



Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Chair Eric Cotton, presiding
December 10, 2021

Present: Nicole Carbonaro, Eric Cotton, Merle Eiss, Kelly Elkins, Michelle Foss, Louise Hellwig, Jan Kolakowski, Lee Lefkowitz, Sara Narayan, Jiangnan Peng, Beatrice Salazar, Alexander Samokhvalov, Angela Sherman, Niru Trivedi, Sarah Zimmerman

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Everyone introduced themselves.

The Agenda was approved.

The Minutes from Sept. 20, 2021 were approved.

Lee gave the Treasurer's Report; see addendum at end. Lee moved \$60,000 to a Money Market account. That leaves us a balance of \$28,729.55 in the checking account, and raises our Money Market balance to \$91,690.31.

Jan reported that our Fidelity Contra fund has a balance of \$104,897.51, down about \$5000 since Sept. The Nicholas fund has a balance of \$139,027.47, up \$6,600 since Sept. A question remains about whether we should put \$25,000 into each of these funds, from our Money Market account.

There was discussion of who should go to the ACS Leadership conference in January. Jiangnan will go because he will be Chair in a few years. A motion was carried to allot up to \$4000 for a total of three people to attend.

Eric led discussion of the By-Laws which the national ACS has returned with annotations. There was discussion about By-Law V, specifically about the position of the Chesapeake Chemist editor. There was also discussion of what constitutes a "quorum". Sarah Z. moved that we table this motion, pending further discussion. Motion carried.

Beatrice will be contacting members of academia and industry for articles for the Chesapeake Chemist. She stated that she is willing to step down from her position as Editor. She also highlighted articles that have appeared in the Chesapeake Chemist from award winners, such as Lee Blaney (Braude Award winner of 2020).



Sara N. is now in charge of Student Awards, succeeding George Farrant. No venue can be reserved, due to Covid fears. Therefore the event will be virtual. \$2000 was allotted for gifts for the awardees. The gifts will be ordered for each individual from ACS, so ACS will do the actual mailing of the items to each awardee. Eric and Angela will work with Sara N. on this event.

Angela made a motion that \$1500 be donated to the Chemistry Department of each 2-year and 4-year college in the Maryland Section, about 22 of them. Each institution can use the money as they see fit for the benefit of their students. Motion carried.

Louise reported that she contacted representative faculty members from each of the 2-year and 4-year colleges in the Maryland Section, inviting their students to apply for up to \$500 travel grant to the spring national ACS meeting in San Diego in March.

Lee made a motion that the Section allot \$6000 to offer members \$250/ACS short course to further their career. Twelve of these awards would be available in the first six months of 2022; according to demand a further twelve of these awards could be offered in the last half of 2022. Motion carried.

Angela reported on the Maryland Chemist of the Year meeting held virtually on Dec. 8. Takashi Tsukamoto was the awardee. About 30 people were in attendance. Angela is stepping down from heading the Maryland Chemist committee. A volunteer to take over is sought.

A reminder was given that the Section set aside \$15,000 to support summer high school interns in summer 2022. These students might be part of the national ACS Project SEED program, or part of a similar project run independently at a local university. This funding should be publicized to professors at such universities, and high school students can be recruited through their high school teachers.

Eric reported that elections were successfully held and everyone won!

The Women's Chemist's meeting in spring will feature Dr. Rosa Rivera-Hainaj, Provost at McDaniel College. Her Ph.D. is in biochemistry.

Eric was thanked for his service as Chair of the Maryland Section in 2021. Sarah Z. was welcomed as Chair of the Section for 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Hellwig, Secretary



ACS Section Treasurer's Report – DEC 2021		
M&T Checking Balance as of 8/20/2021		\$86,434.84
Details:		
Money In:		
08/27/2021	Braude Foundation Deposit	5,000.00
10/25/2021	ACS Deposit	75.00
	Total Credits:	\$5,075.00
Money Out:		
08/23/2021	Check # 2630 to Srikar Baha for Student Internsh.	1,500.00
09/01/2021	Check # 2622 to Towson for Student Travel Award	29.00
10/01/2021	Transfer to MD Section Money Market Account	60,000.00
11/01/2021	Check # 2633 to Rose P-R for NCW Supplies	920.98
11/04/2021	Check # 2634 to Louise Hellwig for Braude Cert.	199.36
11/05/2021	Check # 2635 to Eric Cotton for Election Runner	130.95
	Total Debits:	\$62,780.29
Current Checking Account Balance as of 11/19/2021		\$28,729.55
	Pending Transactions:	
09/15/2021	Check # 2631 to Kelly Elkins for Councilor Travel	1,884.83
10/19/2021	Check # 2632 to McDaniel College/Braude Award	4,000.00
10/31/2021	Check # 2636 to Neema Jones for Poetry Contest	50.00
11/24/2021	Check # 2637 to Beatrice Salazar for USNCO	441.85
11/30/2021	Check # 2638 to Sandy Olson for MD Chem. Plaque	566.58
March 2022	Deposit: Local Section Allotment	15,680.00

M&T Money Market Account: Balance as of 10/31/2021 is: \$91,690.31