

## Midland Section ACS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2020

Midland Center for the Arts, Midland MI

**Voting Board Members present indicated by \* (9 required for a quorum):**

*	Jones, Mark		Jackson, Lauren		Patankar, Kshitish
*	Prange, Robbyn	*	Cummings, Michelle	*	Rivard, Michelle
*	Desroches, Maude		Sivy, Tami	*	Dilling, Wendell
*	McCullough, Lauren	*	Tomasik, Janice (Ph)	*	Huang, Wenyi
*	Palumbo, Amanda		Stubbert, Bryan	*	Keinath, Steve
*	LeCaptain, Dale	*	Wier, Kevin		

**Non-Voting Board Members (Committee Chairs):**

Tulchinsky, Michael	Anderson, Jeff	Malczewski, Regina
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➤ **7:05 PM Call to order**

- Mark Jones (“Chair”) called the meeting to order. The motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 2020 with minor corrections was approved by the Board. Regina Malczewski will upload the meeting minutes on the local section website.

➤ **7:10 PM Chair updates**

- Chair invited the board to talk about critical issues that need board intervention. The FORMS are not completed but moving well. The accounting for a foundation gift mentioned in the January board meeting was not completed but there is a path forward. Chair, Regina Malczewski and Lauren McCullough (“Treasurer”) will work together to address this matter. Chair and Dale LeCaptain will sort out the H2OQ funding and the local section ownership.

➤ **7:15 PM CERM, Outreach Volunteer of the Year, Women’s STEM night, and FORMS**

- Amanda Palumbo (“Past-Chair”) noted that an executive summary (financials and statistics) of CERM 2019 was to be presented to the CERM 2020 committee. Dimi Katsoulis, Valentina Woodcraft, and Brian Marinik are not able to go to CERM 2020 and are seeking a person from the board to attend and present the summary which is already completed. Past-Chair will determine if this presentation can be done remotely by a member of the CERM 2019 committee along with someone from the board physically present.
- Midland’s Section Outreach Volunteer of the Year (2019; VOTY) is Dimi Katsoulis. His nomination is considered for a National award without further action from the local section. Past-Chair provided clarifications from National on the selection of the National Outreach Volunteer of the Year. The Awards Committee consists of Past-Chair and Diana Deese. They received and

reviewed 2 nominations for the 2019 local VOTY. The final nomination was presented to the board.

- Coordinator of the Women's STEM night reached out to the board for volunteers to organize 2 activity tables. WCC agreed to do an activity about H<sub>2</sub>OQ and Regina Malczewski also volunteered to do a table. The activity owner needs to provide a female scientist associated with the activity and the poster will be provided by Women's STEM night. Past-Chair will connect Regina Malczewski and Treasurer with the event coordinator and provide information including the target audience.
- Report FORMS are to be submitted to Amanda by Friday, February 7 at 5pm. Dale LeCaptain is to do the final review before submission to National (2/15).

➤ **7:25 PM National Chemistry Olympiad**

- Michael Tulchinsky provided a description of the competition. The local Midland Section is medium-sized, with 10 seats at the competition. About 15000 students compete annually throughout the country. The activities start in January and the competition ends in May. A written exam is completed by the students and a volunteering SVSU professor collects and grades the papers, selecting the students. The national exam is hosted at SVSU; it consists of a theoretical and a practical test. There is no ask at the moment; the volunteers are already identified. Michael Tulchinsky will work with the Awards Committee to prepare for recognition of participating students at the Awards banquet in May.

➤ **7:35 PM Public Relations for Local and National Program**

- Treasurer highlighted that the National Committee on Public Relations and Communications is offering a "public relations facelift" which is intended to increase visibility and connect with members. Once a plan has been designed for the Section, the committee will prioritize for the METT grants. The committee requested a focal point with whom they can communicate and implement changes. The requests are made by email by May 1, 2020. Past-Chair, also Chair of the Publicity committee, and Treasurer are to submit an application for the local section.

➤ **7:40 PM ACS Fellow Nominations**

- There are no nominations at the moment, but submissions can be made. Chair will send a description of the criteria for an ACS Fellow submission to The Midland Chemist for the February edition. The deadline is April 1 and the board will vote on a candidate at the March board meeting. Past-Chair recommended sending an email to the board and committee chairs.

➤ **7:45 PM Earth Day and Exhibit summary**

- Earth Day (50<sup>th</sup> anniversary) is on April 22; our "Earth Action Expo" will take place at Dow High on April 19, 11-4. There will be an Illustrated Poem Contest conducted by Michelle Rivard. Regina Malczewski seeks volunteers and participation.
- Midland ACS Centennial Exhibit: Gina reviewed the exhibit with a history, a summary of contents and funding, and mention of group visits and adjunct programming. The exhibit was very successful. Members of the H.H. and Grace Dow Foundation and Strosacker Foundation (two funders) were among several groups that visited the exhibit and; the funders were pleased with the outcome. The exhibit was taken down in early January and is being stored at CMU. Some sections of the whole exhibit can be loaned and interested parties can contact Regina Malczewski. The next known location is likely to be the Castle Museum in Saginaw. Money left in the exhibit funds will be used to move the exhibit.

➤ **8:00 PM ChemLuminary video H<sub>2</sub>OQ**

- The video being used to support the ChemLuminary Nomination for the H<sub>2</sub>OQ activity was played.

➤ **8:05 PM Adjourn**

- The board meeting was adjourned by a motion that was moved and approved.
- Picture of the ACS board.



Introducing the 2020 Midland section board members!

- **Front Row**, from left to right: Amanda Palumbo (Past Chair, Publicity) Robbyn Prange (Chair-Elect), Michelle Cummings (Nomination and Elections), Lauren McCullough (Treasurer, Women Chemists Committee), Jeff Anderson (MidMichigan Technician's Group), Gina Malczewski (Outreach, Silver Circle), Michelle Rivard (Director, Project SEED, Outreach), Maude Desroches (Secretary).
- **Back Row**, from left to right: Steve Keinath (Midland Chemist, Director), Mark Jones (Chair), Dale LeCaptain (Councilor), Wenyi Huang (Director), Wendell Dilling (Director, Historian), Kevin Wier (Director), Michael Tulchinsky (Chemistry Olympiad). Missing: Bryan Stubbert (Director), Lauren Jackson (Alternate Councilor), Kshitish Patankar (Director), Tami Sivy (Director), Janice Tomasik (Director).

Action Items:

- Regina Malczewski to update the Meeting Minutes on the local section website.
- Mark Jones, Regina Malczewski, Lauren McCullough to address the accounting request from the foundation.
- Mark Jones, Dale LeCaptain to sort out H2OQ funding and the local section ownership.
- Amanda Palumbo to find out if the CERM 2019 executive summary can be presented remotely by a member of the CERM 2019 committee along with someone from the board physically present.

- Amanda Palumbo to connect Regina Malczewski and Lauren McCullough with the Women's STEM night event coordinator and provide information.
- Amanda Palumbo and Lauren McCullough to apply for the local section PR program from the committee on public relations and communications.
- Mark Jones to send a description of the ACS Fellow program to The Midland Chemist for the February edition and send an email to the board and committee chairs.