

**ACS-GHS Board Meeting**  
**03/18/19**  
**06:30 PM to 8:00 PM**  
**University of St Thomas; SHP 251;**  
**3800 Montrose; Houston, TX 77006**  
**Blackboard Call Dial IN: 571-392-7650;**  
**PIN: 9043764281#.**

## Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions - Snigdha Chennamaneni
2. Adoption of February 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:**

Crystal Young was asked to preside over the meeting by Snigdha Chennamaneni, since she could not make it in person. The meeting was convened by Crystal Young at 06:30 pm.

#### **Attendees:**

Blackboard call: Snigdha Chennamaneni, David Singleton, Shreya Shah, Javoris Hollingsworth, Reese Johnson, Amiee Modic.

In-person: Crystal Young, Mamie Moy, Lisa Houston, Dawn Friesen, Catherine Faler, Kevin Ramirez.

### **2. Adoption of January 2019 Meeting Minutes:**

Crystal made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Minor corrections were made to February meeting minutes by correcting the date for program in a box from "February 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019" to "February 26, 2019". After the minor corrections, quorum was reached to approve the meeting minutes.

### **3. Committee Reporting:**

#### 1. Programming Committee: Crystal Young

##### i. Younger Chemists Committee: Kevin Ramirez

Program in a Box was held at HBU and UST on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and was a successful event. There are no upcoming events for YCC as of moment.

##### ii. Women Chemists Committee: Valerie Lafitte

Valerie Lafitte sent an email to Crystal Young giving updates. She is interested in organizing a speed networking event. She suggested to pair it up with career fair, if possible. If not that then she will try to organize a standalone event.

##### iii. Minority Affairs Committee: Javoris Hollingsworth

MAC is planning to organize high school tour. He is still trying to get people involved for the event. Roxie offered to help Javoris for organizing the high school tour.

##### iv. Summer Social and Seminars: Crystal Young

The February seminar was successful and had 50 attendees. Follow up survey was sent out and unfortunately did not have a good response. The feedback was that we are successfully reaching out to people with emails and social media, but we need to keep up as they were not aware of future events. It was suggested to use constant contact to send out emails for upcoming events and for follow up.

Upcoming seminar is by Valerie Moore on May 16, 2019 on Intellectual Properties. Periodic table gift boards were purchased for speaker gifts or for any other gifts from Midland Woodworks. In September we have dinner seminar with Dr. Charpentier. We received Leadership Institute mini grant for 250\$ from national ACS. Crystal requested for committee input for location. St Thomas university can be a good place. We have 750\$ and if any more costs are incurred, they can be charged per person.

A Summer social joint event with ACS Brazosport Section is being organized to be held either in July or August. Need to finalize date and location by end of May. Committee discussed various possible locations for the social. Brazosport Section has a social in April.

- v. Science Café: Mamie Moy  
Science Café event is all set for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Dr. David Bomford, Chair, Department of Conservation at MFAH will be giving a talk, "Van Gogh at Work: His Materials and Techniques". Mamie has invited neighboring ACS local sections to participate in the event.
2. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston  
The awards committee has 12 committee members. The criteria for the awards are updated on the local section website. All awards have a deadline of Sept. 15, 2019 and its updated on the website as well. The goal of committees for each award is to increase the number of nominations submitted for the awards. Oct. 16, 2019 is a tentative date set for awards' dinner.
3. Education Committee: Roxie Allen
  - i. Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang  
Roxie received a report from Jerry Yang. 167 students appeared for Chemistry Olympiad Exam out of 230 students registered for the test. 15 students were nominated for the national event.
  - ii. Project SEED: Carolyn Burnley and Javoris Hollingsworth  
Applications have started coming in for project seed.
  - iii. AACT Liaison – Amiee Modic  
She will coordinate between Adam and Roxie to reach out to Greater Houston high school teachers. One of the goals of AACT committee is to increase interaction of AACT with ACS.
  - iv. HS Chem Clubs Liaison – Jamie Flint  
Roxie reported on Jamie's behalf. Jamie is targeting chem club teachers and get both teachers and students involved.
  - v. Middle School Liaison – Lizzy Pahci.  
Roxie reported on Lizzy's behalf. She will send out email to middle school teachers to ask how ACS can help middle school kids.
  - vi. Scholarship Exam – Tai-Yen  
Roxie reported on Tai's behalf. Tai reported that everything is under control for scholarship exam and registration opens on April 13, 2019.
  - vii. Student Affiliates - Reese Johnson  
She created new forms for volunteering and for new events.
4. Community Affairs: Kerry Spiker
  - i. CCEW & NCW: Reese Johnson  
Chemists celebrate earth week will be held at discovery green on April 14, 2019 from 12:00 – 5:00 pm. GHS booth will have 2-3 experiments. Working with volunteers and trying to get food donated for volunteers. Reese needed access to dropbox and asked Shreya for it.
5. Communications and Technology Committee: Dawn Friesen  
ACS-GHS website was updated. One of the goals this year is to improve communication with local section members and have 5 YouTube recordings of the seminar. Dawn is recruiting volunteers for that. Another goal is to have 7-10 local section event videos and upload that on YouTube this year. Dawn is also working on developing communications guidelines document.

6. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

Lisa Houston and Dawn Friesen have submitted an update on progress on goal 1 and goal 2.

7. Membership Committee: Qi Wang

Qi Wang will be doing membership survey. He asked if he should use email or put it in newsletter. Committee suggested to make a small survey and use constant contact for it. Updated roster is in Dropbox already for sending out emails for the survey.

4. **Other Business:**

- I. Snigdha reported on Sam's behalf and said that the taxes have been filed. No major activities this year. Sam has requested councilors to submit reimbursement forms soon after ACS meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8:00 pm

Submitted by: Shreya Shah