

## ACS-GHS FEBRUARY Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Meeting convened at 6:01 pm. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Moore	Chair-Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> Tai-Yen Chen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Friesen	Past Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Yang
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Daifuku	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Lewis	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richa Chandra	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Germack	Councilor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Young	Councilor	<b>General Attendees:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obiageli Nwosu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber Hinkle	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Gonzales
<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Houston	Awards Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxie Allen	Education Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Needed for Quorum:</b>	<b>12</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Quorum Met</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>

2. **Approve Last meeting minutes**

- Motion to approve November 2021 and January 2021 paper minutes by Dawn and seconded by Roxie Allen.

- Stephanie to send out minutes for the January transition meeting to be approved at next meeting

3. **2022 Budget review**

Presented by Sam

2021 budget report available, only distinct for the bold red is that they were noted as budgetary items  
The section brought in more money than we spent, a lot of it was due to secondary allotment. \$35k excess.

For the 2022 budget, set up based on historical items and used placeholders for some items/anticipated budgets, if changes are recommended, let Sam know – see on DropBox.

Some updates identified:

- Chairs of each committee need to be updated.
- Add zoom account to budget.
- Council travel will need to be added to budget.
- Add engineering council dues
- Update presidents award/honorarium section
- SEED - will that need any budget this year? Assuming no budget needed currently

Red items on current 2022 budget are denoting updates made.

At a high level, the planned budget we are anticipating \$42k incoming funds and current expense budget of about \$36k. In addition to surplus being carried over from last year. Project SEED could be an example of something that may need more budget than currently specified.

Deadline for budget approval – preferably done by next month.

#### 4. **GHS Programming Committee**

Presented by Valerie

Calendar has been updated in DropBox with events as well as deadlines. Either you can add to (if you add event, consider color coding) or send email to Valerie if you have any changes or additions.

Our March boarding meeting overlaps with the Spring National Meeting, our meeting may need to be rescheduled

Idea – can we select a common theme across most events for the year? Example: Innovation & Invention

- National Chemistry Week usually has a theme known in advance, could that be the theme? This year is Chemistry of Fabrics, but that may be too narrow of a focus
- Perhaps can roadmap several themes in advance for future years to maintain this
- Ensure we can target our members across all groups: industry, education, medical, general public, etc.
- Another idea: Chemistry & Culture

#### **A. YCC**

Presented by Safia

Most successful event last year was mentorship event with ACS careers.

Going with potential Innovation & Invention theme event ideas: 1) reaching out to ACS Industry – such as talk on New Pasta. 2) partner with Career Consultants to discuss something along the lines of “Do I Need a New Job or a New Career?” 3) Social mixer with \$500 budget request

2022 ACS Leadership Institute – in person event, and Safia nominated to attend and registration covered. Board needs to approve \$500 for travel . Lisa starts motion, Roxie seconds. Motion approved.

#### **B. Womens Chemists Committee**

Presented by Lynn

IUPAC breakfast event. Utilized Gathertown virtual platform. About 7-8 people attended, there was a last-minute time change. It was discussed to set up a quarterly event with a rotating event, so hopefully broaden to all who can attend utilizing Gathertown again.

Potential in-person summer event being scoped.

#### **C. Minority Affairs Committee Chair**

No update

#### **D. Summer Social and Seminars**

Eme is working on events. Hoping to organize another event with the Museum of Fine Arts.

#### **E. Science Café**

Mamie is working, no update, but budget request will be made when more defined. Within innovation & invention theme.

#### **F. Senior Chemists Committee**

No update.

#### 5. **GHS Awards Committee**

Presented by Lisa Houston

Working on 3 Fellowship packages

Looking for volunteers from 2-year colleges and high schools to round out the committee

#### 6. **GHS Education Committee**

Presented by Roxie

##### **A. Chemistry Olympiad:**

Presented by Jerry. Planning on distributing 360+copies of exams to schools who will be hosting exam.

This year, 390 registered. Last year around 221 students registered.

Highlighted that Jerry has done a good job of awarding and recognizing students from various schools in addition to just the highest scores.

Last year spend \$2500 for awards, anticipating this year's budget to be around \$2500 again.

##### **B. Project SEED:**

Presented by Carolyn

Will likely be run by national again. No updates.

### **C. Other committees**

COVID challenges continue to make additional projects to be difficult for teachers.

### **D. Science Fair (SEFH) and ECH Liaison**

Presented by Oby

- They have enough judges for the science fair in Houston. There is also a Virtual Texas A&M science fair in March and Regeneron ISEF will be in Atlanta in March. There will not be a special ACS awarding category unfortunately – you need your own judges to host a category.
- There will be a Climate Solutions Community follow-up event, ECH will be assisting again
- There will be a May Annual Awards Banquet with several proposed speakers.

## **7. GHS Community Affairs Committee**

Presented by Tracey

Just brainstorming – trying to expand Industry Relations and Government Liaison and Affairs

- Can we get industry sponsors for events to put on for students?
- Can we organize a meeting with government representative to discuss their policies/views on science?

### **A. National Chemistry Week**

No update

### **B. Kids & Chemistry**

COVID still preventing in person events. Hoping to have an event in the fall.

### **C. Earth Week**

No update

### **D. Rainbow Challenge**

No update

ECH and Rice University have STEM outreach events that they are looking for volunteers to do their events (in-person and virtual events)

## **8. GHS Nomination Committee**

Presented by Dawn. We are always looking for folks to take on new roles. Role for treasurer will be up for election next year as well.

## **9. GHS Communications & Technology Committee**

Presented by Lauren. Call for March newsletter submissions will be due by mid-next week. Ensure you get your events in advance to the communications committee to allow for enough time to get the information out and collect tickets (if needed).

10. **GHS Membership Committee**

Presented by David.

Add/place membership brochures at Health Science Museum and Natural Science Museum for example to expand community membership tier. Get on the budget to print some brochures.

If any opportunities to present on new membership levels at various events, please reach out to David.

11. **GHS Financial Advisory Committee**

No update

12. **GHS Strategiv Planning Committee**

Last year ACS added goal around inclusion, equity, diversity, and respect. Provided 1-pager that can help inspire us in our event planning to be shared with group.

13. **GHS Fundraising Committee**

No update

14. **Other business**

**SPE spring hiring event (virtual):** Been requested that we are a collaborating member, Dawn will submit our acceptance. We will promote event and ACS members can attend for low-/no-cost.

**Upcoming Events:**

- ACS webinars coming up
- ACS Spring 2022: In-person and Virtual, March 20-24

**Doodle-poll to be sent out to reschedule the March meeting**

<b>Meeting Adjourned At:</b>	8:10 pm
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