

ACS-GHS Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2020

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m. over ZOOM (Online) by Crystal Young

Attendees:

Board Members:	Position	General Attendees:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Young	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Faler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Friesen	Chair-Elect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Houston
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snigdha Chennamaneni	Past Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> David Germack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Ramirez	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Reed Effland
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Lewis	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Amiee Modic
<input type="checkbox"/> Laura Smith Callahan	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Roxie Allen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David E. Thompson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Alexis Symons
<input type="checkbox"/> Eme Abu	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Yang
<input type="checkbox"/> Kiresha Johnson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Saghar Mowlazadeh Haghighi
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Singleton	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/> Shih-Feng Yu
<input type="checkbox"/> Mamie Moy	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Foster (WELCOME!)
<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber Hinkle	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunny Tang	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Javoris Hollingsworth	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Lafitte	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Kerry Spilker	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Botto	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Malloy	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J.C. Kuo	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. **Adoption of July Meeting Minutes:** Crystal Young

Voting via email

3. **Committee Updates:**

I. Programming Committee: Dawn Friesen

- Younger Chemists Committee (YCC): Kevin Ramirez

Planning virtual event for October

Lisa has a list of ideas that she'll send to Crystal to share with the group

- Women Chemists Committee (WCC): Valerie Lafitte

- Minority Affairs Committee (MAC): Javoris Hollingsworth

- Engineering Council of Houston Liaison (ECH): Larry Dennis

Held their Climate Change symposium. Seems to have been well attended (100+)

Recording has been made available to registrants

- Senior Chemists Committee (SCC): Carolyn Burnley

Potential for networking brunch

Social coffee hour being held tomorrow (8/25)

SCC & YCC virtual networking on Aug 30 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. EST

National Senior Chemists committee

- Seminars & Summer Social: Dawn Friesen

Past programming:

Virtual Trivia Night

15 registrants, 6 participants + Quiz Master

For future events, switching up the format to include more collaboration

Agile Methods for R&D – Aug. 13th

First daytime seminar in recent years

17 registrants, 10 + speaker in audience

Talk is up on YouTube channel

Virtual Networking – Aug. 26th

9 registrants so far

Potential topic: Professional development – what have participants done recently, and what are you

- Science Café: Crystal Young

II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

Sept. 15th is the local section deadline

Next meeting will be held this Friday (Aug. 28th)

SWR award has already been submitted

Other awards are in progress

Healthy list of candidates, but the time is coming to get those packets together

If you have any other nominees, please let Lisa or anyone on the nomination committee know

Still working out when the ChemLuminary celebration will be

Bob was nominated for the Helen M. Free award, will probably announced with the ChemLuminary award

MFAH award & Catherine's Volunteer of the Year award is with Snigdha

For now, hold tight and see how the Awards banquet play out later this year

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang

- Project Seed: Carolyn Burnley & Javoris Hollingsworth

- AACT Liaison: Amiee Modic

Hosting a virtual "open house" in September and

A total of 6 webinars are planned between now and mid October

Webinars are free to anyone who wants to attend, if anyone in the Gen Chem arena is interested

NCW – Poetry contest changes:

Students will upload their submissions directly via a national form based on grade level

The ACS outreach group will then distribute submissions to local sections

The local sections have 1 week to judge and return winners back to ACS for national judging

Amiee needs 2 volunteers to help with the grading during the week of Monday, Oct 26 – Friday, Oct 30

The info would be sent to Reese, for submission to Nationals by Nov 1

Dave Thompson volunteered to judge the Chemistry poetry

- High School Chemistry Clubs Liaison: ??

- Middle School Liaison: ??

- Scholarship Exam: Tai-Yen

- Student Affiliates: Kiresha Johnson

- Science Fairs: Valerie Lafitte

IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spilker

- Chemists Celebrate Earth Week & National Chemistry Week (CCEW & NCW): Kiresha Johnson and Kerry Spilker

- Kids & Chemistry: Bob Botto

- Education Rainbow Challenge: Eme Abu

- Industry Relations: J.C. Kuo

Major oil companies are hurting economically due to oil prices dropping

Many airlines are cancelling flights in response to global conditions

V. Communications & Technology: Laura Smith Callahan

If anybody has any events or new, please let Laura know so she can include it in the newsletter

VI. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

Laura & Amber discussed the PR Makeover information & how to get that process started+

Amber and Kerry working on getting Goal 3 in motion

VII. Membership: David Germack

VIII. Financial Advisory: Sunny Tang

Lots of action with the scholarships

Other Business:

A. Other Business – 2021 Elections

4 Director & 2 Alternate Councilor, 2 Councilor positions available

Javoris & Valerie's terms are up for Alternate Councilors

Sunny & Dave's terms are up for Councilors

All 4 Director terms are set to expire

Dave & Eme are interested in running for Director. No word from Reese yet.

Laura is interested in running for Director, Councilor, or Alternate Councilor

Please see the local section's SOP to review the duties and responsibilities of each open position

Accepting candidate bios until September 15th

Snigdha, Crystal, Dawn, and Kevin were in contact with Shreya on who to contact to conduct the elections

We should reach out to Alexis & Reed to run for offices

B. GHS Membership Changes

Membership has declined by 126 members over the past year

loss of 58 regular members, 57 student members, 20 undergrad student members

C. Partnering with New York Local Section

Event planned for 7 p.m. EST (6 p.m. CST)

D. Retirement Workshop

Hosted by Bill Carroll

Information shared with Brazosport

At this point a full 8 person class & 7 on the waiting list

Large amount of interest in seminar

Registration has fluctuated slightly

Bill is willing to give the course again to catch those on the waitlist

3 Career consultants will also be on the line to audit the course

Good response from registrants

E. Masks Sale

3 Test tube masks remain

F. Website Membership

Coming up soon on Sept 14

G. Virtual Programming Session

still in the works, stay tuned and volunteer

H. National Meeting Updates

6,477 registrants

Price was similar to in-person meetings

3494 full members, 1638 students, handful of others in attendance

Technical sessions went well. talks were pre-recorded and speaker was present to answer questions

Network sessions went really well. Overall a great experiment. Hoping that moving forward hybrid meetings are a possibility

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:32 p.m.