

**ACS-GHS Board Meeting**  
**04/18/19**  
**06:30 PM to 7:52 PM**  
**University of St Thomas; SHP 251;**  
**3800 Montrose; Houston, TX 77006**  
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## Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Snigdha Chennamaneni
2. Adoption of March 2019 Meeting Minutes - Snigdha Chennamaneni
3. Committee Updates
  - I. Programming - Crystal Young
    - YCC - Kevin Ramirez
    - WCC - Valerie Lafitte
    - MAC - Javoris Hollingsworth
    - ECH - Larry Dennis
    - Seminars & Summer Social - Crystal Young
    - Science Cafe - Mamie Moy
    - TAG - Carolyn Burnley
  - II. Awards - Lisa Houston
  - III. Education - Roxie Allen
    - Chemistry Olympiad - Jerry Yang
    - Project Seed - Carolyn Burnley
    - AACT Liaison - Amiee Modic
    - HS Chem Clubs Liaison - Jamie Flint
    - Middle School Liaison - Lizzy Pandhi
    - Scholarship Exam - Tai-Yen
    - Student Affiliates - Reese Johnson
  - IV. Community Affairs - Kerry Spilker
    - CCEW & NCW - Reese Johnson
    - Kids & Chemistry - Bob Botto
    - Education Rainbow Challenge - Eme Abu
    - Industry Relations - J.C. Kuo
    - High School Outreach-
  - V. Communications & Technology - Dawn Friesen
  - VI. Strategic planning - Amber Hinkle
  - VII. Membership - Qi Wang
4. Any Other Business

## ACS-GHS Meeting Minutes

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### 1. Welcome/Introductions:

The meeting was convened by Snigdha Chennamaneni at 6:30PM.

#### **Attendees:**

Snigdha Chennamaneni, Crystal Young, Larry Dennis, Dawn Friesen, Catherine Faler, Kevin Ramirez, Mamie Moy, Valerie Lafitte, Sunny Tang, Qi Wang, David Singleton, Amiee Modic, Javoris Hollingsworth, Kiresha Johnson.

### 2. Adoption of March 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Snigdha made a motion to approve the March 2019 meeting minutes, Kevin seconded. Minutes were approved, after amending the minutes to include correct spelling for Dr. Charpentier.

### 3. Committee Reporting:

#### I. Programming Committee: Crystal Young

- Younger Chemists Committee: Kevin Ramirez  
Kevin is planning a happy hour in May. May 10<sup>th</sup> or May 11<sup>th</sup> are potential event dates.
- Women Chemists Committee: Valerie Lafitte  
Valerie is planning a speed networking event- on a weekday evening, at university of St. Thomas in near future.
- Minority Affairs Committee: Javoris Hollingsworth  
Javoris is targeting for an event in Fall semester.
- Summer Social and Seminars: Crystal Young  
Printing museum was suggested as the location for summer social. It is being planned as a joint effort with Brazosport section and they are on board with the plan. Working on finalizing a date and time. Each room has varying prices and we could do different activities depending on the budget. If the event is after 5pm, then we need to pay for security as well. People who are interested in planning the event and would like to participate in planning for the event can message Crystal.

Next seminar speaker is Valerie Moore, scheduled to speak at UST on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 pm.

- Science Café: Mamie Moy  
It was a very successful event with over 300 attendees. Great lecture by Dr. Bomford. Mamie thanked Crystal for presenting gift to the speaker. Mamie thanked board members for attending the event, and specially Maryanne for bringing in volunteers. GHS gifted \$300 to the museum in honor of Dr. Bomford.

#### II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

Lisa emailed her updates. 3 ACS Fellow nominations were submitted. We are still canvassing for the local section awards.

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

Roxie emailed her updates.

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang  
It will be held on April 23, 2019 at University of Houston from 3:30-9:30 PM. 15 students have been nominated from Greater Houston Section and 3 students have been selected from Brazosport section. One student is from California with a special accommodation.
- Project SEED: Carolyn Burnley and Javoris Hollingsworth  
No updates.
- AACT Liaison – Amiee Modic  
Amiee has received poetry submissions and needs people to act as a judge. Asking people to volunteer to be a judge. She would like to finish judging by April 29, 2019.
- HS Chem Clubs Liaison – Jamie Flint  
Jamie emailed the updates that there are 14 chem clubs. Roxie will send out a survey in August for Chem clubs.
- Scholarship Exam – Tai-Yen  
The exam was held last weekend. 8 students were there attending from University of Houston.

IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spiker

- CCEW & NCW: Reese Johnson  
The event was at Discovery green. The event lasted till 5PM. We had student volunteers from Texas Southern University. 2 experiments were demonstrated. One was making fake snow and another one was chromatography. The event was very successful. There were goodie bags for kids and food for volunteers was donated by Pizza hut.
- Outreach: Lisa provided an update. We had 10 high schools where board members and few GHS members-9, were able to go and present. Pictures of the events are saved on Dropbox.

V. Communications and Technology Committee: Dawn Friesen

Working on strategic planning. Newsletter will come first Monday of the month, so send Dawn information which needs to be put in the newsletter.

VI. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

Updates were provided for goal 1- membership committee and goal 2 – communications committee. These updates are documented as committee updates in current report. No updates about goal 3.

VII. Membership Committee: Qi Wang

78 responses were received for membership survey. 44 people responded saying they would like to volunteer with the committee. There is some feedback for interest in volunteering.

4. **Other Business:**

- a. ACS Career fair will be at the University of St. Thomas. Event will be on Sept 7, 2019. Plan is to have a keynote speaker in the morning, followed by two panel discussions. Then there will be lunch and then will be a networking event. It won't be a traditional career fair.

- b. ACS national meeting update: Larry, Sunny and Mamie reported about councilor points from ACS National Meeting. National membership is going down. So they are going to do annual survey. ACS website has professional employment guidelines and now they are going to have guidelines for high school teachers. Mamie requested Dawn and Cotton to read the campaign rules, so no social media updates are in violation to the campaign rules for national elections.
- c. Walk for Lupus is scheduled for May 5. Please sign up for it.

Meeting concluded at 7:52 pm

Submitted by: Shreya Shah and Snigdha Chennamaneni