

Midland Section ACS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 2, 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	*	Huang, Wenyi (Ph)
*	Palumbo, Amanda		Stubbert, Bryan	*	Keinath, Steve (Ph)
	LeCaptain, Dale	*	Wier, Kevin		

Non-Voting Board Members (Committee Chairs):

Deese, Diana	Yvon-Bessette, Andre	Bedard, Anne-Catherine	Anirudha Banerjee
Malczewski, Michael (Ph)	Bekemeier, Tom (Ph)		

Other attendees:

Lane, Tom			
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➤ **7:00 PM Call to order**

- Mark Jones (“Chair”) called the meeting to order. The February meeting minutes will be sent out electronically to be approved at the April meeting. There were no Chair updates.

➤ **7:05 PM Awards**

- Diana Deese reminded that the Awards ceremony will be on May 6 at the Great Hall with a \$20 entry fee. The list of Awards was published in the Midland Chemist. Chair will find judges for the Award and Diana requested people suggestions for awards like the Achievement and Promotion of the Chemical Sciences, Diversity & Inclusion Award, and Service to the ACS. The deadline for submitting an award nominee is April 7. The Awards Committee is actively seeking nominees for the Salute to Excellence Award for non-ACS members. The nominee can be a person, a business, a foundation, or any entity. We currently have 5 nominations per year in the budget. There was an exchange on a potential WCC Award.

- **7:10 PM Introduction of Diversity and Inclusion Chair**
 - Anne-Catherine Bedard introduced herself as the Chair of Diversity & Inclusion. She presented a plan for D&I based on National's description of the committee.
- **7:15 PM Treasurer's Corner**
 - Treasurer (Lauren McCullough) will find the person responsible of the Delta college grant.
 - Treasurer pointed out that credit cards with unreported expenses will be deactivated until the expenses are in the correct form.
 - Treasurer requested that any grant application be sent by email to Chair and Treasurer.
- **7:15 PM ACS Fellow Nominations**
 - There are no Fellow nominations to date. Chair described the requirements as a balance of service to the ACS and technical abilities. There is a list of potential candidates and most candidates have already been nominated.
- **7:20 PM Project SEED Update**
 - Michelle Rivard described the project SEED program and goals. The program is for economically disadvantaged students to do summer research. Michelle is seeking host suggestions such as colleges, universities, and businesses. Michelle asked the board to increase the budget by \$3750 to host 3 more students than the initial 5, assuming there are going to be more students than hosts. Treasurer confirmed that the funds were available. The motion to approve \$3750 additional funds to host 3 more students for the SEED project was moved and approved. Michelle will also apply for a grant.
- **7:35 PM Website Update**
 - Michael Malczewski volunteered to update the ACS local section website. We are running out of space on the website because of the number and size of files. Michael asked that the documents updated on the website be in a PDF, JPEG or PNG format to reduce space. Google drive is the preferred option to keep archives and new documentations. Secretary (Maude Desroches) will send the approved meeting minutes in PDF to Michael to update the website. Data analytics on the local section website can be retrieved from google analytics through the local section google account.
 - The local section has changed the calendar to a google calendar to have all the events in one place. The calendar can be updated by sending a meeting request to the Midland ACS google account. Chair and Past-Chair should be notified via email to post the event. It was recommended that alias emails be created and used to avoid spam.
- **7:55 PM Adjourn**
 - The board meeting was adjourned by a motion that was moved and approved.

Action Items:

- Maude Desroches will send the February meeting minutes electronically to be approved for at the April board meeting.
- Lauren McCullough will let Diana Deese know if there will be a WCC Award.
- Lauren McCullough will find the person responsible of the Delta college grant.
- Maude Desroches will send the approved meeting minutes in PDF to Michael Malczewski to be updated on the website.