



Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society
Virtual Meeting on Zoom
Chair Beatrice Salazar, presiding
February 12, 2025

Present: Eric Cotton, Ayse Gul Yavuz Cular, Kelly Elkins, Louise Hellwig, Rigoberto Hernandez, Jan Kolakowski, Rowena Liu, Rachael Matthews, Tom Michocki, Sara Narayan, Noelle Neff, Beatrice Salazar, Sunita Thyagarajan, Stephanie Watson, Sarah Zimmerman, Shital Vaidya, Robert von Tersch

Beatrice formally called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

The Minutes of the last meeting, December 19, 2024, were approved with certain modifications to the Treasurer's report.

Several new attendees introduced themselves. Rigoberto has been elected President of the national ACS for 2026, which will be the 150th anniversary of the ACS, and Rigoberto would like to particularly highlight this anniversary at various institutions around Maryland.

Rowena is the new head of the Younger Chemists Committee. She is an undergrad at University of Maryland College Park and is open to suggestions for activities, perhaps coordinating with the District of Columbia chapter.

Tom is the Science Department Chair at Eastern High School, which is fielding a team of applicants for the Chemistry Olympiad.

Rachael is originally from Baltimore, but had been working in Tennessee. She has just recently returned to Baltimore.

Eric presented the current Treasurer's Report, attached to these Minutes.

Kelly proposed a possible distillery tour social event.

Ayse and Sunita attend the Leadership Institute in January. Ayse gave a report about that meeting.

The Maryland Chemist Award for 2024 will be awarded in February due to scheduling difficulties in late 2024.



Sara and Kelly reported that a speaker has been lined up for the Women's Chemist Committee meeting to be held on March 12 at 4 p.m. by Zoom. Travel money will not be necessary, but the speaker will receive a gift card.

Sara reported that the Student Awards Luncheon will be held on Sunday April 27 at the Maryland College of Notre Dame.

Louise reported that ten students had applied for Student Travel grants (generally \$500) for the 2025 spring national ACS meeting in San Diego, CA. Also four high school students have applied for \$150 registration grants for that meeting. This totals to \$5600, which was approved last December. In late January another student applied for a \$500 travel grant, and this was approved by e-mail vote. The Section website has since been amended so as to accept travel applications for the spring national ACS meeting between December 1 and January 15, and to accept travel applications to the MARM and the August national meeting between April 2 and May 5.

Concerning Project SEED, the program for high school internships, one professor at Morgan has submitted an application to the national ACS. If a student accepts this project, they will be paid \$4000, of which \$1250 comes from the Maryland Section. We also have a Maryland Section version of Project SEED for which students do not have to demonstrate financial need and receive a \$2000 stipend. We have four applicants for these internships.

Beatrice reported that 102 high school students have applied to take the qualifying exam for the Chemistry Olympiad. Our Section can now send fourteen students to the national exam; in previous years we could only send twelve.

Beatrice and Eric will work on amending certain fine points in the ByLaws.

We have received a Zoom account from the national ACS; Beatrice and Eric will work on getting it up and running.

Beatrice proposed a Nomination Committee. She suggests that Sunita would head the group which would include Sara, Eric, Lee Lefkowitz, and Rigoberto (tentatively). When Sunita becomes Chair, her place would be taken by Ayse.

Jan reported that our Fidelity ContraFund balance is \$165,686.15. Our Nicholas Fund balance is \$189,374.39.



The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Louise Hellwig

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Hellwig, Secretary

Treasurer's Report on following page.

M&T Checking Balance as of December 2024		\$16,960.52
	<u>CREDITS</u>	
	NONE	
<u>Total Credits:</u>		\$0.00
	<u>DEBITS</u>	
1/23/2025	Student Travel for Marisa Stone - Check #2837	\$500.00
1/23/2025	Student Travel for Alyssa Reddy - Check #2838	\$500.00
1/23/2025	Student Travel for Chloe Seluchin - Check #2840	\$500.00
1/23/2025	Student Travel for MacKenzie Redding - Check #2837	\$500.00
1/23/2025	Student Travel for Riley Schap - Check #2842	\$500.00
1/28/2025	Student Travel for Alex Lohse - Check #2847	\$150.00
1/28/2025	Student Travel for Dylan Dalsimer - Check #2848	\$150.00
1/28/2025	Student Travel for Herbert Wakefield - Check #2849	\$500.00
1/28/2025	MD Chemist Award Catering – Check # 2852 Reimb. to Eric Cotton	\$1,511.25
1/28/2025	Priority Mail Stamps – Check # 2852 Reimb. to Eric Cotton	\$78.80
02/05/2024	Check #2853 Reimbursement to Ayse Cular for Leadership Institute	\$614.93
01/23/2025	Check #2839 Cara Guganti for Student Travel	\$500.00
<u>Total Debits:</u>		\$6,004.98
Current Checking Account Balance as of February 2025		\$10,955.54
	<u>Pending Transactions (Liabilities):</u>	
04/10/2022	Check # 2648 for 2022 MD Section Mini Grant Morgan State	\$1,500.00
04/10/2022	Check # 2651 for 2022 MD Section Mini Grant NMDU	\$1,500.00
06/30/2022	Check # 2672 for CCEW Poetry Contest	\$50.00
06/30/2022	Check # 2697 for CCEW Poetry Contest	\$50.00
03/20/2024	Check #2784 Nicole Godwin Milage for WCC Event	\$138.02

10/31/2024	Check #2830 Emely Gomez Final Project SEED Payment	\$500.00
01/23/2025	Check #2843 Audry MacNair for Student Travel	\$500.00
01/28/2025	Check #2844 Alexandra Wise for Student Travel	\$500.00
01/28/2025	Check #2845 Colin Flanigan/Chris Stromberg for Student Travel	\$500.00
01/28/2025	Check #2846 Benjamine Raufman for Student Travel	\$150.00
01/28/2025	Check #2850 Ella D'Ambrosio for Student Travel	\$150.00
Total Outstanding Liabilities:		\$5,538.02
TOTAL BALANCE LESS LIABILITIES:		\$5,417.52

M&T Money Market Account: Balance as of 02/11/2025 is: \$61,840.06

