



Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Chair Jiangnan Peng, presiding
February 16, 2024

Present: Nicole Carbonaro, Eric Cotton, Ayse Gul Yavuz Cular, Kelly Elkins, Iman Foroughmand, Louise Hellwig, Jan Kolakowski, Sumil Konath, Sara Narayan, Jiangnan Peng, Beatrice Salazar, Stephanie Watson, Olivia Wilkins

Jiangnan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Everyone introduced him/herself.

The Minutes of the last (November 2023) meeting were examined. Beatrice had several objections to those Minutes. She felt the 2024 budget could not be approved since a quorum was not present. After much discussion notations were made in the November Minutes. The amended version of those Minutes is attached to these Minutes.

Sara reported that the WCC meeting is Monday Feb. 19 at Towson University. Dr. Nicki Goodwin from Glaxo will speak.

Eric gave the Treasurer's Report. We have about \$19,000 in the checking account, also some uncashed checks from during Covid. The Financial Report is attached to the end of these Minutes.

Jan reported that our Fidelity ContraFund has \$128,384.36 (as of 2/16/24) and our Nicholas Fund has \$164,551.47 (as of 2/15/24). These balances are all time highs. Stocks in general did exceptionally well last quarter, which means that we cannot expect returns like these to be routine.

Kelly submitted the Annual Report to the national ACS.

Regarding Project SEED (high school summer internships) Louise requested funding for two national ACS Project SEED students where our Section contributes \$1250 apiece, and also funding for four Maryland Section Project SEED students (our program is not needs based) at \$2000 each. Total \$10,500. Since Project SEED is already mentioned in the 2024 budget, no vote needed to be taken.

Louise also reported on the Student Travel Awards which were just given out. We awarded \$500 each to eight students to attend the next national ACS meeting, as well as \$150 each for two high school research students to register for the national meeting; they will be giving their presentations online and do not need travel money.



Since there is still \$1500 in the budget for travel awards, Jiangnan requested allotting \$350 for each of two students who might want to attend the MARM in June in Pennsylvania, as well as \$400 apiece for registration for attendees at the HalChem conference to be held at Johns Hopkins University in Sept.

Olivia reported that she will be leaving the Section due to a new job in Pennsylvania. She is Chair of YCC and suggests Rowena Liu, an undergrad at UMBC who has been active in YCC, to succeed her. We will invite Rowena to attend the next E-board meeting and introduce herself. Olivia is also an Alternate Councilor and will have to be replaced in the next election. Olivia and Rowena are applying to the national ACS for \$500 to rejuvenate the YCC, including adding a NCW art contest (complementary to the existing K-12 poetry contest) and open it to undergraduate students and other younger chemists.

Sara reported that the Student Award Luncheon will be held Sunday April 28 at Notre Dame. The food will cost \$1868. The speaker needs \$600 for plane fare, as well as money for 2 nights at a hotel. Sara will purchase certificates and some other swag for the awardees. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to allot \$5000 for these expenses for the event.

Beatrice reported that the Maryland Chemist of the Year Award meeting was very successful. For 2024 \$2000 has been allotted.

Beatrice reported that she needs \$1500 for the Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO), for materials, food, and awards.

Beatrice also needs \$500 for CCED activities.

Jiangnan proposed rejuvenating Chemagination, a creative poster activity for high school students. There was a question of who would volunteer to run this program. Some attendees made a motion to table this idea till the next meeting, but it was never voted on.

Beatrice would like to find some volunteers to take over the Maryland Chemist Award and also to take over USNCO.

Beatrice would like \$500 for a Section social event which will be described in more detail at the next meeting.

Rose Pesce Rodriguez was not able to attend but sent in a report on her outreach activities at libraries. Attendance at these events has added up to 500, for which she used \$600 in materials. She requests \$600 for similar activities in 2024.

Eric's Treasurer's Report is below; his 2024 Budget Worksheet is attached as a separate document.



The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Louise Hellwig, Secretary

ACS Section Treasurer's Report – November 2023		
M&T Checking Balance as of 11/20/2023		\$19,835.11
Details:		
Money In:		
01/10/2024	ACS Deposit for Councilor Travel From 2023	\$5,840.18
	Total Credits:	\$5,840.18
Money Out:		
11/24/2023	Check # 2761 to R. Pesce-Rodriguez – NCW	\$833.02
11/30/2023	Web payment to L. Lefkowitz - November Meeting Meal	\$241.20
12/01/2023	Check # 2760 to E. Cotton - Election Runner	\$104.40
12/05/2023	Check # 2751 to K. Elkins - Fall 2023 Counselor Travel	\$2,174.15
12/06/2023	Check # 2762 to Constant Contact – Email Services	\$638.40
12/06/2023	Check # 2763 to ACS – Leadership Institute	\$1,225.00
12/06/2023	Check # 2764 to B. Salazar – UNSCO Expenses	\$109.43
12/15/2023	Check # 2766 to S. Olsen – Plaque Calligraphy	\$596.10
12/20/2023	Check # 2765 to A. Sodhi – ACS Student Membership	\$25.00

	Total Debits:	\$5,964.70
Current Checking Account Balance as of 11/20/2023		\$19,728.59
	Pending Transactions (Liabilities):	
\$1500 not cashed in 2022	Check # 2648 for 2022 MD Section Mini Grant Morgan State	
\$1500 not cashed in 2022	Check # 2651 for 2022 MD Section Mini Grant NMDU	
\$1500 not cashed in 2022	Check # 2654 for 2022 MD Section Mini Grant JHU	
\$50 Not Cashed in 2022	Check # 2672 for CCEW Poetry Contest	
\$50 Not Cashed in 2022	Check # 2697 for NCW Poetry Contest	
\$500 not yet cashed	Check #2768 to Matt Deny for 2024 Student Travel	
\$500 not yet cashed	Check #2769 to Lauren Logue for 2024 Student Travel	
\$500 not yet cashed	Check #2772 to Tamar Singman for 2024 Student Travel	
\$500 not yet cashed	Check #2774 to Dariush Aligholizadeh for 2024 Student Travel	
\$150 not yet cashed	Check #2775 to Catherine Connolly for 2024 Student Travel	
\$150 not yet cashed	Check #2776 to Mansoor Johnson for 2024 Student Travel	
\$500 not yet cashed	Check #2777 to Towson University on behalf of Richard Wallace for 2024 Student Travel	
\$500 not yet cashed	Check #2778 to Steven Fletcher for 2024 Student Travel	
\$500 not yet cashed	Check #2779 to Christopher Stromberg for 2024 Student Travel	
\$500 not yet cashed	Check #2780 to Marisa Sloan for 2024 Student Travel	
\$167.32 not yet cashed	Check #2781 reimbursement to Beatrice Salazar for Gift Expenses	
\$9,067.32	Outstanding Liabilities	

M&T Money Market Account: Balance as of 10/31/2023 is: \$61,778.08