, 2016
Location: Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, PA

Members in Attendance: David Waldeck, Dave Gallaher, Rich Danchik, Toby Chapman, Fu-Tyan Lin, Joe Jolson, Kelley Colopietro, Matt Baker, Logan Miller, Heather Juzwa, Kristi Kaufmann, Amy Rupert, Michelle Coffman, Kimberly Woznack,

Call to Order:
D. Waldeck at 6:30 pm.

Items Discussed
Approval of Agenda
Motion to accept by: R. Danchik; Seconded by: H. Juzwa. Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting
Comments: Approved with corrections to R. Danchik’s name.

Resignation of Current Secretary
Chad Keyes relocated to S. Carolina, M. Speer asked to step up from Secretary Elect. Unable to commit at this time but is willing to reconsider in a few months. M. Baker filling in for this meeting.

Earth Day
M. Mautino announced annual contest.

PRSEF
Friday, March 31st. Kristi to present ACS award. Awards to be given at SACP event in May.

Tripartite
Registration has opened. Theme is Scent Chemistry. Event is open to the public, but registration is requested.

Treasurer’s Report (K. Colopietro)
Checks from SACP, SSP received for Job Searching Workshop.
Still awaiting allotment from National.
Taxes are currently being completed.
Award check for International Science Competition sent to student from 2016 in Ireland, awaiting confirmation receipt.
Travel grand listed twice on report in error. Actual account balance is $500 higher than listed on previous report.
Issue with Micro Laboratories: checks sent to Angelica (now in Michigan, checks likely gone). No invoices received from NBO Advertising.

Financial Report (R. Danchik)
Account now worth $290553, increasing as of Jan. 31st, up about $30000 from last January.
M. Mautino has not received any of the reports, though he is listed as the alternate. February report had not yet been sent however.
Inquiries about goals of investment. Suggested that Long Range Planning decide if and how to program surplus funding.

Conferences & Reports
ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia: Four councilors will be in attendance. R. Danchik chairing subcommittee on the Americas and Africa.

Committee Reports
Nominating (& Upcoming Elections)
Comments: Positions available – Chair elect, Secretary elect, Director Elect, and Councilor; Bios for nominations are needed by September 15; Open and close dates for nominations Nov. 4 through Nov. 14

Award Update
Bidwell award instructions provided by M. Mautino to K. Kauffman.
Project SEED
Requests submitted to National.

Prof/Relations/Employment
Reimbursement check still outstanding from AICHE, though delivery promised by 3/28/17. J. Jolson to follow up if check had not been received.
J. Jolson to step down as chair of Employment committee. He is willing to stay on to help with the transition.
J. Auses Lisa Conneley (sp?), proposed as possible replacement. D. Waldeck to talk to J. Auses, and with J. Jolson about other potential replacements.

Crucible
Contract with NBO suggested to be discontinued.
SACP, SSP to be contacted about funding for Crucible. Recommended by R. Danchik and H. Juzwa to maintain current funding ($2500).

Archives
Progress made to 1921 so far.

National Chemistry Week
Nothing to report.

Group Reports
1. WCC – Kelley Colopietro
Planning meeting scheduled, to update at following meeting.

2. YCC - -Matt Baker
Comments: Career Talk Series event to be held, Marcel Bruchez speaking about transitions between industry and academia.

3. Energy Tech – Joe Jolson
Attendance of 10 people at last meeting, presentation on Energy Efficiency at home.

New Business:
Awards dinner planning meeting to occur Monday after current meeting.
Certificates for 2017 50, 60, 70 year members to be distributed at Awards meeting.
Some recipients don’t care for large awards event. Last year, a smaller dinner just for these members was held featuring a historian from CMU. H. Juzwa volunteered to look into repeating similar event. D. Waldeck to send member list to H. Juzwa.

New Guidelines for Reimbursement draft produced by H. Juzwa, to be reviewed and discussed at following meeting. Draft to be sent by email before next meeting by D. Waldeck.

Replacement of M. Coffman needed for High School Test. M. Coffman to be asked for draft of position description to allow more informed decision to be made.

CERM 2017 delegates: June 7-9 in Detroit. H. Juzwa cannot attend, needs replacement for Steering Committee. L. Miller appointed to attend instead.

Old Business:
PJAS: D. Waldeck attended as judge.

Future Meeting Dates April 24th.
Location TBD, South Hills proposed.

Adjournment at 7:45pm (R. Danchik, second T. Chapman)