



CT Valley Section

American Chemical Society

Executive Board Meeting
7:00 p.m., September 20, 2016
Springfield College, Springfield MA

Minutes

Attending:

Ellen Anderson, Marcy Balunas, Christian Bruckner, Kevin Kittilstved, Jane Knox, Sharon Palmer, Mark Peczuh, Frank Torre, Julie Smist, Tom Burkholder, David Myers, Neil Glagovich,

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 2016 EB meeting

Correction: St Joseph's College should be changed to University of Saint Joseph.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 2016 EB meeting with the correction noted.

Motion passed.

2. Approval of the financial report

Motion: Ellen Anderson presented the report (*See attached*).

Note: National ACS owes us another \$1,000 for 2016 SEED. There was a mixup with reporting to ACS but this has been corrected.

Motion passed.

3. ACS Philly Councilors Report

Highlights

- a. Elections to councilor committee. Julie almost made it!
- b. Continuation on selected committees. These were renewed.
- c. Committee on Membership Affairs – extension to three years of free membership to chemists without having a job.
- d. Meeting registration and dues for ACS membership both to go up.
- e. 2024 ACS Meeting Boston has been moved to Denver.
- f. Our own Ron Archer has served 36 years on the Council, he will not seek another term. Thanks and congratulations to Ron!

Full talking points document is attached.

4. Fall Dinner Meeting Update

1 reported on the plans for Jurgen.

Scheduled for Thursday October 20 at University of Saint Joseph 6:30 pm

Peter Lawrence UMass Medical "CRISPR: approaches to FSHD, a model epigenetic disease"

Conversation about the plans focused on:

- making sure to target the appropriate audience
- making sure to have a title and content were aimed at the target audience
- we need to publicize to the membership
- dinner reservations

5. Green Chemistry HS Teachers Workshop Update

Julie reported on the plans for the workshop.

Originally planned for October 1, but only five teachers have signed up. Need to recruit more. Kate Anderson from Beyond Benign better to switch to a spring date. She's suggesting March 10, a Friday, which is an in-service day for Springfield Schools. Recruiting via emails and our Facebook page. Julie to update. Springfield could probably host. We also need to get the publicity materials out to the others. Also question of PDPs, we should be able to fill out forms for attendees.

6. 2016 Elections for the Executive Board

Positions for 2017 CVS EB

Chair-Elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Councilor (2)

Alternate Councilor

Members at Large (3) need nominees

Timeline: polls will open on the first Tuesday in October and end on October 14th.

7. 2017 Undergrad Research Symposium

Peczuh and Bruckner updated the group on the plans for the 2017 URS.

UConn will be hosting the event on Saturday April 22, 2017, Earth Day. We have the rooms reserved. We will be in Laurel Hall on the UConn campus. The board then discussed/brainstormed ideas about keynote, chemistry building tours, etc.

Note (1): An "SOP" for running the symposium. Ellen Anderson to Kevin Kittilstved.

Note (2): We have to budget sufficient time for the awards ceremony.

8. Other items that were discussed

a. ACS commission. There was a question from Jane Knox about the commission number – this gives money back to the local section. We should put the commission number in for all new member applications. Jane to check with ACS. Also, we want to put information on the webpage for membership (i.e., the commission number).

b. New local section members. Tom to develop a webpage to allow interested people to join CVS "in mid stream"

c. Travel grants to undergrads. Neil and Mark to develop a schedule for grant program (grads and UGs).

NEXT EB MEETING: SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2016 10:00 am AT CCSU

The meeting ended around 8:00 pm.

Dutifully submitted by –MWP.