

**Minutes of Executive Meeting of
Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society
February 12, 2018
Knott Hall Room 218
Notre Dame of Maryland University
President Beatrice Salazar, presiding**

Present: Merle Eiss, Kelly Elkins, George Farrant, Dana Ferraris, Louise Hellwig, Pumtiwitt McCarthy, Sara Narayan, Beatrice Salazar, Jim Saunders, Angela Sherman, Stephanie Watson, Sandra Young, Sarah Zimmerman

Beatrice convened the meeting at 6:10 p.m.
She welcomed everyone to their new positions.

The next Executive Meeting will be Tues. April 24 at Stevenson University, hosted by Sara Narayan.

The minutes of the last meeting (12/19/17) approved, but a question about the theme of the 2019 MARM, "Opioids", needs to be clarified.

It was agreed that Pumtiwitt will attend the 2019 Leadership Conference.

The Nominating Committee (chaired by Jim and including Sandra, Sara, and Dana) nominates Kelly to run for Chair Elect (2021).

Beatrice showed a sample of a booklet describing the Maryland Section which she plans to have printed up to give to students at Student Awards Luncheon and to guests at other select events.

Beatrice would like an Alternate Counselor to attend the national meeting with full or partial support. This was discussed but not decided.

Angela has been chosen Maryland Section Volunteer of Year; she received a glass paperweight from the national ACS. Beatrice gave Pumtiwitt a flowering plant for producing the Chesapeake Chemist so faithfully.

Kelly reported on the Leadership Institute. Neighboring ACS sections would like to write an Innovative Projects Grant (IPG) to support an Environmental Science Cafe. Kelly went to various workshops and wrote up a report about her experiences.

Angela presented the budget. We are getting about \$200 less from ACS each year. Local dues are going up to \$12. We had no expensive meals last year. Angela doesn't know what the President's Challenge money from ACS is for. She reported that the current value of our money market account is \$28,000. We have \$15,000 in CDs and \$22,000 in the checking account.

Louise reported that she had invited about twenty local high school chemistry teachers to apply for \$1500 support from our Section to attend the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education in South Bend IN in July 29 - August 2, 2018. One teacher, Dr. Adam Wishart, from Baltimore Polytechnic High School applied; he has been active bringing a team of his students to the Chemistry Olympiad every year. It was agreed that we would pay his registration for the conference (\$175) and give him a check for \$1325 for his travel expenses. We will request that he turn in his receipts and will invite him to attend our fall Executive Meeting to describe his experiences at the conference and how they are influencing his teaching of chemistry.

Merle reported on what Committees do at the national meetings. There are some committees for which a person does not have to be a Councilor to be on t; it is well funded with many countries represented. She is also on a committee for Scheduling Meetings. She recounted a problem from the past. Eighteen months ahead of the meeting, it was realized that the meeting was scheduled during the Jewish High Holy Days and had to be rescheduled. It's hard to get a venue at that "short" notice. The meeting was finally able to be held in Las Vegas. When choosing a convention city, cost, dealing with unions, whether there are hotels near the convention center, etc. must be considered.

Merle is also on a Subcommittee about the Exhibition at meetings. Exhibitors have been complaining about lack of people coming through the Exhibition.

Dana is on the ACS Career Services Committee. In his opinion ACS has a terrible website; it's hard to find all their wonderful materials. There is a lot of changeover taking place in DC, so maybe the website will improve. He also pointed out how much time Committee meetings take up.

Beatrice is presenting a poster at the Environmental Chemistry poster session at the national ACS meeting in New Orleans about the Montebello Water Treatment Plant and how she has arranged for high school students to visit it for Earth Day. She requested full or partial support for this trip. There was some discussion about whether prior permission should have been obtained. Jim made the motion (seconded by George) to give Beatrice half support (\$1000) to present the poster in New Orleans, with the caveat that in future people ask approval for travel funding before they submit posters. Motion was approved.

Student travel funds were set at \$8000 for 2018, i.e. \$7000 for the national meeting in New Orleans in March, \$1000 for the Boston meeting in August.

Sandy, Rose Pesce-Rodriguez, and Suzanne Procell are holding an ACS Earth Day event April 26 at St. Frances Assisi school. They would appreciate some volunteers to help with the demonstrations. Beatrice and Angela volunteered to assist Sandy and Rose.

Sandy is setting up a Networking group at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG). She has invited employees who are ACS members as well as those who are not. Many employees there see no value in ACS membership, so Sandy is organizing two pizza lunches, at which she will promote the value of ACS membership.

Sandy asked for a back-up or substitute person to learn how to do the Constant Contact communications when Sandy is overly busy. Sarah Zimmerman volunteered.

Pumtiwitt distributed a schedule so people could submit items for the Section website in a timely manner. Merle and Jim will update the Section History tab. Beatrice would like a video of one of Jim's presentations on chocolate to put on website.

Jim will send out announcements of our ACS events to his mailing list from the Mid-Atlantic Plant Molecular Biology Society he is active in.

On Tuesday Feb. 27 the national ACS is holding a Program in Box webinar on Opioids. Beatrice will get the connection guidelines so anyone who wants to listen either individually or in a group, can.

Kelly reported that she and Sara are having trouble finding a venue for the March 8 Women's Chemist Committee meeting featuring Clare Muhoro. They are still working on finding a venue, but they may have to reschedule the event. Perhaps they can find a venue we don't usually frequent, such as at some chemical company.

Steve Askew (Trilogy Essential Ingredients) and his daughter Roxanne will present Show and Smell at the Student Awards meeting Sunday April 8 at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Each of the universities in the Maryland Section has been invited to nominate their top graduating senior to be recognized with an ACS certificate, coffee mug, and portfolio.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Hellwig
Secretary