

ACS-GHS Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2020

1. Welcome/Introductions:

Meeting convened at 6:32 p.m. over Google Meet (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 type="checkbox"/> Snigdha Chennamaneni	Past Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Germack
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Ramirez	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Reed Effland
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Lewis	Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amiee Modic
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Smith Callahan	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxie Allen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David E. Thompson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Alexis Symons
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eme Abu	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Yang
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kiresha Johnson	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saghar Mowlazadeh Haghighi
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Singleton	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/> Shih-Feng Yu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mamie Moy	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amber Hinkle	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunny Tang	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Javoris Hollingsworth	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Lafitte	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" 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 June Meeting Minutes: Crystal Young

Email sent to conduct vote to adopt

3. Committee Updates:

I. Programming Committee: Dawn Friesen

- Younger Chemists Committee (YCC): Kevin Ramirez
- Women Chemists Committee (WCC): Valerie Lafitte

- Minority Affairs Committee (MAC): Javoris Hollingsworth

Snigdha is assisting finding a keynote speaker for an online event surround race/identity.

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

Meet first week of the month. Discussed the awards ceremony

Climate Change symposium in August 22

HMNS has an intern program that was discussed

- Senior Chemists Committee (SCC): Carolyn Burnley

There is video chat planned for the National meeting that Carolyn plans to share, if able.

- Seminars & Summer Social: Dawn Friesen

32 registrants, 15 attendees for Online Networking event on Wednesday, June 24.

Lots of good feedback from the event

Had people who missed one event, who then showed up to other events

Virtual Networking Event considered to continue even after pandemic based on convenience

Small group networking over Google Meet, 5 registrants, 6 attendees.

OTHER EVENTS

Trivia Night on Wednesday July 22. No limits on how many people can attend, happening over ZOOM

- Science Café: Crystal Young

Mini-grant removed for 2020, per National email.

Event pushed to 2021

II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

Excellent progress being made

All but one nominee confirmed

Regional meeting has NOT been cancelled

Canvassing for local section awards. A healthy list is ready, but Lisa is always open to nominees

Please send nominees for the inaugural Mamie Moy Award to Lisa

Nominations due September 15th

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

Roxie mentions that we may need to rethink what we can provide

Will be interesting to see what school districts will be open

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang

- Project Seed: Carolyn Burnley & Javoris Hollingsworth

Currently in 3rd week of virtual camp. (First time running a virtual camp, due to COVID)

Carolyn & Javoris are camp managers for Camp Nu hosting students from Houston

Camp should wrap up in about a week or so

Lisa asks if there will be a virtual Project SEED presentation

Carolyn mentions that next week there will be a 2 day conference, but no poster session because of lack of research

Carolyn to check if the mini-conference is open to all

- AACT Liaison: Amiee Modic

Biennial conference on chemical education was planned for this week but not held due to COVID

Various seminars & symposia held starting July 7th

1st seminar held over different virtual activities and tools

2nd seminar held over AP, how to make adjustments to labs with scalable learnings

3rd seminar held over at home labs and at home activities for chemistry

2423 attendees the 4 hour symposia being held. Lots of positive response

All chemistry teachers (non-members) could attend

AACT has seen an uptick in membership

- 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

Identified experiments to conduct

Do they create kits or some other method and have the virtual instructor work through the experiment via video

Gearing up for the STEM expo with 3 San Jacinto College campuses

Kerry is working with someone who trains the AGILE approach for Project Management. Kerry is hoping to get him to give a talk

Theme this year: Sticking with Chemistry (Adhesive chemistry). Full details out August 1

- Kids & Chemistry: Bob Botto

- Education Rainbow Challenge: Eme Abu
- Industry Relations: J.C. Kuo

V. Communications & Technology: Laura Smith Callahan

Please send anything you'd like to see in the newsletter to Laura

Laura & committee are still working on the advertising policy

There are tax laws to consider to not jeopardize our non-profit status

Membership stands at 2,262 as of the end of May. Typically, we've been over 2,500

SHOUT OUT TO LAURA FOR THE AWESOME SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE!!

VI. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

Goal 1: Target 10 new active volunteers - David, Snigdha, Valerie, Kevin

Goal 2: Apply for PR Makeover from CPRC – Laura, Eme, Dawn

Goal 3: Value of – Kerry, Reese, Sunny, Javoris, Bob, Dave

For September, ask each group of what progress has been made in pursuit of each goal

VII. Membership: David Germack

Sounds like we're losing members

Anyone have ideas as to what we could do to retain membership?

VIII. Financial Advisory: Sunny Tang

Budget is updated on the Drobox as of today (July 20, 2020)

Lots of travel related expenses haven't been realized due to COVID

The dues & annual allotments have been posted. No other awards have been notices

\$10,000 in the black on the year-to-date

There were a couple reimbursements that were captured in 2020 that were delayed in 2019 due to the fraud activity

We've received a few scholarship requests coming in, more than usual for a typical year/ever

Other big line item for the budget is Project SEED. Sam would like an update

Carolyn mentions that there are no expenses for Project SEED this year, but she will need \$200 for awards

Tax statements are available on the Dropbox is anyone would like to view those documents

Other Business:

A. Other Business - Programming

Virtual Programming Brainstorming: Lisa, Carolyn & Kevin volunteered

Interviews for YouTube channel: Kevin & Javoris, coming soon

Potential partnering with Western New York Local Section:

Virtual panel, career development focused on students

Cross section virtual networking event

Elections: No interested candidates yet, please contact Snigdha with potential candidates.

Start encouraging those you know to run for office!

B. Masks

Currently made \$913.50.

8 Test tube masks remain

Salutes to Excellence; GHS is eligible to apply for up to 5 STE

If you have candidates you would like recognized, please send them to Crystal for consideration & to begin the necessary paperwork

Dawn is confirming if a secondary nomination for STE is needed

C. Virtual Meeting Platforms

Carolyn suggests GHS invests in a ZOOM account for the chapter to host larger events

Amiee reports that ZOOM is \$14.99/Mo to host up to 100 attendees with up to 9 hosts for those attendees.

Carolyn mentioned that ZOOM annual membership is cheaper.

Motion to purchase 1 year of ZOOM membership

Motion passed via vote

D. Virtual Programming Events

If you would like to participate in a virtual programming brainstorming session please let Dawn know.

Lisa, Carolyn, Kevin volunteered

Meeting Adjourned At:	7:57 p.m.
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