ACS Pittsburgh Section
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 4th 2009

Attendees:
Mark Bier, Simion Coca, Diane Cohen, Bodie Douglas, Bernie Durkin, Traci Johnsen, Joe Jolson, Heather Juzwa, Fu-Tyan Lin, Jim Manner, Mordecai Treblow, Nick Tsarevsky, and Garry Warnock

Reports:
1) The minutes from the March 30th meeting were approved.
2) Heather Juzwa was introduced as the first secretary of the young chemists club (YCC). She reported that 20 people came to the 1st YCC meeting on April 18th.
3) The Fall National ACS Meeting is being held during the week of August 21th in Washington, D.C. Rich Danchik and Jim Manner will attend. Jim Manner will ask one of the alternates to go.
4) Simion Coca is getting on-line access to the local section’s Dollar Bank accounts.
5) Hy Schultz passed away leaving the library committee chair vacant. Mark Bier volunteered to be the new chair.
6) Guy Berry has completed the local sections tax forms and will mail them by May 6, 2009.
7) Gary Warnock is aware of a chemical and engineering library that needs a new home. It contains bound journals dating back to the 1940’s. Traci Johnsen will put a note in the Crucible with contact information.
8) Traci Johnsen is considering changes to the calendar that has been on the back cover of the Crucible. She may highlight ACS sponsored events and/or move the calendar to an inside page.
9) Simion Coca paid the $150 renewal fee for the Crucible’s annual mailing permit.
10) A clickable text link will be added to our webpage that allows ads placed by the Crucible’s sponsors to be viewed. Clicking on the ads will bring up our sponsor’s webpage.
11) Major renovations to our webpage are scheduled for the fall. The modifications will provide a link to the SACP and SSP websites and allow analysis of visitor statistics. A volunteer is being sought to take over responsibility for or help Guy Berry with website administration. Heather Juzwa is considering working with Guy.
12) Tabitha Riggio reported that Duquesne University will probably take two additional Project SEED students this year, increasing their total to 6. The cost of the additional students will be covered by ACS National. The SACP and SSP have increased their annual Project SEED funding to $3,000 each.
13) Nick Tsarevsky reported that the National Chemistry Week flyer is being advertised in the Crucible and on Facebook.
14) Nick Tsarevsky reported that the Joseph Priestley House in Northumberland, PA is scheduled to close. After a favorable vote by the executive committee, he signed a resolution indicating our desire to keep it open.
15) Heather Juzwa will attend the May 22, 2009 Central Region ACS board meeting in Cleveland. Fu-Tyan may attend. Christina Mastromatteo will attend the organizational meeting.

16) Christina Mastromatteo is chair of the 2014 Central Region ACS meeting. According to the by-laws, the meeting planning process must start by 2010.

17) Jim Manner announced that 68 people have signed up for the 2008 Tripartite Symposium, *Chemistry in Art and Archeology*, scheduled for May 6, 2009, at the University of Pittsburgh, Alumni Hall, Room 343. He said that the SACP and SSP have been slow to pay their share of Tripartite expenses.

18) Information on the annual service awards dinner, scheduled for May 11, 2009 at Duquesne University, and co-sponsored by the SACP and Pittsburgh Section, is at [http://membership.acs.org/P/Pitt/activities.html#voyager](http://membership.acs.org/P/Pitt/activities.html#voyager). Nick Tsarevsky sent invitations to the 14 fifty-year and 8 sixty-year honorees. He has the 50 and 60-year award certificates. Diane Cohen will mail certificates to those honorees who don’t attend.

19) Nick Tsarevsky reported that we have three nominations for the Pittsburgh Award. Mordecai Treblow said at least one more is expected.

20) Nick Tsarevsky reported that we don’t yet have any nominations for the distinguished service award.

21) Bernie Durkin reported that the Pittsburgh Chemistry Olympics has grown to 80 teams from 33 schools. This year’s first place winners for Category I (first year chemistry) are Sam Rosko, Kristofer Pomiecko, and Michael Richards; for Category II (second year chemistry) are Kostya Borisov, Adriana Jensen, and Aidan MacDonagh; and for Category III (advanced organic chemistry) are Dale Wang, Rich Karp, and Ritchie Phan.

22) Joseph Jolson reported that the final cost of the February 7, 2009 Job Searching for Chemical Professionals workshop, and the February 6, 2009 Job Searching for Chemical Technicians workshop, was $3,876.04. This is being split evenly between the ACS, AIChE, SACP, and SSP.

23) Mordecai Treblow reported that the Energy Technology Group met on April 23rd. The May meeting includes a tour of the Phipps Conservatory’s green power system. An August 26th symposium in honor of the 1st oil refinery is in planning.

24) Diane Cohen reported on the upcoming meeting of the Pittsburgh Chemistry Club.

25) Simion Coca reported on the upcoming meeting of the Polymer Group.

**Next Meeting**
The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM on Monday, June 22, 2009 at Mellon Institute. It will be in Room 434 unless indicated.

**Report Preparation**
Reported prepared by Joseph Jolson; 2009 Secretary of the ACS - Pittsburgh Section.