

## ACS-GHS May Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2021

1. **Welcome/Introductions:**

Meeting convened at ~6:30 p.m. over Zoom (Online) by Dawn Friesen.

**Attendees:**

Board Members:	Position	Active Volunteers:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Friesen	Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amiee Modic – AACT Liaison
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eme Abu	Chair-Elect	<input type="checkbox"/> Tai-Yen Chen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Young	Past Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerry Yang
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Ramirez	Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton Star
<input type="checkbox"/> Sam Lewis	Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryanne Mores
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Smith Callahan	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Kiresha Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David E. Thompson	Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Usha Devathosh
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Foster	Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safia Mohamed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loïc Samuel	Director	
<input type="checkbox"/> David Germack	Councilor	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mamie Moy	Councilor	<b>General Attendees:</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larry Dennis	Councilor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14098822547 (identity?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Amber Hinkle	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Burnley	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valerie Lafitte	Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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"/> Kerry Spilker	Alt. Councilor; Community Affairs Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Botto	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Tom Malloy	Alt. Councilor	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	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: 12</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum Met		<input type="checkbox"/>

2. **Adoption of March and April 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Dawn Friesen

Minutes approved.

3. **Budget Update:** Sam Lewis

4. **Committee Updates:**

I. Programming Committee: Eme Abu

- Younger Chemists Committee (YCC): Safia Mohamed
- Women Chemists Committee (WCC): Lynn Foster
- Minority Affairs Committee (MAC): Javoris Hollingsworth
- Engineering Council of Houston Liaison (ECH): Larry Dennis

Larry reported on ECH summer program plans.

ECH virtual awards banquet announced for May 26, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

- Senior Chemists Committee (SCC): Carolyn Burnley  
No updates. Dawn added note about upcoming deadline for SCC mini-grant if there were any programs of interest.
- Seminars & Summer Social: Eme Abu

Upcoming Seminars:

Eva Marie Harth (UH) – Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

H.N. Cheng (ACS President) – Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> (NEW!)

Corina Rogge (MFAH) – Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

Madeleine Swortwood (SHSU) – Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Fall Social:

Wine tasting suggested, possibly at Nice Winery? Other options as well.

Eme will review the summer social budget to aid in planning

- Science Café:  
Kerry contacted Estus Rockets as possible presenter

II. Awards Committee: Lisa Houston

III. Education Committee: Roxie Allen

Kerry provided update on planning for Student Awards Event to be held May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Chemistry Olympiad: Jerry Yang

26 High schools participating in Olympiad this year.

- Project Seed: Carolyn Burnley & Javoris Hollingsworth
- AACT Liaison: Amiee Modic
- High School Chemistry Clubs Liaison: Usha Devathosh
- Middle School Liaison: Kiresha Johnson
- Scholarship Exam: Tai-Yen Chen
- Student Affiliates: Loïc Samuel
- Science Fairs: ECH Liaison, Larry Dennis

IV. Community Affairs: Kerry Spilker

- Kids & Chemistry: Bob Botto
- Education Rainbow Challenge: Eme Abu
- Industry Relations: **Vacant**
- Government Affairs: Kerry Spilker

V. Communications & Technology: Laura Smith Callahan

- Zoom account up for renewal before July 20, 2021
- Change to Wild Apricot (website platform) pricing when plan renews in September. Going from \$540/year to \$648/year.

VI. Strategic Planning: Amber Hinkle

VII. Membership: David Germack

VIII. Financial Advisory: Larry Dennis

IX. Fundraising (Ad hoc): Snigdha Chennamaneni

5. Other Business:

- Safia to be added to ACS Connections page for the section to be able to add/edit YCC events.

- RMRM 2021 Happy Hour, May 21, 5:00 – 6:30 pm (time zone?), hosted by Chuck Weidner, Southern Arizona Section
  - Dawn to forward to Lisa.

**Meeting Adjourned At:** ~8:00 p.m.