

**ACS-GHS Board Meeting**  
**10/21/19**  
**06:30 PM to 8:30 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. Harris County Department of Education – Case for Kids – Michael Wilson
3. Adoption of April 2019 Meeting Minutes - Snigdha Chennamaneni
4. 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
5. Any Other Business

## ACS-GHS Meeting Minutes

Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

### 1. Welcome/Introductions:

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM at UST by Crystal Young.

#### **Attendees:**

Crystal Young, J.C. Kuo, Dawn Friesen, Lisa Houston, Roxie Allen, Javoris Hollingsworth, David Singleton, Kevin Ramirez, Amber Hinkle, Carolyn Burnley, Bob Botto

### 2. Adoption of Meeting Minutes:

Quorum was not there.

### 3. Budget Summary: Sam Lewis

No updates

### 4. Committee Reporting:

#### I. Programming Committee: Crystal Young

- Younger Chemists Committee: Kevin Ramirez  
No upcoming events.
- Women Chemists Committee: Valerie Lafitte  
No updates.
- Minority Affairs Committee: Javoris Hollingsworth  
We had our first chemistry career road show for North Houston Early College High school on last Wednesday, where 4 volunteers showed up. He was hoping for 10 volunteers but since it was during the working hours it may have been difficult for volunteers to show up. Roxie is helping him to reach out to more schools to see if there can be more future events. Committee also suggested to reach out to global mentors group to find more volunteers for such future events.
- ECH: Larry Dennis  
No updates.
- Summer Social and Seminars: Crystal Young  
We received an invoice for the Brazosport section. She will reach out to Sam and see if the money was received from the Brazosport section for the joint social held at the Printing Press.  
The last seminar for the year is on October 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6PM from Sebastian Frommhold on "Controlled Substances. The View from the Bench, a Forensic Analyst's Perspective.". It will be held at University of St. Thomas, at the Center for Science and Health Professions, Room 252. The seminar will be recorded and posted on youtube channels.
- TAG: Carolyn Burnley  
No Updates.
- Science Café: Mamie Moy  
No updates.

#### II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

Joe Hightower award went to Kenton Whitmire, two-year college award went to Christopher Wild, Young Chemist Award went to Crystal Young and excellence in high school teaching award went to Jamie Flint. Lisa will reach out to people for sponsorship for the awards.

For the regional awards, Jovaris Hollingsworth received the Stanley Israel award and Carolyn Burnley received the Anne E Nalley award. UST/Elijah Rising received the P3 award. Michael Wong received the Southwest regional award.

Lisa proposed supporting Carolyn Burnley's travel to Southwest Regional Meeting for receiving her Anne E Nalley Award. The quorum was not there and hence an email will be sent out for achieving quorum.

We had a really successful awards banquet. We had 90 people in attendance. We had 4 sponsors. Working on finances but we are mostly close to break even. We need to do a survey for the awards process and the award banquet. Rubrics for only one award. So we will develop it for other awards as well.

### III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang  
Not yet scheduled
- Project SEED: Carolyn Burnley and Jovaris Hollingsworth  
No updates. We are now recruiting mentors for Project SEED.
- AACT Liaison – Amiee Modic  
Amie emailed her updates. She is looking for 2-3 volunteers to read NCW poems.
- HS Chem Clubs Liaison – Jamie Flint  
No updates.
- Scholarship Exam – Tai-Yen  
The exam is also not yet scheduled.

### IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spiker

- CCEW & NCW: Kiresha Johnson and Kerry Spiker  
No updates.
- Kids and Chemistry: Bob Botto  
Bob sent an update via email. He has 62 volunteers for the upcoming event at children's museum. We will be having 3 different stations and two theme tables. The event is from 9AM-3PM. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

Education Rainbow Challenge: Eme Abu

- Industrial Relations: J.C. Kuo  
We had a good Career workshop. The facility was good. We had a good organization committee and panel. Suggested to do it a little earlier maybe in September, so we can have more people attending it.  
If we plan ahead, we can have more people attend it and can also make oil companies be a part of it.
- High School Outreach: Lisa  
We have two high school requests for the outreach event. Woodlands High school and St. Agnes Academy. There will be an event in Angleton high school as well.

- Communications and Technology Committee: Dawn Friesen  
We have three emails blasts, local section nominations, newsletter and National chemistry week. We are looking into some template for newsletters. The sponsors page has been updated on the website. I have also updated the volunteer page. The silent auction is live if anyone wants to bid. The bid is open till November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will livestream the Thursday Seminar. There is a networking event coming up in November for YCC which Kevin is organizing. Lisa Houston was nominated for Volunteer spotlight for the November Newsletter.

V. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

The ACS-GHS guidelines have not been published. Lisa will work on it and send a draft to the committee.

VI. Membership Committee: Qi Wang

Lisa gave an update. We have 5 new project seed. We are doing good in terms of getting new active volunteers.

**5. Other Business:**

- IPG award planning for 2020 ACS-GHS passport program: We should put together 2020 calendar soon. Requesting board members to come prepared for 2020 events for the November board meetings.
- Program in a box: The event is happening tomorrow at University of St. Thomas.
- Catherine asked for handouts and other fun things she can display at the quilt festival.
- For December board meeting we should look into dates and location. Lisa will do a poll to identify the date for the board meeting.
- We need a fundraising committee for our organization.

Meeting concluded at 7:36 pm

Submitted by: Shreya Shah