

ACS-GHS March Meeting Minutes

3/28/2022

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Meeting convened at 6:32 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Foster	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richa Chandra	Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input 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"/> Obiageli Nwosu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Usha Devathosh
<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Lafitte	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Gonzales
<input type="checkbox"/> Javoris Hollingsworth	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" 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 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. **Meeting minutes for approval**

Eme motion to approve, Dawn/Amber seconded

3. **Councilor report from National Meeting by Amber**

Email report sent to board

Highlights include:

- Ballots to be received in Fall, President Elect candidates announced
- District director will also be elected in the Fall – two candidates will be running

- Preference form updated (available online) for any ACS member to indicate interest on National committees to hopefully increase participation (not just for councilors)
- Over 8500 members attended in person, 2500 members attended virtually in San Diego
- Board did approve over \$50 million for initiatives
- Trial for hybrid council meeting went well, intended to roll out for Chicago National Meeting. This will likely involve smart phone device access for voting in-person and well as virtually
- First year as councilor you likely won't be assigned a committee, however the following year, you would likely be receiving an appointment on a committee
 - o Fill out the preference form
 - o Fill out statement of interest beyond just selecting committees, new form should assist in this aspect

4. **Programming Committee by Valerie**

- New program to assist inventors get patents; looking into resources to go with theme of inventions & innovations
- YCC (by Safia)
 - o Tom from ACS career consultants will assist with events
 - o Dates for hosting tentatively mid-June and mid-Sept once speakers confirmed
- WCC (by Lynn)
 - o WCC National committee has funds for bins/decals/swag etc. – applying for
 - o Looking into hybrid events
- Minority Affairs Committee
 - o No update
- Summer Social and Seminars (by Eme)
 - o Reaching out to UH to see if potential speakers for inventor theme
 - o If any speakers come to mind, please send to Eme
- Science Café & Senior Chemists Committee (by Mamie)
 - o Potential for tour of a coffee roasting company
 - o Hydroponic farming – looking into as well
- Technician Affairs (by Carolyn)
 - o Set up teleconference to gauge interest
- Outlook of events (by Valerie)
 - o Keep eye on calendar to avoid double-booking events

5. **Awards Committee (by Lisa)**

- Three ACS Fellows packages are in progress, April 1st due date, so should be completed on time
- Looking for additional volunteers, reach out to Lisa
 - o Especially College and High school Teaching
- Will be scheduling committee meeting soon to start on local and regional awards

6. **Education Committee**

- Chemistry Olympiad (by Jerry)
 - o Local Olympiad complete, 277 participants in local Olympiad

- 13 slots available for National, in addition to participant from camp
- About 45 awards will be given out, around \$2500-2600 in awards (similar to last year)
 - This funding is an alternative to scholarships since not doing the scholarship exam again this year; these are recognition awards
 - Distribution based on results, school, etc. to expand recognition/participation
- Motion to approve budget by Jerry, seconded by Carolyn
- Project SEED (by Carolyn)
 - Rice and Lone Star did not submit applications in time; may have no institutions involved this year
- Student Affiliates (by Loic)
 - Looking for Earth Week volunteers (looking for 10-15) (two shifts: 12-2:30, 2:30-5); to be added to newsletter (volunteers for anyone? Or student groups only? To be clarified)
 - Booth with chemistry demos on April 10th at Discovery Green
 - Not paid yet - \$350 for tent – usually do through reimbursement, to be followed-up on
- Science Fairs/ECH (by Obiageli)
 - At least 85 students participated at SEFH
 - 156 students made it to A&M Fair last week
 - Want to host about 11 students to Regeneron Fair
 - ECH – May 25th – Annual Awards Banquet
 - Tentative Date – Sept 10 – for Climate Change Symposium at UH
 - A lot of students came from certain schools, they'll be exploring why other schools are not participating

7. **Community Affairs Committee (by Tracey)**

- National Chemistry Week
 - Bob to try to schedule hands-on event with Children's Museum, still in progress
 - Theme: Fabulous Fibers, the Chemistry of Fabric
 - Trying for 5 tables for demonstrations and including hands-on activity – with household reagents only
 - No slime and no balloons (latex)
 - Usually always third week of October
 - Anticipating about \$500 for the budget
- Additional potential event with San Jacinto college
- Quilts and info-graphics available to help with this year's theme
- Poster Contest
 - Info will be sent out soon

8. **Nomination Committee (by Dawn)**

- No update, meetings to start up in early Summer
- Reach out to Dawn if interested in position or known of person who may be interested one

9. **Communications and Technology Committee (by Laura)**

- Send info to Laura
- Try to include Erika and Dawn as well to make sure it reaches all outlets

10. **Financial Advisory Committee (by Larry)**

- No update
- Budget not approved yet – schedule meeting ASAP

11. **Strategic Planning Committee (by Amber)**

- No update

12. **Fundraising Committee (by Snigdha)**

From chat - "Plan is to set up an initial commitment meeting in April. If anyone is interested to help, please send me an email. Last year the committee focused on fundraising for awards ceremony, this year it would be nice to expand to general fundraising for GHS events by reaching out to the chemical enterprise in Houston area.

On a side note, If you are in leadership position in your work place, please let us know what information you will need to secure funding for ACS-GHS, so that we can provide required details to submit an application/ proposal."

13. **Other Items**

- Leadership Conference in May 20-22 , Valerie unable to attend, Eme will attend instead
 - o Eme requests funding to attend -- Lisa motion to approve, Carolyn seconded
 - o Safia attending as well to receive an award, but not as primary delegate, board approved her travel costs at the previous meeting
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Meeting Adjourned At: 7:45 p.m.
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