



(Revised Feb. 16, 2024)

Minutes of Executive Meeting of

Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society

Venue: Frisco & Reckless Shepherd Brewery, Columbia, MD

Chair Kelly Elkins, presiding

Nov. 27, 2023

Present: Eric Cotton, Ayse Gul Yavuz Cular, Kelly Elkins, Louise Hellwig, Lee Lefkowitz, Jillian Malbrough, Jiangnan Peng, Olivia Wilkins (not a quorum)

Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

The Minutes from the August 31 meeting were approved.

There were no additions to agenda.

Kelly described here visit to Belmont to pick up some ACS property. She will inform the national ACS that we have some items belonging to them.

The election will be over tomorrow. (Results reported Nov. 29:

Immediate Past Chair: Kelly Elkins

(Term Ends: 12/31/2024)

Chair: Jiangnan Peng

(Term Ends: 12/31/2024 - Moves to Immediate Past Chair)

Vice Chair: Beatrice Salazar

(Term Ends: 12/31/2024 - Moves to Chair)

Chair-Elect: VACANT

Secretary: Louise Hellwig

(Term Ends: 12/31/2025)

Treasurer: Eric Cotton

(Term Ends: 12/31/2025)

Councilors:

Kelly Elkins (Term Ends: 12/31/2024)

Stephanie Watson (Term Ends: 12/31/2026)

Jillian Malbrough (Term Ends: 12/31/2026)

Jan Kolakowski (Term Ends: 12/31/2026)

Alternate Councilors:

Olivia Harper-Wilkins (Term Ends: 12/31/2026)

Sunil Konath (Term Ends: 12/31/2026)

Noelle Neff (Term Ends: 12/31/2026)

VACANT POSITION



Members-At-Large:

Sara Narayan (Term Ends: 12/31/2024)
Rose Pesce-Rodriguez (Term Ends: 12/31/2024)
Nicole Carbonaro (Term Ends: 12/31/2024)
Olivia Harper-Wilkins (Term Ends: 12/31/2024)
Ayse Gul Yavuz-Cular (Term Ends: 12/31/2024)

The Bylaws prohibit the Chair from being a Councilor. Bylaw 5, Section 3, Last sentence: It says that the Chair can't be another officer, but we clarified that a councilor is not an officer (Bylaw 5 Section 1).

Jan Kolakowski's investment report was read into the Minutes:

Fidelity Contrafund Balance (as of 11/27/23): \$109,935.93

Nicholas Fund (as of 11/24/23): \$147,224.38

These investments are like an endowment. Our Annual Budget is around \$50,000. We have about \$60,000 in Money Market.

Treasurer's report for November 2023 is attached at the end of these Minutes.

Project SEED for summer 2024 is tentatively planning for four national Project SEED students (financially disadvantaged) and three Maryland Project SEED students (not financially disadvantaged). We plan to give the Maryland PS students \$3000 apiece.

Olivia Wilkins (YCC) proposed Early Career awards for nominees 40 yrs and under, one for a technician, and one for a researcher, \$500 apiece. Self-nomination is fine, and the award would be presented at the winner's institution.

Olivia Wilkins (YCC) proposed Awards for two educators, \$1000 for a Maryland high school teacher, \$500 for a university instructor. Awardees must be ACS members, at least at the Basic level.

Olivia Wilkins (YCC) proposed a Seminar Grant to generate a list of potential graduate student speakers, which would be e-mailed to various institutions. Up to six graduate student seminar speakers would receive a \$100 honorarium for their presentation.

Olivia reported that Chemistry Café will take place at a local library; Dr. Dworkin, an astrochemist, will be featured.



Student travel grants for the New Orleans meeting in March 2024 were capped at \$6000. The student's PI must be an ACS member at the Standard level. Grants will be \$500 each; online presentations may be supported if there is money left over.

Beatrice Salazar has requested \$1000 for USNCO (Chemistry Olympiad), \$600 for Earth Week (CCED) busing to the water filtration plant, \$2000 for the Maryland Chemist event Feb. 8 at Johns Hopkins U. and \$800 for the IPG Kitchen Chemistry lecture

Rose Pesce-Rodriguez requested 2 x \$600. for her Chemistry in the Library projects.

For the Leadership Institute \$1000. was allotted.

With these modifications the budget was approved and the motion carried.

The 2024 Budget is appended to the end of these Minutes.

Eric is new Treasurer in 2024. Effective upon receipt of election results, add Eric Cotton to M&T checking and money market accounts/signature card. Obtain a debit card for Eric. Remove Angela Sherman from M&T accounts. Louise and Lee to remain on M&T accounts.

Kelly reported that over 100 students attended the Falling for Research event at Towson U.

Jillian will be editing the Maryland Chemist newsletter. (Since there was not a quorum at the meeting, the editorship of the Maryland Chemist newsletter was tabled until the next meeting, late spring 2024.)

Nicole Carbonaro ncarbonaro@towson.edu repeated the info she needs to make modifications on the Section website:

- 1) The specific change you'd like to the website
- 2) What page the change would be made on or what the title of new page would be
- 3) What heading the page should fall under
- 4) Your name
- 5) Your email address so she can ask for any clarification

A Distillery visit to Covalent Spirits in Westminster is proposed for March 9.

Four social events are proposed for 2024; \$500 was budgeted for each.

Speakers must be found for the Women Chemist Committee meeting, and for the Student Awards meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Louise Hellwig

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Hellwig, Secretary



ACS Section Treasurer's Report – November 2023
M&T Checking Balance as of 8/19/2023

\$21,802.87

Details:

Money In:

08/24/2023 ACS Deposit for Local Dues JAN-JUN 3,304.00
08/31/2023 ACS Reimbursement for Project SEED 4,250.00
10/27/2023 Deposit: Braude Foundation/Dinner & Stud. Awd. 5,344.00
11/10/2023 ACS Deposit for New Member Commissions 195.00
Total Credits: 13,093.00

Money Out:

08/21/2023 Check # 2746 to LP for Summer Res. Internship 1,000.00
08/25/2023 Check # 2749 to O. Wilkins for Astrochem. Symp. 159.62
08/28/2023 Check # 2745 to TS for Summer Res. Internship 1,000.00
09/15/2023 Check # 2750 to B. Salazar for Fall ACS Meeting 2,683.64
09/18/2023 Check # 2752 to S.Olson for Remsen Plaque 584.38
10/03/2023 Check # 2753 to Matthew's 1600 for Braude 1,000.00
10/06/2023 Check # 2754 to Scott Miller for Remsen Award 2,500.00
10/26/2023 Check # 2755 to Matthew's 1600 for Braude 914.36
10/31/2023 Check # 2756 to L. Hellwig for Braude Award 218.76
11/06/2023 Check # 2757 to Mark Marten for Braude Award 4,000.00
11/13/2023 Check # 2758 to OA for Project SEED 500.00
11/15/2023 Check # 2759 to EO for Project SEED 500.00

Total Debits: \$15,060.76

Current Checking Account Balance as of 11/20/2023 \$19,835.11

Pending Transactions: Not Listed

M&T Money Market Account: Balance as of 10/31/2023 is: \$61,762.51

Pending Transactions: Not Listed

M&T Money Market Account: Balance as of 07/31/2023 is: \$61,746.94



Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society 2024 Budget Worksheet							
REVENUE	2021 Actual	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 YTD	2024 Budget	Comments
1. ACS Allotment	\$ 30,595	\$ 15,680	\$ 15,680	\$ 16,211	\$ 17,108	\$ 16,000	
2. New Member Commissions			\$ 60			\$ 100	
3. Donations	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
4. Councilor Travel Rebate	\$ 1,508	\$ 9,120	\$ 5,736	\$ 10,380	\$ -	\$ 10,000	Awaiting ACS payment
5. ACS Awards/Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,900	\$ -	\$ 4,250	\$ -	
6. Program Revenue	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	
7. Local Section Dues	\$ 9,678	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,470	\$ 9,500	\$ 8,380	\$ 9,500	
8. INT/DIV/CG	\$ 26,565	\$ 10,000	\$ 805	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
9. Special Events	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
10. Meal Revenues	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 444	\$ 1,000	
Leadership Inst.	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
President's Challenge	\$ 120	\$ 200	\$ 75	\$ 150	\$ 75	\$ 150	
Project SEED	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000		\$ 4,500	
11. Other Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
12. Total	\$ 73,466	\$ 52,600	\$ 40,726	\$ 58,741	\$ 35,257	\$ 56,750	
EXPENSES							
13. Subsidies to subsections	\$ 1,973	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 2,200		\$ 2,700	See Budget Details Tab
14. Awards, Scholarships, Grants	\$ 4,590	\$ 74,600	\$ 47,191	\$ 25,300	\$ 27,000	\$ 24,300	See Budget Details Tab
15. Admin. Exp	\$ 1,022	\$ 950	\$ 546	\$ 900	\$ 643	\$ 810	See Budget Details Tab
16. Printing, Postage and Shipping			\$ 306	\$ 200	\$ 42	\$ 200	
17. Meeting Costs	\$ -	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	
18. Meal Expenses	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,400		\$ 7,000	See Budget Details Tab
19. Councilor Travel	\$ -	\$ 13,285	\$ 10,443	\$ 12,975	\$ 8,733	\$ 12,000	See Budget Details Tab
20. Leadership Institute Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,744	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000	
Project SEED	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,600	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	Support two Project SE
Tax Prep	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Reinvest DIV/CG	\$ 26,565	\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
21. Other Expenses	\$ 50	\$ 200	\$ 5,594	\$ 700	\$ 129	\$ 100	
Total	\$ 34,200	\$ 107,035	\$ 66,824	\$ 66,275	\$ 44,547	\$ 67,110	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 39,266	\$ (54,435)	\$ (26,097)	\$ (7,534)	\$ (9,290)	\$ (10,360)	