

**Executive Committee Meeting
Central PA Local Section
American Chemical Society
June 13, 2023, 06:00 pm
Hoss's Steak and Sea House**

Present:

Adam Herring (PSU, Chair-Elect)

Kate Penrod (PSU, Secretary-Elect)

Kyle Root (Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania (CUP), Treasurer) - via Zoom

Lori Stepan (PSU, Councilor)

Aaron Garner (PSU, Elections & Nominations Chair/Past Chair)

Bratoljub Milosavljevic (PSU, Program Chair)

Christine Mahajan (PSU, Newsletter Chair)

Hannah Priller (NCS Student Affiliate President)

Olivia Peduzzi (PSU GSA Student Representative)

1. Review of former minutes
 - a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jxR2sVs46anA-gdhEuU44AmS1Gt37gLg/edit>
2. Old Business:
 - a. Status of audit - Adam and Christine to meet with Kyle still
 - i. Zoom meeting has been scheduled
 - b. By laws submission - submitted Friday, 10 June, takes a few weeks to process
 - c. Budget
 - i. Current Treasurer's Report - Kyle Root
 1. Kyle needs to check if he still owes any disbursements for Dixon Travel Grants - Joe Houck would likely know whether the payments have been received
 2. Dixon Travel Grant estimated at \$4500, but it is looking to be slightly less than that
 3. Expenses slightly less than revenue for the moment, but likely to change a bit soon
 4. Seems that our spending is reasonable and sustainable at this point
 5. Possibility of opening a high-interest savings account instead of investing in stock market (Allied Bank is a possibility)
 - d. Upcoming elections
 - i. Aaron will talk with Lisa, Jason, Zach Rhoden, and Joe Kaiser to try to get them involved
 - ii. Christine can advertise any open positions in the newsletter
 - iii. List of positions on the website is currently outdated - Adam plans to update
 - iv. Elections mid-November
3. Reports:
 - a. CCEW (Adam and Joe)
 - i. Boys 8-11 years old, worked with algae
 - ii. Chem GSA hosted group hike of Mount Nittany - Nature Appreciation Event
 - iii. NCS did potted plants
 - iv. Kyle had annual chemistry camp for 4th and 5th graders

- b. National Chemistry Olympiad
 - i. Joe Houck not here to discuss
- c. Beth Elacqua's technical talk
 - i. Between 20-30 people, pizza and chips
- d. Treasurer
- e. Other?
 - i. GSA:
 1. Earth Week Hike of Mount Nittany
 2. SuperGay 5k
 3. Pride Month Happy Hour Coordinated with Chemistry Climate & Diversity Committee
 4. Outreach events - Special Olympics event rescheduled due to smoke conditions, Schlow Library, Kids Day before Arts Fest, outreach with demos at schools, trivia event scheduled (requesting funding from ACS)
 5. Professional development events - free head shots for LinkedIn accounts, resume-building workshops, intellectual property seminars, industry visit to DOW or another Greater Philadelphia Area industry (requesting funding from ACS), career networking recruiting event
 6. Proposals for funding requests will be placed in writing
 - ii. NCS:
 1. Summer, no updates
 2. Goggles sale will occur again in the Fall
 3. ECOS has involvement/recruitment fair in the Fall where NCS will be recruiting
- 4. New business:
 - a. Summer newsletter
 - i. Need to have firm dates before anything goes into the newsletter
 - ii. Need to add call for nominations
 - iii. Bimonthly during the school year, once over the summer
 - iv. Undergraduate poster session
 - v. National Chemistry Week events
 - vi. Once it is ready, send it around to check for typos
 - b. Upcoming events:
 - i. picnic/reactor tour - TBD
 1. Adam and Lori will co-coordinate the reactor tour in September
 2. Adam and Christine will plan the picnic for late Summer
 - ii. Winery visit - TBD
 - iii. Technical talks:
 1. Sept: Bratoljub Milosavljevic, need to fix specific date
 - a. Knowing the topic in advance allows for more targeted advertising
 - b. Advertise in 450, 452, and any other p-chem courses
 - c. Next talk: Radiation Chemistry of Copolymers
 2. Oct: Greg Basarb (former University of Cape Town, current local section member). Need to invite?
 3. Nov. Eric Nacs. Need to fix topic and specific date.
 4. Possible speaker: Jason Cross's wife to discuss biomedical chemistry

5. Possible invitees:
 6. Feb:
 7. March:
 8. April:
 - iv. Poster Session on Thurs, 28 September
 1. Bratoljub needs to reserve the rooms for this (301A + Life Sci Bridge)??
 - a. Ryan will reserve the room - Rachel Weaver can help
 2. Program information?
 - a. Bratoljub will take care of this
 3. Split poster session in two shifts
 4. Benkovic scholars need to know that they have to participate
 5. David Boehr needs to know to hold the Benkovic scholars responsible for this - Dan Sykes used to take care of this
 - v. MARM 2024 - June 5-8
 1. Tabled until next meeting because Joe Houck is absent
 - vi. Celebration of Quarter Millenium of Joseph Priestley's discovery of oxygen (Aug. 2024)
 1. Roy Olofson - Adam has talked with him
 2. Joe Houck and Bratoljub will discuss updates
 - c. Communications regarding Dixon travel grant
 - i. Ashley Biers, rising junior applied for Dixon travel grant for Fall
 - ii. Teams discussion regarding cutoff dates for applications
 - iii. Base deadlines on when abstracts have been accepted
 - iv. Set a maximum per student and a maximum per meeting, then split the maximum among all applicants instead of apportioning it by student affiliate chapter
 - v. Come up with several options, send an email to vote on which option is most fair and appropriate, update website when it's been decided, remove information from website on Dixon travel grant in the meantime
 - vi. Spring meeting: ~ 3 times \$750
 - vii. Fall: ~ \$250 maximum per person
 - viii. If Fall money is not used, move that to the Spring allocation
 5. Next meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, August 22 at Hoss's 6pm-8pm
- Meeting adjourned at 20:08