

ACS-GHS April Meeting Minutes

4/18/2022

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Meeting convened at 6:32 p.m. over Zoom (Online) by Eme Abu.

Attendees:

Board Members:	Position	Active Volunteers:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eme Abu	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Amiee Modic – AACT Liaison
<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Moore	Chair-Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> Tai-Yen Chen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Friesen	Past Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Yang
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Daifuku	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Lewis	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Smith Callahan	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safia Mohamed	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Foster	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Richa Chandra	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Germack	Councilor	
<input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Young	Councilor	General Attendees:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/> Loic Samuel
<input type="checkbox"/> Amber Hinkle	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/> Obiageli Nwosu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/> Usha Devathosh
<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Lafitte	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Gonzales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Javoris Hollingsworth	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snigdha Chennamaneni	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mamie Moy	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Botto	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Malloy	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracey Simmons-Willis	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Houston	Awards Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Roxie Allen	Education Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
Needed for Quorum:	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum Met		<input type="checkbox"/>

Meeting minutes and 2022 Budget for approval

Meeting: Dawn called for motion to approve the March meeting minutes and Eme seconded.

Budget: Travel funds for Councilors were assigned to the Fall 2002 meeting since all attendees in the Spring meeting except Amber were virtual. Amber’s expenses for the Spring meeting were covered by funds from National.

Regarding attendance at Leadership Institute, Carolyn asked if ACS National provided complimentary expenses for one member of the Local section. As it stands all expenses are covered by us. We are sending 2 delegates (Eme and Tracey) and Safia is receiving an award. ACS bills the section \$1225 for

hotel and meals (\$425 first delegate and \$800 second delegate). This excludes flights/parking etc. The local section already approved to cover the cost of Safia's flights (\$448.96).

Funds were moved from the cash account to balance the budget. Carolyn called for motion to approve the budget and was seconded by Mamie.

2. **Programming Committee (by Valerie)**

- YCC (by Safia)
 - o Safia is working with ACS career consultants and ACS Industry Matters who are connecting her with Chem Jobber, Bill Carroll, Lisa Balbes and Dan Pashman for YCC events.
 - o Dates for hosting are tentatively June 30 (Chem Jobber) Sept 29, once speakers are confirmed.
- WCC (by Lynn)
 - o No update
- Minority Affairs Committee (by Javoris)
 - o MAC is planning a "Women in Industry" panel with Kathryne Wright from Kraton Polymers US LLC as the speaker.
 - o Javoris would like to step back and allow someone else lead the Minority Affairs Committee so that he can focus on Project Seed. Thus, the vacancy is officially open for someone else to step into.
- Summer Social and Seminars (by Eme)
 - o Angela Wilson is speaking to our section on May 3, 2022. All are encouraged to register and attend.
- Science Café & Senior Chemists Committee (by Mamie/Carolyn)
 - o All is set for the coffee tasting at Java Pura Coffee Roasters with lunch to follow at Auntie Pasto's on April 20th.
- Technician Affairs (by Carolyn/Mamie)
 - o No update on Technician Affairs.

3. **Awards Committee (by Lisa)**

The local section has submitted 3 Fellowship packages for Catherine Faler, Larry Dennis, Tom Malloy.

We need volunteers to help organize the awards banquet.

We are soliciting nominations for the following awards:

Regional

- E. Ann Nalley Regional Award for Volunteer Service to the American Chemical Society
- Stanley C. Israel Award
- Partners for Prosperity (P3)

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- Joe W. Hightower Award
- Younger Chemist Award

- 2 Year College Award
- High School Teaching Award
- Mamie W. Moy Distinguished Service Award
- Especially College and High school Teaching

Lisa will be scheduling a committee meeting soon to start on local and regional awards.

4. **Education Committee (by Roxie)**

- Chemistry Olympiad (by Jerry)
 - o No update
- Project SEED (by Javoris/Carolyn)
 - o It is tough getting research mentors for the program. Tracy and Lynn will reach out to some prospective mentors.
- Student Affiliates (by Loic)
 - o No update
- Science Fairs/ECH (by Obiageli)
 - o No update

5. **Community Affairs Committee (by Tracey)**

- National Chemistry Week (by Bob/Richa)
 - o Bob has contacted someone at the Children's' Museum, and they are interested in having the local section for NCW.
 - o Tracey is looking into purchasing/getting science kits from ACS National in line with the theme, "Fabulous Fibers, the Chemistry of Fabric"
- Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (by Reese Johnson)
 - o No update
- CCEW-Poetry (by Amiee Modic)
 - o No update
- Kids and Chemistry (by Bob)
 - o No update
- Education Rainbow Challenge (by Eme/Richa):
 - o Tentative Date is November 5, 2022

6. **Nomination Committee (by Dawn)**

- No update, meetings to start up in early Summer.
- Reach out to Dawn if interested in position or known of person who may be interested one.

7. **Communications and Technology Committee (by Laura)**

- Send info to Laura early for your event especially with the newsletter deadline.
- Try to include Erika and Dawn as well to make sure it reaches all outlets.

8. **Membership Committee (by David)**

- Planning a membership committee meeting. Tentative first week of May, pending availability for Maryanne and Valerie any other member interested in attending.
- Give David a heads up for in-person events and he can set up an ACS GHS station with a banner, flyers etc.

- The committee plans to engage with Safia and Loic to engage in student feedback and ways to retain them.
- Plans to create video testimonials to help retain membership.

9. **Financial Advisory Committee (by Larry)**

- No update

10. **Strategic Planning Committee (by Amber)**

- The Board needs a tentative date for the retreat.

11. **Fundraising Committee (by Snigdha)**

- Tentative committee meeting in the second week of May to start discussing fundraising for the year.
- Snigdha confirmed that we did not receive any additional funds from Dow Chemical in response to Sam's question for the treasury.

12. **Other Items**

- Leadership Conference in May 20-22: Eme, Safia and Tracy and will attend.
- Eme has **2** mailbox keys and Chandra has **1** mailbox key.
- Eme has GHS supplies, gifts for speakers, blankets, chopping board.

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:25 p.m.
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