



Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Chair Eric Cotton, presiding
September 20, 2021

Present: Priyanshu Banerjee, Rob Clapper, Eric Cotton, Merle Eiss, Kelly Elkins, Michelle Foss, Louise Hellwig, Jan Kolakowski, Lee Lefkowitz, Pumtiwitt McCarthy, Sara Narayan, Beatrice Salazar, Alexander Samokhvalov, Jim Saunders, Angela Sherman, Therese Yu, Sarah Zimmerman

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The Agenda was approved.

The Minutes from April 19, 2021 were approved.

Lee gave the Treasurer's Report.

Jan gave the update on Investments.

Eric has no update on the Bylaws since the national ACS doesn't seem to be responding to his e-mails, no matter how strongly he words them. Beatrice, as a Councilor, suggests trying to bring bylaws up at the Spring national ACS meeting, but Kelly disagrees. Kelly and Eric will discuss this further at another time.

Beatrice reported that the October issue of the Chesapeake Chemist is about ready. She reported that some tutorial lessons for high school students from the Chemistry Olympiad have been taped by her husband.

Rob and Sarah are in charge of Constant Contact.

Louise reported that \$3000 had been awarded as a stipend to a high school student, Srikar Bala, who interned with Dr. Peng at Morgan State University this summer for 6 weeks. Srikar prepared a report on his research as well as co-wrote a poster presented at the Mid-Atlantic Plant Molecular Biology Society 38th Annual Meeting.

Lee made a motion that we set aside \$15,000 to support similar interns next summer. The motion was carried.



Louise made a motion that \$6,000 be made available for student travel to the 2022 Spring National ACS meeting in San Diego. The motion was carried.

Kelly reported that she was very disappointed in the national ACS meeting in Atlanta in August 2021. The national ACS spent a lot of money on the meeting, which was both in person and online. There was limited attendance at the meeting, only 7,000-8,000, rather than the customary 15,000 or so. The seven-eight thousand attendees were essentially those who were presenting posters. There were few people to engage the poster presenters; presenting a poster was just a "badge" to say they had presented at a meeting.

George Farrant is moving and asked for someone to take over his position in charge of the Student Awards, usually held in April. That will be on the December agenda. We also need someone to take over the Maryland Chemist Award from Angela.

Stephanie Watson sent in the Councilors' Report on the August national meeting. That report is based on the report the ACS writes up, but is somewhat tailored.

After some discussion about the Maryland Chemist Award in December, it was decided the awardee would be Takashi Tsukamoto, Director, Medicinal Chemistry, Johns Hopkins Drug Discovery Program, Associate Professor of Neurology, and previous Chair of the Maryland ACS Section.

Eric will the upcoming Section elections. A nominee is needed for President-elect. There was some discussion about how the new three tiers of ACS membership would affect who can run for office, who can vote, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Hellwig, Secretary