



Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Chair Jiangnan Peng, presiding
May 6, 2024

Present: Eric Cotton, Ayse Gul Yavuz Cular, Kelly Elkins, Louise Hellwig, Jan Kolakowski, Sumil Konath, Lee Lefkowitz, Jillian Malbrough, Sara Narayan, Noelle Neff, Jiangnan Peng, Rose Pesce-Rodriguez, Beatrice Salazar, Olivia Wilkins

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

The Minutes of the last (February 2024) meeting were examined. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the February minutes.

Eric gave the Treasurer's Report (attached). Beatrice had a few modifications related to the Olympiad. Eric moved that, to simplify bookkeeping, checks we issue that are not cashed within 180 days would no longer be valid. The motion was carried.

Lee filed our tax return. He is working on e-filing the 1099 forms for honoraria.

Beatrice thanked Eric for renewing our tax exempt status.

Jan reported that our Fidelity ContraFund has \$131,379.16 (as of 5/6/24, about a \$3000 increase over February) and our Nicholas Fund has \$164,247.04 (as of 5/5/24, about a \$200 decrease over February).

Regarding Project SEED (high school summer internships): Louise had previously requested (by e-mail vote) funding for another Maryland Section Project SEED student; that motion passed. The total now is \$12,500. Louise verified that all the students we are supporting are not receiving funds from any other source.

Louise reported that a Student Travel Award of \$500 was awarded for a student to attend the August national ACS meeting. No students applied for travel grants for the MARM in June. There are still two \$400 registration grants for attendees at the HalChem conference at Hopkins in Sept.

Sara reported that 80 people attended the Student Awards Luncheon at Notre Dame April 28, including six Section members. The awardees and parents were most appreciative. Tickets were not required, but \$377 in donations were collected.

Jiangnan is interested in developing a similar Awards event for high school students, perhaps including the winners of the Chemistry Olympiad.



AyseGul requested more e-mail contact. Many members are not receiving Constant Contact. Louise will contact Sarah Zimmerman, the person in charge of Constant Contact.

Olivia reported that Rowena Liu, her replacement as head of YCC, could not attend this meeting but Rowena plans to attend in the future. Olivia received a \$500 grant from the national ACS to help rejuvenate YCC. They will have a meeting May 14 on Teams to discuss revitalization. If Fall into Research is held again this year at Towson, YCC might be able to help judge. Sometime in the last two weeks of June Jason Dworkin of NASA will make a presentation at a Chem Café in an Annapolis library about Osiris Rex.

Merle Eiss is retired from ACS activities, so Stephanie will organize some recognition of our 50-60 year members.

Jiangnan thanked Beatrice for her wonderful work with the Chesapeake Chemist these last eight years. Jillian will take over the editorship. If anyone wants to publicize an event on the Section website, contact Nicole Carbonaro.

Beatrice reported on the Chemistry Olympiad. About 52 Maryland students and 19 teachers participated from 16 schools. Eleven students advanced to the national competition, 3 made the Honors List, and one was elected to go to the camp where the students prepare for the international competition. \$1500 had been budgeted for the Olympiad. So far Beatrice has spent \$968. She still needs \$100 for goggles, \$130 for a banner, and some extra money to replace capillary tubes at CCBC, the Olympiad venue. The remaining \$532 should cover these expenses.

Rose reported on library events celebrating CCEW. There will be about 500 participants all told, and she has the library rooms reserved for fall for NCW. She requests \$600/year to support these activities. She also requested \$150 for the gift cards award to the ACS Poetry Contest winners.

Beatrice requests help finding nominees for Maryland Chemist of the Year by the end of Sept.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Louise Hellwig'.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Hellwig, Secretary

ACS Section Treasurer's Report – May 2024		
M&T Checking Balance as of Feb 2024		\$19,728.59
Details:		
Money In:		
03/20/2024	YCC Grant	\$500.00
05/02/2024	ACS Allotment	\$16,672.00
05/03/2024	Local Section Dues (Last Part of 2023)	\$4,068.00
	Total Credits:	\$21,240.00
Money Out:		
2/11/2024	Check #2768 to Matt Deny for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2769 to Lauren Logue for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2772 to Tamar Singman for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2774 to Dariush Aligholizadeh for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2775 to Catherine Connolly for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 150.00
2/11/2024	Check #2776 to Mansoor Johnson for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 150.00
2/11/2024	Check #2768 to Matt Deny for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2769 to Lauren Logue for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2772 to Tamar Singman for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2778 to Steven Fletcher for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2779 to Christopher Stromberg for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/11/2024	Check #2780 to Marisa Sloan for 2024 Student Travel	\$ 500.00
2/16/2024	Check #2781 reimbursement to Beatrice Salazar for Gift Expenses	\$ 167.32
2/26/2024	Check #2782 payment to Distinction Catering for MD Chemist Award Dining	\$ 1,724.40
3/20/2024	Check #2785 Saraswathi Narayan Reimbursement for Gifts for WCC Event	\$ 52.98
4/2/2024	Check # 2786 Saraswathi Narayan Reimbursement for Gifts for WCC Event	\$ 20.13
4/16/2024	Check #2787 Kelly Elkins Reimbursement for Councilor Travel	\$ 2,385.09
4/18/2024	Check #2788 to reimbursement E. Cotton for stamps	\$ 15.30
4/19/2024	Check #2789 reimbursement to Beatrice Salazar for UNSCO (Supplies and Jackets)	\$ 763.12

		Total Debits: \$8,928.34
Current Checking Account Balance as of May 2024		\$32,040.25
	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 #2777 to Towson University on behalf of Richard Wallace for 2024 Student Travel	
\$756.95 Check Not yet Cashed	Check #2791 Tiger Hospitality WCC Event Catering (Check #2783 has Stop Payment - First Payment Lost)	
\$138.02 Check Not yet Cashed	Check #2784 Milage Reimbursement to Dr. Nicole Godwin for travel to WCC Event	
\$500 check not cashed	Check #2790 Honorarium for Remsen Award to Steve Sibener	
\$189.06 check not cashed	Check #2792 to Beatrice Salazar for UNSCO food purchase reimbursement	
\$6,684.03	Outstanding Liabilities	

M&T Money Market Account: Balance as of 10/31/2023 is: \$61,793.31