

## ACS-GHS Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2020

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Meeting convened at 6:42 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Sam Lewis	Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amiee Modic
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kiresha Johnson	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saghar Mowlazadeh Haghighi (May Volunteer!!!)
<input type="checkbox"/> David Singleton	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/> Shih-Feng Yu
<input type="checkbox"/> Mamie Moy	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Amber Hinkle	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Kerry Spilker	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"/> J.C. Kuo	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Needed for Quorum:</b>	<b>11</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum Met		<input type="checkbox"/>

2. **Adoption of May Meeting Minutes:** Crystal Young

**Adopted per vote**

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

Ideas are in the works.

If you have any ideas on future events or would like to collaborate with MAC, contact Javoris

Crystal suggests involving student chapters

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

Held their ZOOM Awards Banquet, a few members were in attendance.

They had students prerecord presentations and their keynote speaker call in.

- Senior Chemists Committee (SCC): Carolyn Burnley

- Seminars & Summer Social: Dawn Friesen

Virtual Networking, June 24<sup>th</sup>. 11 registrants, 7 of which are NOT board members.

Talked to the Portland section and applied their learnings to the upcoming event.

Need to determine how many seminars/webinars we would like to hold over the summer.

Dawn is working on lining up some webinars for the fall.

Summer Social is on hold at the moment.

- Science Café: Crystal Young

Postponed until further notice.

If you have any ideas for programming please contact Dawn

## II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

Canvassing.

Last year, awards banquet was held in October. Do we want to shoot for that again this year?  
Focus on virtual banquet?

Since the Fall National meeting has been moved online, Crystal points out that we follow suit.

Carolyn & Crystal suggest that we plan tentatively to hold a physical banquet if situation allows.

SWRM is accepting nominations

The idea is to plan a physical event just in case it pans out.

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang

2 students have made it to the Chemistry Olympiad

- Project Seed: Carolyn Burnley & Javoris Hollingsworth

Very competitive this year. Over 400 applicants across the U.S.

Carolyn & Javoris to serve as campus managers.

Had over 350 applicants for campus leaders. Only need 64

Program to kick off in July

Program has been moved to a virtual setting.

- AACT Liaison: Amiee Modic

State chemistry teachers held a 1 day virtual conference on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

AACT is having scattered virtual conferences throughout July for K – 12 teachers.

- High School Chemistry Clubs Liaison: ??

- Middle School Liaison: ??

- Scholarship Exam: Tai-Yen

We have 2 students that have emailed us regarding how to claim their award.

Dawn wanted to confirm what materials award winners received when being awarded detailing what they needed to do to claim their award.

- Student Affiliates: Kiresha Johnson

- Science Fairs: Valerie Lafitte

IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spilker

- Chemists Celebrate Earth Week & National Chemistry Week (CEW & NCW): Kiresha Johnson and Kerry Spilker
- Kids & Chemistry: Bob Botto
- Education Rainbow Challenge: Eme Abu
- Industry Relations: J.C. Kuo

Many companies are trying to reduce costs. Other companies are going bankrupt.

The industry is very tough, and a lot of people are hurting. Stay safe out there.

V. Communications & Technology: Laura Smith Callahan

FROM SLIDE:

“Please send me any information form events or in general that you would like advertised.  
Email: [lsmithcallahan@gmail.com](mailto:lsmithcallahan@gmail.com)”

Advertising policy draft has been sent to the smaller committee.  
Hopefully, it will be ready for wider discussion next month.”

There were 57 views of Crystal’s interview.

Kevin’s interview will be coming out with the July Newsletter

VI. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

VII. Membership: David Germack

New Member Welcome letters. They'll be coming out once a month.

Please pass any ideas on how to engage membership to David.

**Action Item:**

**Kevin to update the membership rolls**

VIII. Financial Advisory: Sunny Tang

"Bank account sorted and the old account is now closed. All fraudulent activity was refunded and there have been no new issues.

The ACS financial reported was submitted as were the 2019 taxes. There have been no reimbursement requests beyond a couple of scholarships due presumably to the effects of the pandemic.

Finances are solid, budgets easily repurposed if board desires. Dues and such are still in effect (which is the primary source of ongoing funding).

Specific questions, Samuel.Lewis@halliburton.com

When requesting a reimbursement, attach a pdf of FORMS along with the reimbursement request. Reimbursement forms are on Dropbox

**Other Business:**

A. Any Other Business

Kerry has the bank statements for the ACS-GHS from 2004 – 2014. Motion to shred

**Motion to shred accepted, and passed.**

Monthly budget reports. Are we able to see them on the Dropbox? Crystal to ask Sam

Carolyn asked if the Project SEED donations will be rolled to next year.

**Motion to roll Project SEED 2020 donations to 2021 accepted, and passed.**

B. Mask sales.

62 masks sold. 1 super unique, ultra rare microscope mask remains.

\$651, \$620 excluding shipping has been raised thus far. **Shout out to Catherine!!!**

7 in the queue to be shipped.

Lisa suggests we do a Salute to Excellence for Catherine's work.

**Meeting Adjourned At:** 7:34 p.m.