

ACS-GHS Board Meeting
09/16/19
06:30 PM to 8:30 PM
University of St Thomas; SHP 251;
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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

Sept 16th, 2019

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Meeting convened at 6:30 PM at UST.

Attendees:

Crystal Young, J.C. Kuo, Dawn Friesen, Lisa Houston, Larry Dennis, Amiee Modic, Roxie Allen, Ken Lyle, Catherine Faler, Javoris Hollingsworth, David Singleton.

2. Adoption of May 2019 Meeting Minutes:

No meeting minutes to be adopted.

3. Budget Summary: Sam Lewis

No updates

4. Committee Reporting:

I. Programming Committee: Crystal Young

- Younger Chemists Committee: Kevin Ramirez
No updates.
- Women Chemists Committee: Valerie Lafitte
No updates.
- Minority Affairs Committee: Javoris Hollingsworth
Reached out to North Houston Prep High School. Need volunteers for providing a career insight and the networking event. MAC is targeting schools with larger minority population.
- ECH: Larry Dennis
No updates.
- Summer Social and Seminars: Crystal Young
For the Summer social event, we are still waiting on Treasurer to generate an invoice for the Brazos port section to finalize the budget for the event. We will need to generate a similar invoice for the September seminar. Total expense was \$964.23, and tickets generated a revenue of \$335. With the mini grant of \$250, the total cost to be shared by us and Brazos port comes to \$379.23. Committee suggested to bill Brazos port half of the total cost at \$189.62.

The upcoming seminar is on October 24th by Sebastian Frommhold. The topic for the seminar is "Controlled Substances: The view from the Bench, a Forensic Analyst's Perspective." The seminar will be held at University of St. Thomas at Center for Science and Health Professions in Room 252. North San Jac STEM expo is on the same day. A flyer for the seminar is sent to Roxie. Committee will check if this event can be live streamed and recorded as it is applicable to many different fields. We have registration for the event. If the numbers increase the committee will look up a different venue.
- TAG: Carolyn Burnley
No Updates.
- Science Café: Mamie Moy

No updates.

II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

Our deadline for awards was yesterday. We have multiple nominations for the awards. Should have finalists within a week. All our regional awards have been submitted. Javoris Hollingsworth won Stanley Israel Award. Awards dinner is on Oct 19th. We have two \$500 awards for attending SWRM. Send an email blast for the SWRM award.

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang
Roxie has given dates to Jerry for the Chemistry Olympiad. She was on the Chemluminary committee for the chemistry Olympiad.
- Project SEED: Carolyn Burnley and Javoris Hollingsworth
No updates.
- AACT Liaison – Amiee Modic
AACT is doing several interesting seminars this fall. A Chemluminary award is in the works for AACT and ACS-GHS liaison and networking. BCCE is coming up on July 20-23, 2020. If we are going to give out scholarships for the BCCE then send out emails for applying for the scholarship in January and mid March can be the application deadline. We will need a committee approval to include a scholarship of 1000\$ for ACS-GHS 2020 budget.
- HS Chem Clubs Liaison – Jamie Flint
Roxie and Jamie will brainstorm ideas to get High school chem club involved. Teachers can sign up as ACS Science Coach. If you are registered as science coach, then they get \$500 on Flint Scientific to buy stuff.
- Scholarship Exam – Tai-Yen
Working on dates for the scholarship exam.

IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spilker

- CCEW & NCW: Kiresha Johnson and Kerry Spilker
Kerry sent an email to Dawn for the North San Jac STEM expo. She is looking for volunteers and coordinators for the expo. They will be doing some hands-on experiments.
NCW theme is metals. Experiments will be related to different metal properties. Meeting with Houston Children Museum to do a hands-on presentation with the kids there to do activities related to metals.
- Kids and Chemistry: Bob Botto
No updates
- Industrial Relations: J.C. Kuo
There is a big jump in oil price, almost 12%, which is highest in the industry it has ever been. This is good news for all big oil companies; however, it is bad news for downstream chemical companies. US is right now is the highest producer of oil in the world and so it is a good time to ask for money or fund raising from oil and gas companies. If Kerry is looking for a volunteer, then J.C. Kuo has volunteered to help. We can ask companies to sponsor specific ACS-GHS events.
- High School Outreach: Lisa

Talked with Roxie and sent out emails last week and already got a volunteer. Two new volunteers this year. Volunteers go out and talk about their career journey in high schools. We did 12 or 13 outreach events last year.

- Communications and Technology Committee: Dawn Friesen
We had an excellent seminar by Swisher seminar. The YouTube link is on the website to view the seminar. It is a very useful seminar on career advice. There is now an update tab on the website. Use summary for FORMS. I have June and July members list. But need to get the August membership and then will send out welcome letters to the new members. Need to put together volunteer requests for couple of events. Need more information on career fair to start publicizing it. We need more volunteers for Communications and technology team. Can ask the student chapter members to volunteer.

V. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle
No updates. Lisa is on the national strategic planning committee. There is a new Chemluminary for use of change drivers.

VI. Membership Committee: Qi Wang
No updates.

5. Other Business:

- Highlight a high school chem club for October newsletter. Possibly Jamie's high school club will be the highlight.
1. 2019 National meeting and Chemluminary update:
Larry gave an update. He is serving on the committee of CEPA. CEPA does local Career Fairs and salary survey and are updating salary predictor on ACS website. They also look at employment guidelines and career navigator.
Ballots are coming out in September for the ACS national committee. Requesting everyone to vote as 2/3 votes are required to update governing documents and it can be beneficial for the members.
The national meeting was very successful. Had over 12000 people attending the national meeting.
Councilors talking point in the national meeting are on the website.
We won three Chemluminary awards.
 2. ACS Career fair:
 - a. There are two Employers coming to the career fair; Covestro and Syzygy Plasmonics. There are two panels at the career fair; Women in Industry and Professional Development. Panelists for the Women in Industry are Lisa Houston from PAC Analytical, Shreya Shah from Syzygy Plasmonics, Valerie Lafettie from Schulmberger and Covestro head of HR. Panelists for the Professional Development panel are Larry Kremer who is a career chemist with Global Energy Mentors and Martin Van Sickle who is a chemical engineer with Global Energy Mentors. Invitation has been extended to Dr. Anne Culota to be the keynote speaker.
 3. IPG award: Planning for 2020 Passport program.
 4. ACS-GradEd-Career kickstarter workshop.

Meeting concluded at 8:30 pm

Submitted by: Shreya Shah