

ACS-GHS August Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2021

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m. over Zoom (Online) by Dawn Friesen.

Attendees:

Board Members:	Position	Active Volunteers:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Friesen	Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Amiee Modic – AACT Liaison
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eme Abu	Chair-Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> Tai-Yen Chen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Young	Past Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Yang
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Ramirez	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton Star
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Lewis	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryanne Mores
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Smith Callahan	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Kiresha Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David E. Thompson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Usha Devathosh
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Foster	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safia Mohamed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loïc Samuel	Director	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Germack	Councilor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mamie Moy	Councilor	General Attendees:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tracey Willis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber Hinkle	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Lafitte	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Javoris Hollingsworth	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snigdha Chennamaneni	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Kerry Spilker	Alt. Councilor; Community Affairs Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Botto	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Malloy	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" 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"/>
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2. **Adoption of May, June, and July 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Dawn Friesen

ACTION ITEM: Kevin to send out May, June, and July Minutes to voting Board members via email.

3. **Announcement:** Dawn Friesen

Congratulations to Monte Pettit for being named a 2021 ACS Fellow for his outstanding achievements in and contributions to science, the profession, and the Society.

4. **Budget Update:** Sam Lewis

No update.

5. Committee Updates:

I. Programming Committee: Eme Abu

- Younger Chemists Committee (YCC): Safia Mohamed

YCC Virtual Mentorship Event scheduled for Saturday, August 21 at 11 am via Zoom.
39 participants currently registered from multiple local sections, 7 ACS career consultants and ACS National YCC.

- Women Chemists Committee (WCC): Lynn Foster

No update.

Dawn noted that IUPAC Global Women's Breakfast registration is now open for event organizers. GWB 2022 will be held February 16, 2022.

- Minority Affairs Committee (MAC): Javoris Hollingsworth

No update.

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

- Senior Chemists Committee (SCC): Carolyn Burnley

No update.

- Fall Social: Eme Abu

- Thursday Sept 23rd at 6 pm (approx. 1.5 hr - 2 hr)
- 6 people currently registered.

- Seminars: Dawn Friesen

Madeleine Swortwood (SHSU) – approx. 18 attendees, not including speaker and host. No recording.

Upcoming Seminars:

Jason Hein (UBC) – Tuesday, September 14th, Topic: New Tools and Technology to Accelerate Process Chemical Research and Discovery.

Roger Bertholf (Houston Methodist) – Thursday, October 7th. General topic: predictive value of clinical laboratory tests, with specific focus on the use of tumor markers to detect neoplastic disease.

Allison Campbell – No response on Lisa's follow-up. Lisa will try another contact, or Dawn will find alternate speaker for November.

- Science Café: Kerry Spilker

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Guest Speaker: Emily Jane Buehler

To be held Thursday September 30, 2021 from 6-7 pm CDT via Zoom

In-person event to be held at White Elm Café, \$5/person.

ACS North Carolina Section has specifically been invited as well, because speaker lives in their geographical region

II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

SWRM – Stanley Israel award submitted (earlier deadline), others are in progress for Aug 27th deadline.

GHS awards going well. Committee will meet before 27th to make sure everything is on track. Fundraising committee has finalized venue for Oct. 16th awards ceremony, will be at Junior League of Houston on Briar Oak. Snigdha is finalizing contract and details.

No student travel award applications at this point. Lisa will talk to SWRM organizing committee to see if any eligible abstracts accepted from our section.

Planning for hybrid event, with in-person and virtual pricing and prepared to pivot to virtual if necessary.

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang

Congratulations to Team USA for their excellent performance in the International Chemistry Olympiad! The team won two gold and two silver medals, with one of the gold medals being won by Yitian Zhu, from Seven Lakes High School in Katy. Yitian will be attending MIT this fall.

- Project SEED: Carolyn Burnley & Javoris Hollingsworth

Finished for the year, final report submitted (in newsletter and on website). Carolyn is officially retiring from the Project SEED Committee but will remain as co-coordinator, Javoris will be taking over on the Committee.

- AACT Liaison: Amiee Modic

- High School Chemistry Clubs Liaison: Usha Devathosh
- Middle School Liaison: Kiresha Johnson
- Scholarship Exam: Tai-Yen Chen
- Student Affiliates: Loïc Samuel

Virtual graduate student fair in 2 weeks, will send flyer to Laura for posting on social media.

- Science Fairs: ECH Liaison, Larry Dennis

In person meetings the last 2 months at HMNS. Summer program at the museum wrapping up, students continued several projects including growing plants in simulated Mars soils, and programming projects, as well as interacting with museum visitors at the Astronomy Hall. Climate Solutions program also busy (Tom Rehm).

IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spilker

- Kids & Chemistry: Bob Botto
- Education Rainbow Challenge: Eme Abu
- Industry Relations: Kevin Ramirez
- Government Affairs: Kerry Spilker

V. Communications & Technology: Laura Smith Callahan

Wild Apricot renewal notice – sent to Sam for payment

Dawn – will need to review communications platforms at some point to see what we have and if there are any consolidations needed. Ties into looking at PR Makeover completed earlier this year. Carolyn – ACS may have a group that helps chapters with websites and other communications tools, could look into. Laura – Constant Contact features that have been rolled out recently have made social media much easier to manage.

Dawn – July e-rosters are on DropBox ready for upload to Constant Contact.

VI. Nominations Committee: Crystal Young

One nomination for councilor position received on GHS email. No other updates. Crystal would like help with elections. Carolyn agreed to assist, Crystal will reach out.

Dawn – current board members with expiring terms that would like to run again, please remember to submit your nominations. Also a reminder to nominations committee that need

election roster requests from ACS National have a 30 day lead time; include this in election planning timeline.

VII. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

Amber will reach out to Strategic Goal committee chairs for strategic goal review in September. Lisa – suggested going over updates to ACS change drivers with board at some point before January transition meeting.

VIII. Membership: David Germack

Will start publicizing the new membership schedule after the fall meeting, will share items with Communications team for publication. Will also reach out to Loic to advertise with student sections, and Community Affairs and Industry Relations to see how we can reclaim industry members with new fee structure. Waiting until renewal for 2022 is active and pushing into next year.

IX. Financial Advisory: Larry Dennis

Will put together a summary for next month of current financial status and recommendations for adjusting current GHS assets (cash vs investments) to make sure we are in compliance with requirements for charity organizations.

X. Fundraising (Ad hoc): Snigdha Chennamaneni

Was working on raising funds and finding a venue for Awards Ceremony. Moving on to securing event sponsorships, will have more information at next meeting.

XI. Councilor Updates:

Council meetings upcoming, will have talking points by next meeting.

Mamie: Committee on Meetings and Expositions – Atlanta Fall 2021 will be first ACS hybrid meeting; all council meetings will be virtual. All participants will be required to wear masks in indoor public area. National awards ceremony will be hybrid, recognizing ACS Fellows classes of 2020/21. Councilors attending meeting in person, and participating in council session, can apply for reimbursement.

Larry: Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs – reviewed salary survey, questions on opinions on likelihood of things getting back to normal in the future given Covid. Last year, people very pessimistic, this year US response was much more positive while international members were still very pessimistic. Also discussed career programs, find that online career counsellors are doing more meetings and mostly virtual, and feedback has been very positive. Seeing great response to virtual office hours program with career counsellors as well. Tracey Willis – are people rethinking higher education as a career? Larry – Alternate career paths not discussed in results presented.

6. Other Business:

Consider volunteer needs for fall events – reach out/advertise needs early.

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:22 p.m.