

ACS-GHS January Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2022

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Meeting convened at 3:00 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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	General Attendees:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loic Samuel
<input type="checkbox"/> Amber Hinkle	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicholas Spurr
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obiageli Nwosu
<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Lafitte	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Pope
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Javoris Hollingsworth	Alt. Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Gonzales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snigdha Chennamaneni	Alt. Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Faler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mamie Moy	Alt. Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Feipeng Liu
<input 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"/>
Needed for Quorum:	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum Met		<input type="checkbox"/>

2. **Volunteer Recognition** Presented by: Dawn Friesan

ACS national receives submissions annually for volunteer of the year. ACS-GHS nominated 2021 Outreach Volunteer of the Year, **Cotton Starr**. Especially during the pandemic, virtual and social media outreach has been critical. She also brought “guess the molecule” to the newsletter.

3. **Strategic Goals** Presented by: Lisa Houston on behalf of Amber Hinkle

There will be a separate meeting to review and rework these goals.

See slide 7-10

2022 has a new Chair for the Community Affairs – Tracy Willis – and volunteers for committee are appreciated

4. **Change Drivers** Presented by: Lisa Houston
See slides 12-15 -- ACS National identified 7 change drivers for 2020
We can utilize these change drivers and available information for ACS national to drive our section strategic plan

5. **GHS Board** Presented by: Eme Abu

Chair – Eme Abu, IHS Markit
Chair-Elect – Valerie Moore, Vorys
Past Chair – Dawn Friesen, Stepan Oilfield Solutions
Secretary (2022-23) – Stephanie Daifuku, ExxonMobil
Treasurer (2021-22) – Sam Lewis, Halliburton

Councilors:

Larry Dennis (2022-24), ExxonMobil (Retiree)
Amber Hinkle (2022-24), Covestro
Cystal Young (2022-24), University of St. Thomas
Carolyn Burnley (2020-22), Shell (Retiree)
Valerie Lafitte (2021-23), Schlumberger
David Germack (2021-23), Kraton

Alternate Councilors:

Bob Botto (2022-24), ExxonMobil (Retiree)
Tom Malloy (2022-24), UH
Mamie Moy (2022-24), UH
Tracey Simmons-Willis (2022), Wharton County Junior College
Snigdha Chennamaneni (2021-23), Woodfield Pharma. LLC
Javoris Hollingsworth (2021-23), University of St. Thomas

Directors:

Laura Smith Callahan (UT Health)
Safia Mohammed (Kraton)
Lynn Foster (Schlumberger)
Richa Chandra (Univ. of St. Thomas)

Awards Committee Chair: Lisa Houston, PAC
Education Committee Chair: Roxie Allen, St. John's School
Community Affairs Committee Chair: Tracey Simmons-Willis
Programming Committee: Valerie Moore

Not all committees are active currently. If a member is interested in participating or leading the sub committees – please reach out to committee chairs.

6. **GHS Programming Committee** Presented by: Eme Abu
Chair: Valerie Moore
See slide 19
Expectation is that most events will be virtual for first quarter this year and depending on how guidelines change later in year, section will consider offering a mix of hybrid, in person, and virtual events.
7. **GHS Awards Committee** Presented by: Lisa Houston
Chair: Lisa Houston
See slide 20
Reach out to Lisa Houston if interesting in serving on a committee
8. **GHS Education Committee** Presented by: Roxie Allen
Chair: Roxie Allen
See slide 21
Need a chair for Science Fairs and Engineering Council of Houston (ECH) Liaison is only 1-hour a month commitment, but it is during work-hours (1st Thursday of month, 1-2pm). ECH Liaison covers two different committees (Education and Community), so it is a cross-committee role. Possibly 2 volunteers in this role.
9. **GHS Community Affairs** Presented by: Dawn Friesan
Chair: Tracey Simmons-Willis
See slide 22
Volunteers needed for several subcommittees – National Chemistry week and Earth week events; Industry Relations; Government Liaison and Affairs. Possibly focus on scoping the Industry Relations sub-committee to determine potential and define role for this.
10. **GHS Nomination Committee** Presented by: Dawn Friesan
Chair: Dawn Friesan
See slide 23
11. **GHS Communications & Technology Committee** Presented by: Laura Smith Callahan
Chair: Laura Smith Callahan
See slide 24
Volunteer needed for Newsletter Editor
Volunteers welcome to help with social media, reach out to Laura Smith Callahan
12. **GHS Membership Committee** Presented by: David Germack
New membership tiers may help with membership engagement
See slide 25
13. **GHS Financial Advisory Committee** Presented by: Larry Dennis
See slide 26

14. **GHS Strategic Planning Committee** Presented by: Eme Abu

See slide 27

In coming months, will have discussions on long term goals

Good for directors to join and learn more about ACS

Potential for workshop vs retreat to be organized to train on this

15. **GHS Fundraising Committee** Presented by: Snigdha Chennamaneni

See slide 28

16. **Other business**

- If looking for volunteers: please write up volunteer positions (1-2 sentence scope/task/commitment) to help engage folks
- Networking event coming up from EWOC (Catherine) – from Division of Organic Chemistry; houstonEWOC@gmail.com
- Monthly board meetings: 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30pm on Zoom
- **ACS National Meeting** – council meeting will be virtual; committees can make their own decision
- Annual Report is due on Feb 1st. Link in presentation. This is where the community reports need to be submitted. This also helps with Chem Luminary submissions
- **Budget information:** Usually \$500/year per committee; Budget gets approved in Feb 2022
- **Upcoming events:** 3rd IUPAC global women's breakfast under the WCC

Meeting Adjourned At: 5:10 pm
