



Minutes of Executive Meeting of  
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society  
Virtual Meeting on Zoom and in person Science Complex Towson University Rm 5220  
Chair Kelly Elkins, presiding  
June 6, 2023

Present: Nicole Carbonaro, Kelly Elkins, Evan Ford (CCBC), Louise Hellwig, Jan Kolakowski, Sara Narayan, Beatrice Salazar, Stephanie Watson, Olivia Wilkens

Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

The Minutes from the February 16 meeting were approved, with two abstentions for people who were not present Feb. 16.

Jan reported that we have \$98,627.05 in our Fidelity Contra Fund and \$135,183.56 in our Nicholas Fund. This is a total increase of about \$9000 since February.

Louise reported that three nominations were received for the Braude Award. The panel of three judges should soon report their decisions and the winner can be announced.

Beatrice is in charge of the Maryland Chemist of the Year Award. Dana Ferraris is in charge of the Remsen Award.

Michele Foss has organized a Lost Ark Distilling Company tour in Columbia Sat. July 15, 1 p.m. Cost is \$25, \$10 for nondrinkers and 13-20 year olds. Those under 13 are free. The tour will last 40 min, followed by a 20 minute tasting. Guests receive a souvenir glass and a craft cocktail.

Niru Trivedi is organizing a hike.

Eric Cotton is thinking of a social hour with food and drink in fall.

Kelly shared notes from Rose Pesce-Rodriguez about her Outreach plans:

“Will do 2 “Amazing Algae” sessions on Saturday at the “Magic of Science Fair and Family Festival” (held at the TUNE Center at Harford Community College). Between kids and adults, should serve at least 75 participants. <https://discoverycentermd.org/magicofscience/>

I worked that event last year but at a table outside (rather than a classroom). I think they estimated 2000 participants. A long day...but good opportunity to impact a lot of folks.”

Rose has lined up all the libraries for her presentations for National Chemistry Week (NCW) in fall.



Kelly has been looking into the Strategic Planning weekends offered by the national ACS in Washington D.C. There is a possibility of one day meeting followed up by a Zoom meeting, instead of staying overnight. Kelly will follow up.

Beatrice has been in contact with Dr. Kilburn from a Louisville Kentucky distillery. He is happy to give a Powerpoint presentation about whiskey, especially bourbon. His plane fare would be \$200, and a night in a hotel would be \$200. A venue at the Inner Harbor charges \$100-125/hour. Beatrice will write up these details, find out when Dr. Kilburn is available, then poll members about possible dates.

Olivia is reviving the Younger Chemists Committee (YCC). YCC and its activities will be described on the Section website, along with proposed awards.

Beatrice sent a letter of recognition to Dr. Evan Ford, as well as the Deans and the Chairs at CCBC for their help with the Chemistry Olympiad. One of the Maryland contestants, Anurag Sodhi from Centennial High, is in the top group of twenty students who will attend the Prep Camp before the international competition.

Beatrice sent invitations to six companies, inviting them to nominate one of their employees for Maryland Chemist of the Year. Beatrice is advertising for other nominations by Constant Contact and at whiskey tour in July.

Beatrice proposes an Innovative Project Grant (IPG) involving the study of the chemistry of baking bread. Three blenders would be purchased for prizes. Three communities would be targeted: high school, middle school, and the community (probably teachers). She is looking for Section members to make presentations about the chemistry of bread. Applications for an IPG are open till June 30. The \$3500 grant money must be spent within a year.

Thinking of nominations for Section Officers in late fall, Beatrice nominates Evan Ford of CCBC for Chair-Elect. Nominations for all the offices are encouraged.

Nicole is working to improve various aspects of the Section website.

A motion was made and carried to grant Olivia \$150 for various needs for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Astrochemistry Subdivision event she is organizing. The Maryland Section donation will be acknowledged at the event.

Treasurer Lee Lefkowitz was not able to attend, but his April report is attached.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Louise Hellwig, Secretary

<b>ACS Section Treasurer's Report – April 2023</b>		
<b>M&amp;T Checking Balance as of 1/20/2023</b>		<b>\$30,824.15</b>
<b>Details:</b>		
<b>Money In:</b>		
02/17/2023	ACS Deposit for Allotment Supplement	897.04
04/20/2023	ACS Deposit for Local Dues JUL to DEC	5,076.00
	<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>5,973.04</b>
<b>Money Out:</b>		
01/23/2023	USPS Debit Card Purchase	3.72
01/23/2023	Debit Card Purchase for Constant Contact	537.81
01/25/2023	Check # 2715 to CC for Student Travel Award	149.00
01/26/2023	Check # 2713 to MJ for Student Travel Award	149.00
01/31/2023	Check # 2707 to L. Blaney Webinar 1/IP Grant	100.00
02/01/2023	Check # 2711 to SS for Student Travel Award	500.00
02/02/2023	Check # 2712 to DS for Student Travel Award	149.00
02/03/2023	Check # 2721 to B. Salazar for Ldrship Inst. Travel	423.28
02/03/2023	Check # 2722 to CS for CCEW support/IP Grant	300.00
02/07/2023	Check # 2708 to LS for Student Travel Award	500.00
02/14/2023	Check # 2709 to EH for Student Travel Award	500.00
02/16/2023	Check # 2710 to DY for Student Travel Award	500.00
02/16/2023	Check # 2716 to AM for Student Travel Award	500.00
03/02/2023	Check # 2719 to CG for Student Travel Award	500.00
03/03/2023	Check # 2720 to BL for Student Travel Award	500.00
03/09/2023	Check # 2717 to AC for Student Travel Award	500.00
03/09/2023	Check # 2723 to SF for Student Travel Award	500.00
04/03/2023	Debit Card Purchase for NDMU Catering	1188.00
04/05/2023	Debit Card Purchase Amazon.com	71.82
04/11/2023	Check # 2724 to S. Olson for 2023 Remsen Plaque	586.09
04/14/2023	Debit Card Purchase for NDMU Catering	276.23
	<b>Total Debits:</b>	<b>\$8,433.95</b>

<b>Current Checking Account Balance as of 4/20/2023</b>		<b>\$28,363.24</b>
	<b>Pending Transactions: Not Listed</b>	

**M&T Money Market Account: Balance as of 03/31/2023 is: \$61,726.31**