



Minutes of Executive Meeting of  
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society  
Room 200, Dixon Research Center, Morgan State University  
Chair Pumtiwitt McCarthy, presiding  
February 24, 2020 6:15pm

Present: Eric Cotton, Merle Eiss (phone), Kelly Elkins, Michele Foss, Linda Gonzalez, Louise Hellwig, Jan Kolakowski, Lee Lefkowitz, Pumtiwitt McCarthy, Sara Narayan (phone), Beatrice Salazar, Angela Sherman, Sarah Zimmerman (by phone)

The minutes of the last meeting, December 3, 2019 were reviewed. It was stated that a welcome for our 2020 Chair Pumtiwitt McCarthy should be added. With that addition the minutes were approved. Review of minutes from December.

Merle advised that we check with Hopkins about who pays for what at the Remsen Award meeting in November 2020.

Angela reported that we have \$5434 in our checking account and \$31660 in our Money Market account.

Jan reported that we have \$73,834 in our Fidelity account and \$97,943. in our Nicholas account. That's an increase of \$7000 in each account since our last meeting in December.

We may get some money from the national ACS from the MARM that was held in 2019 at UMBC. A discussion of MARMs followed.

Jim Saunders would like to be replaced on the Committee on Nominations. Dana is Vice Chair automatically. Sara will consider serving on that committee. The term is for one year.

Angela would like to be replaced as Chair of Maryland Chemist of the Year Award. Is Jen Schmitt considering leading this committee?

In regards to communication in our Section, Beatrice produces the Chesapeake Chemist newsletter. Sarah is Webmaster (she covers both Constant Contact and the website). If anyone has any news to disseminate, they should send it to her as a Word document. Jen Schmitt takes care of twitter and Facebook.

Beatrice said the goal is to have the next newsletter out by March 15; it will cover the Student Awards.

George Farrant submitted a report to this meeting about the Student Awards luncheon which will be held Sunday March 29 at Notre Dame.

Report submitted by George Farrant:

An update on the ACS Student Awardees Program:

So far I have 20 of 21 schools participating. I am awaiting the name, email address and picture of the JHU awardee and the picture of the Howard CC awardee. So I have 19 pictures out of 21 and 20 out of 21 awardees names. I will send them to Beatrice when I get back on Feb 29. We are awaiting the speaker, Mike Adelstein's bio, abstract of talk and his picture. Angela will be in contact with the caterers and is arranging for someone or others to help with the registration and collection of \$ at the door. When I send out the notification to the students for how many they expect to come, I will make sure to say that we do not take credit cards but will accept cash or checks. We have gifts for the awardees and we have been giving the speaker the same gifts as the awardees. Any suggestions about a different gift to the speaker will be appreciated. I have blank certificates to be printed and the folders for them. I will need a school to spring for 30 copies or more of the March CC.

George

Twenty colleges/universities have submitted the names of their top graduating senior. Section members who plan to attend should send an RSVP to George. Eric and Linda will assist George with presenting the awards at the luncheon. ACS has an umbrella insurance policy covering venues, such as Notre Dame, for these meetings.

Beatrice reported on this year's Chemistry Olympiad. Sixteen schools have registered so far for the local competition. The deadline to register is March 5. Last year there were 102 local student competitors. Thirteen can be chosen to progress to the national Chemistry Olympiad on April 18; that competition is graded by ACS. Of the competitors there, only twenty are selected to go to Chemistry Camp to prepare for the international competition, to which the US can send four competitors.

Beatrice also reported on her Earth Day event in which students from a local school get a tour of the Montebello water treatment plant.

Paul Smith sent in a report about an Earth Day event he has organized. He rented the game room at Heavy Seas Brewery in Halethorpe for \$350. He also rented chairs for \$150. The event will be 6-9 p.m. Tuesday April 21. He is advertising with Blue Water Baltimore, a consortium of local people who organize clean ups, tree planting, water monitoring, etc. Shimadzu is donating \$250, which Paul will use for snacks. Dr. Lee Blaney's talk is entitled "The Environment is on Drugs" and deals with contaminants in the water supply. Paul wants to advertise the event to graduate students at UMBC and encourage them to attend.

There was discussion about whether students might use our METT grant audio-video equipment for live streaming of the event. Jen Schmitt can do Twitter and Facebook about the event. Blue Water is very interested in promotion of that kind.

It was reported that Stephanie' Watson's ACS grant has still not been used. We cannot apply for any further ACS grants until Stephanie's is used.

Michele reported that about 28 people attended the tour of MISCellaneous Distillery in Mount Airy Saturday Feb. 22. Perhaps we will organize another distillery/brewery/winery tour in a few months.

The Women Chemists Committee would like to organize an event, perhaps in September. The Braude Award Dinner will be in October. The Remsen Award meeting will be in November at JHU.

A 50/60/70 Year Members luncheon was proposed for May at Matthew 1600 on Frederick Road in Catonsville. Last year this luncheon was held at the MARM at UMBC. A suggestion was made to interview one of these long-time members for the Chesapeake Chemist. Jan will send his information about this event to Merle.

Mike Zapf sent a report to this meeting, requesting money for Chemathon.

Report submitted by Mike Zapf

Each year I request the following to support the UMCP Chemathon Day, for area High School students. We've done this since about 1985.

There is wide representation (list is available), including HS's up here in the Northern Counties etc., but there are schools from DC & some Virginia.

Of course there are other sponsors including DC-ac's. Our prizes are notable at the event.

*Chemathon UMCP April*

Teacher Award 2 x \$50 Amazon cards	(2 receipts)	100.00
Student Award 12 x Beaker Mugs		151.79
		<u>Total \$251.79</u>

THANKS.

It's already in the budget. The consensus was that we support Chemathon.

Pumtiwitt commented that in the Annual Report there was a reference to "Strategic Planning". No one seemed to have any experience with this in our Section. Kelly has had experience with strategic planning at a committee meeting at a national ACS meeting and found it very worthwhile.

It was suggested that various Section members be interviewed about their research and these interviews be highlighted in the Chesapeake Chemist.



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The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Hellwig, Secretary