



Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Chair Sarah Zimmerman, presiding
April 12, 2022

Present: Nicole Carbonaro, Merle Eiss, Kelly Elkins, Louise Hellwig, Jan Kolakowski, Therese Ku, Pumtiwitt McCarthy, Sara Narayan, Jiangnan Peng, Beatrice Salazar, Stephanie Watson, Sarah Zimmerman

Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Various ways to vote on the Section Bylaws were discussed. It was proposed to post the Bylaws on the Section website. If 2/3 of the e-mail respondents approve, we will submit the Bylaws to the national ACS. A motion to this effect was made and approved.

Sarah suggested a June meet-up in person, perhaps at a brewery, particularly if there was an outdoor seating area. Sarah will contact Michelle Foss, an organizer of our last distillery tour, about such a meeting.

Dr. Tom Muir, the 2020 Remsen awardee, will present a lecture at Johns Hopkins University on Oct. 13. This was postponed until this year due to COVID. Remsen Award winners from 2021 and for this year, 2022, are still being contacted about their presentations.

Rose Pesce-Rodriguez submitted a report about CCEW activities. There does not seem to be much interest in the illustrated poetry contest, but after a hiatus due to COVID, programs at local libraries are now being well attended. Rose requested \$500 for more microscopes for the children to use at these library programs. Motion was made to fund this; approved.

Merle reported that only there were only fifteen 50/60/70 year members who should get certificates. There will be no luncheon this year, but Merle requested funding for stationary and postage fees to send out the certificates. The motion to fund this was made and approved.

Louise reported that two students were approved for the national Project SEED program, one to work under Jiangnan at Morgan, and one to work under Dr. Devadas at Towson. The Maryland Section has agreed to support each of these students with \$1250, the rest of their stipend coming from the national ACS. The Maryland Section had previously set aside \$15,000 to support summer internships for high school students. One student applied to work with Dr. Blaney at UMBC, three applied to work with Dr. Devadas at Towson, and one applied to work with Jiangnan at Morgan. It was



agreed that each of these last five students would receive \$2000 for their summer internships.

Beatrice would like to use a METT grant from the national ACS to create a video describing our Section's "Project SEED" program. However our Section already has a METT grant to be used for other projects. Stephanie suggests contacting the Local Activities Committee of the national ACS and asking to replace the projects proposed in the past with Beatrice's ideas for making videos, e.g. about our "Project SEED".

Jan reported that our Fidelity Contra fund has a balance of \$98914.83, down from about \$109,900 last Sept. The Nicholas fund has a balance of \$127,978.21, down from \$139,027.47 in December.

Lee Lefkowitz was not able to attend the meeting, but his Treasurer's report is an addendum at end of these Minutes. We did not get our \$15,680 allotment from the national ACS because we have not submitted our annual report from 2021. Sarah is looking into this.

The Councilors' Report from the recent national ACS meeting is in the Chesapeake Chemist.

Beatrice reported that the Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) is entering the final stages. She had 23-28 student participants, Our Section is allotted 12 students to progress from our Sectional competition to the national competition. Beatrice is looking for a site for the final Sectional competition. Pumtiwitt is checking whether Morgan can offer the lab space, and Kelly is checking whether Towson U can offer its facilities.

Beatrice reported that she would like to make a video of a tour of the Montebello Water Treatment plant, as students can't go in person due to COVID precautions. Kelly can loan Beatrice the camera she got from the Leadership Institute grant. If that camera is not suitable, Beatrice will price out what she needs to make the video.

This year's Leadership Institute is now scheduled for May 20-22 in Atlanta. Deadline for applications is April 30. Beatrice and Jiangnan plan to attend.

Louise reported that she will be soliciting nominations for the Braude award in May, decision to be made in early June.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Hellwig, Secretary

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ACS Section Treasurer's Report – April 2022		
M&T Checking Balance as of 1/20/2022		\$24,605.30
Details:		
Money In:		
	No Deposits this period.	-0-
	Total Credits:	-0-
Money Out:		
02/03/2022	USPS Debit Card Purchase	1.76
02/07/2022	Check # 2643 to J.A.B. Andrade for Student Travel	500.00
02/07/2022	Check #2645 to D.Aligholizadeh for Student Travel	500.00
02/08/2022	Check # 2641 to Yuyang Ji for Student Travel	500.00
02/14/2022	Web Bill Pay to Rose for CCEW	2,547.72
03/02/2022	Check # 2639 to S. Fletcher for Student Travel	1,000.00
03/09/2022	Check # 2640 to P. Abbott for Student Travel	500.00
	Total Debits:	\$5,549.48
Current Checking Account Balance as of 03/18/2022		\$19,055.82
Pending Transactions:		
09/15/2021	Check # 2631 to Kelly Elkins for Councilor Travel	1,884.83
March 2022	Deposit: Local Section Allotment	15,680.00
April 2022	Mini-Grants to 12 Local Colleges and Universities	18,000.00
04/01/2022	Check # 2645 to Beatrice Salazar for Spring Mtg	2306.52
February 2022	Student Travel (Checks # 2642 and 2644)	1000.00

M&T Money Market Account: Balance as of 3/31/2022 is: \$91,694.11