



Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society
Online on Zoom
Chair Pumtiwitt McCarthy, presiding
April 15, 2020 6:00 pm

Present: Eric Cotton, Merle Eiss, Kelly Elkins, George Farrant, Dana Ferraris, Louise Hellwig, Jan Kolakowski, Lee Lefkowitz, Pumtiwitt McCarthy, Sara Narayan, Jim Saunders, Jennifer Schmitt, Angela Sherman, Sarah Zimmermann

The minutes of the last meeting, Feb. 24, were reviewed and accepted with the change noted in red. Kelly wanted to make it clear that it was METT grant equipment that might be used for the Earth Day event at Heavy Seas. Feb. 24 minutes attached.

ACS is offering free Pro Zoom which can accommodate up to 250 people at a meeting with "no" time limit (actually 24 hours). Pumtiwitt will accept ACS's offer and will be our point of contact

Pumtiwitt proposed a Virtual event in May. The Student Awardees, who were to be honored at the cancelled March 29 luncheon, would present the posters that they would have presented at the cancelled ACS meeting in Philadelphia. Perhaps there will be a speaker. Pumtiwitt and Louise will coordinate this. George reported that he had sent out certificates and mugs to the Awardees, since these items couldn't be delivered at any Awards Luncheon.

The luncheon for the 50/60/70 Year Members which was to be held in May was cancelled due to the Corona Virus. It was decided to postpone the recognition event till late summer or early fall.

Angela reported that we have \$25,675 in our checking account and \$31665 in our Money Market account.

Half the Student Travel Grant awardees have returned their travel grant money (since the ACS meeting was cancelled) so far. The rest are in the process of returning the money.

Heavy Seas is holding our deposit for the cancelled Earth Day event for the future.

ACS offers to collect our Section dues and forward them to us. A motion to have the national ACS continue to do this for us was approved.

Jan reported that we have \$ 65,518.09 in our Fidelity account and \$83,706.69. in our Nicholas account. That's a drop since last report, but the stock market is recovering.

Merle needs Section ACS stationary.

Still waiting to see if we may get some money from the national ACS from the MARM that was held in 2019 at UMBC.

Our Councilors who are on ACS committees participated in virtual meetings since the ACS national meeting was cancelled. Jen reported that at the next national ACS meeting in San Francisco the Younger Chemists committee plans to hold job panels and other presentations to help with job searches. There will also be a Mental Health Panel. Kelly reported that there will be Ethics programming in San Francisco.

At this time of year nominations for section officers, particularly Chair, are solicited. Jim is willing to spearhead this but needs contacts. Dana could help out. Pumtiwitt will send out an e-mail for input on possible candidates.

Sarah is about to update the section website. George suggested that at least the photos of the 21 Student Awardees be posted. Angela will make a list of Maryland Chemist of the Year winners for recent years.

Dana reported that the Remsen Award meeting at Hopkins is going forward for November.

Lee suggested that some help for local ACS members be posted on the Section website. Links will be put on our website and Twitter about ACS webinars related to job searching.

Louise reported that Morgan was awarded Project SEED money for three students; our Section pays half of their stipends. It is still an open questions whether Morgan will be having student research during the summer.

Louise will be soliciting nominations for the Braude Award. The award is made at a dinner meeting in October, at which the awardee makes a presentation about his/her research. It has come to light that the 2017 awardee has not cashed the award check, which is now out of date. Sara will check up on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Hellwig, Secretary

Further additions after the meeting:

Jan Kolakowski:

The ACS Committee on Technician Affairs (CTA) will be presenting a webinar entitled "What ACS Does for the Chemical Technical Professional", scheduled for August 11, 2020. This was brought up on our virtual CTA meeting which was held on March 22, 2020.

Rose Pesce-Rodriguez:

Not much to report on my end other than cancellation of Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) program. Am writing up details and will propose to ACS as a future CCEW program.

Beatrice Salazar:

Please announce that USNCO is still on and the exams both the local and National are virtual exams, it is very exciting!

The local exam is on April 19th and the National exam part-1 on April 26th the second part May 3rd.

Also, I want scientific or social articles for the newsletter, let's get some excitement in the new issue. All members are invited to submit an article especially all members of the executive committee.