

ACS-GHS Board Meeting
06/17/19
06:30 PM to 8:15 PM
University of St Thomas; SHP 251;
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Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Snigdha Chennamaneni
2. Adoption of May 2019 Meeting Minutes - Snigdha Chennamaneni
3. Budget Review – Sam Lewis
4. Committee Updates
 - I. Programming - Crystal Young
 - YCC - Kevin Ramirez
 - WCC - Valerie Lafitte
 - MAC - Javoris Hollingsworth
 - ECH - Larry Dennis
 - Seminars & Summer Social - Crystal Young
 - 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
 - V. Communications & Technology - Dawn Friesen
 - VI. Strategic planning - Amber Hinkle
 - VII. Membership - Qi Wang
5. Any Other Business
 - Career Fair
 - 2019 Fall ACS-GHS Passport Program
 - IPG Application

ACS-GHS Meeting Minutes

June 17th, 2019

1. Welcome/Introductions:

The meeting was convened by Snigdha Chennamaneni at 6:36PM.

Attendees:

Snigdha Chennamaneni, Crystal Young, Catherine Faler, Caroline Burnley, Kevin Ramirez, Dawn Friesen, Lisa Houston, Sam Lewis, Sunny Tang, Qi wang, Yangwei Liu.

2. Adoption of May 2019 Meeting Minutes:

Quorum was not reached and hence minutes were not approved.

3. Budget Summary: Sam Lewis

Since last board meeting nothing much has happened. Not yet heard back from national council yet for reimbursement of councilors for Orlando meeting. Will hear back in a week or two.

Sam explained about the PayPal account. Sam said that they are requesting a physical address and won't accept PO Box and hence he will follow up on that with them. Another question for Sam was about WildApricot account- to talk to online customer support of WildApricot for payment options. Sam said that he confirmed with them to choose no payment method and they will also remove the surcharge.

4. Committee Reporting:

I. Programming Committee: Crystal Young

- Women Chemists Committee: Valerie Lafitte
Crystal gave an update. A speed networking event is coming on 26th June. It will be at University of St. Thomas. The registration is low, and we need to advertise it more to increase participation.
- Summer Social and Seminars: Crystal Young
No seminars are there in summer. For May seminar survey the response rate was very low. Based on the response received, people did not know about the upcoming events. Crystal asked committee for ways to reach out to people and inform them about upcoming events. Some of suggestions given by committee are to pass out the flyer for upcoming events, have a couple of slides at each event for upcoming events, ask people where they would like to get the event information from and make passport available which shows upcoming events. Advertise to chemistry departments for Dr. Charpentier's upcoming seminar.

Summer social is scheduled on August 3 at the printing museum and is planned along with Brazos port section. The tickets are for 15\$. Since it is an afternoon event there will be no alcohol at the event but there will be a happy hour event after summer social. The committee discussed to provide discounted tickets for either children or family for the summer social. Estimated cost for the event is close to 2000\$. The budget for the event is 1000\$ and we will break even with sale of 60 tickets. There might be possible sponsors we can reach out to.

Next upcoming seminar is on August 19th by Curtis Swisher. The seminar is on Career Management During Uncertain Times and will be held at University of St. Thomas. On September 9th we have Dr. Bonnie Charpentier's seminar coming up and that will also be at University of St. Thomas.

II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

We have 3 nominations for ACS fellows and the winners will be notified about the award in mid-July and then it will be announced in C & EN magazine. We have a couple of regional awards whose deadline is August 1. We have a candidate for each award. There is a new award for Partners for Progress and prosperity sponsored by Miranda Wu. It's in its initial stages. For local awards, we have a committee for each award. We have a good number of candidates for each award except for Joe. W. Hightower award.

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

- Project SEED: Carolyn Burnley and Javoris Hollingsworth
Snigdha gave an update. All but one project seed positions were filled up. Carolyn attended a conference in Washington D.C. for Project SEED.
- AACT Liaison – Amiee Modic
Amiee's term as the AACT liaison is complete. AACT is organizing a BCCE symposia in 2020. Amiee gave an update about an upcoming outreach training program which will entail seminars/webinars. Amiee asked if anyone is going to attend it or if she can attend it. The committee responded saying everyone who wishes to attend it can do it and hence Amiee will try to attend as many seminars she can.

IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spiker

- Communications and Technology Committee: Dawn Friesen
Yangwei Liu has rejoined the communications and technology committee. Welcome letters are ready to go on June 20th for March to May members. Newsletter is about to come up so if anyone has anything to be included please let the team know.

V. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

Snigdha gave an update. Strategic planning has three goals. Goal one is to increase membership. We decided to develop a passport program for this purpose. We have a pilot passport for the fall events. A pdf of the pilot passport was shown in the meeting. Members who are able to attend 7 or more fall events will be recognized in the December social. Even board members are eligible for the passport program. To promote the passport program, we can distribute it in chemistry departments of different universities, put information about it in newsletter and on the website. A complete passport with signatures needs to be emailed by Nov. 16 to be considered for the recognition.

Goal two was communications. Dawn is working on creating an outreach page to highlight our section outreach activities.

Third goal was outreach to public. No initiative has been taken for Goal three yet.

VI. Membership Committee: Qi Wang

We recruited 10 new volunteers for different committees. Qi pointed out that there is no information on the website on each committee. Qi suggested that we can add some information about each committee. Also make a list of members who offer to volunteer, so the committee looking for volunteers can access the list and can reach out to those members.

5. Other Business:

- a. ACS Career fair will be at the University of St. Thomas. Event will be on October 5, 2019, same day as the breast cancer walk/run.
- b. IPG proposal deadline is coming up. We can put up an IPG proposal on our passport program. Snigdha will work on the proposal.
- c. We are ACS ChemLuminary finalist under four categories-Outstanding Local Section Career Program Award, Outstanding performance Awards-Large Size Category, Most Innovative Activity in a Local Section for Senior Chemists and Outstanding Kids and Chemistry Award. Amber Hinkle will represent GHS on August 27th at Fall ACS meeting and present a poster summarizing our award-winning activities. Lisa will help put together a poster.
- d. Science Café grant “Chemistry and coffee” has been applied for.

Meeting concluded at 8:15 pm

Submitted by: Shreya Shah and Snigdha Chennamaneni