ACS Pittsburgh Section  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
November 16th 2009

Attendees:
Mark Bier, Guy Berry, Simion Coca, Diane Cohen, Rich Danchik, Bodie Douglas, Joe Jolson, Fu-Tyan Lin, Michael Mautino, Christina Mastromatteo, Mordecai Treblow, and Nick Tsarevsky

Reports:
1) The October 6th meeting minutes were approved.
2) In accordance with the Bylaws of the ACS – Pittsburgh Section, Nick Tsarevsky, Joe Jolson, and Rob Mathers met on October 27, 2009 and counted the ballots caste for the 2010 slate of officers. The results confirm Heather Juzwa as chair-elect, Emanuel Schreiber as treasurer-elect, and Michelle Blanken as secretary-elect. The new directors with 3-year terms are Christina Mastromatteo and Mordecai Treblow. The new director with a 1-year term is Toby Chapman. The new councilor is Rich Danchik and the new alternate councilor is Joe Jolson.
3) Toby Chapman’s name was added to the distribution list for the ACS – Pittsburgh Section executive board meetings.
4) The ACS – Pittsburgh Section unanimously approved Jim Manner as 2010 chair.
5) Michael Mautino reported that the Pittsburgh Section’s National Chemistry Week was held at the Carnegie Science Center on October 23-24, 2009. The theme was “Chemistry – It’s Elemental.” 308 volunteers from 32 groups and organizations conducted hands-on experiments, activities, and demonstrations focused on the chemical elements. Of the 308 volunteers, 58% were ACS members or affiliates. At 4,445, total attendance was about the same as last year. $16,500 was spent on the event. The Science Center has been reserved for next year’s event.
6) In his financial report, Mordecai Treblow reported that our trust funds have grown from $134,201.59 at the end of 2008 to $152,732.37 on 9/30/09. Simion Coca reported that we have $31,000 in our checking account and as much as $11,000 of this may be uncommitted. Based on this, the executive board decided not to draw money from the trust funds at this time. After Simion submits the next treasurer’s report we will reassess the need to draw money from the trust funds.
7) Nick reported that the coordinators for the Chemistry Olympiad must be selected by January 22, 2010. Nick will send the event information to Pat Bordell and Bodie Douglas since they have coordinated the event in the past.
8) The JSCP/T kickoff planning meeting was held on Friday, October 30, 2009. The JSCT workshop is scheduled for Friday, February 5, 2010 and the JSCP workshop is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2010.
9) In an e-mail, Tabitha Riggio reported that she is putting together the Project SEED inquiry letter. This year, Duquesne will be taking a maximum of 7 students.
10) So it can be put on the ACS – Pittsburgh Section website, Nick will provide the YCC Facebook address to Guy Berry.
11) Jim Manner reported that the next PGAS event will be in the South Hills on February 6, 2010. Judges and 5 plaques are needed.
12) Nick Tsarevsky reported that 45 people attended the Pittsburgh Award dinner honoring Mildred Perry and Theodore Cohen on Thursday, November 12, 2009.
13) Nick reported that the YCC will receive $250 for the nanogrant that he submitted last month.
14) Christina Mastromatteo will apply for the Science Café nanogrant by December 1, 2009. The topic is Chemistry in Art.
15) Alexander Lowy was a professor of organic chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh from 1921 until his death in 1941, was active in the ACS, and was chair of the ACS – Pittsburgh Section in 1928. In response to a request by one of his grandsons, Joseph Jolson and Guy Berry collected information on Alexander Lowy. The information, including a picture published in the 1928 Crucible, obituaries, and a complete list of publications was forwarded to his grandson. A website in honor of Alexander Lowry is at www.alexanderlowy.com. An article was submitted to the Crucible in remembrance of Alexander Lowy.
16) Nick reported that 10 people attended the YCC’s Job Search and Resume Review workshop. The November 19th meeting includes a lecture by Gary Patterson on the history of the “Concept of the Atom.”
17) The next budget/finance committee meeting will begin at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Nick Tsarevsky will reserve a room in Mellon Hall for the meeting. Simion Coca will chair the budget portion of the meeting. Nick Tsarevsky, Mordecai Treblow, Rich Danchik, Jim Manner, Heather Juzwa, Tabitha Riggio, Joseph Jolson, and Manny Schreiber are also invited.
18) The long-range planning committee is scheduled to meet at 5:30 PM on Monday, November 30, 2009. Christina Mastromatteo is committee chair and will decide if the meeting will be at More’ restaurant (214 N. Craig St.) or another location. The committee also includes Nick Tsarevsky, Jim Manner, Mark Bier, Rich Danchik, Mordecai Treblow, and Heather Juzwa.

Next Meeting
The annual ACS - Pittsburgh Section Executive Committee wrap-up meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at Tokyo Sushi. The business meeting will start at 6:00 PM and dinner will follow.

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