

Midland Section ACS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2020

Webex, Midland MI

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

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

Non-Voting Board Members (Committee Chairs):

Barker, Hobart (Ph)	Stickles, Dave (Ph)	Bedard, Anne-Catherine (Ph)	Anirudha Banerjee (Ph)
Malczewski, Gina (Ph)	Bessette, Andre (Ph)	Tulchinsky, Michael (Ph)	

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the April ACS board meeting was held remotely on Webex.

➤ 7:00 PM Call to order

- Mark Jones (Chair) called the meeting to order. The motion to approve the February and March 2020 meeting minutes was approved by the Board. Maude Desroches (Secretary) will work with Michael Malczewski to upload the meeting minutes on the website.

➤ 7:00 PM Chair Updates

- The executive committee voted Chris Goralski ACS Fellow nominee. Wendell Dilling (Director) will serve as primary nominator.
- Dow Library was supposed to provide a list of books and journals they will be disposing of, but it has been postponed to 2021.
- Chair nominated A. Sreeram to be the recipient of the Henry F. Whalen Award. The award is given by the Business Management division of ACS every 2 years. The announcement will take place during the ACS Fall meeting. The announcement will also be featured in the Midland Chemist.

➤ 7:05 PM National Committee Preference Submission

- The ACS Committee on Committees released a new preference form for 2021 ACS National Committees.
 - Michelle Cummings (Director) highlighted that the appointments to ACS Council-related Committees for 2020 are open from March 16 to June 5, 2020. The committees are seeking people with expertise. The detailed information was sent via email to the ACS board meeting attendees.
- **7:10 PM ChemLuminary Awards & National Awards Updates**
- Judging for most awards is completed. Gina Malczewski pointed out that the Midland Section Awards Ceremony is cancelled, but Diana Deese (Awards Committee Chair) is accepting Salutes to Excellence suggestions and these can be awarded even if the ceremony is cancelled.
- **7:20 PM Upcoming Activities**
- Amanda Palumbo (Past Chair/Publicity Chair) provided a status update for the upcoming activities with regards to the COVID-19 situation. Chair mentioned that the nomination submissions are extended to the end of May.
 - Dale LeCaptain (Councilor) confirmed that CERM 2020 is postponed until fall. CERM 2019 committee had to present a report summary at CERM 2020. Backpacks were paid for and the H2OQ was passed on to the Ohio local section.
 - The CCEW Poem contest will be a virtual event.
 - Earth Action Expo was postponed; if it is not rescheduled, some of the associated Earth Day activities will hopefully be done in the fall. Gina mentioned tree planting activities with the Midland Arborist (Forestry Division) or volunteering at the Midland recycling center could take place later.
 - Past Chair/Publicity Chair will advertise the MSU/ACS Earth Day Zoom seminars on the Facebook page and place a meeting notice on the Local Section's calendar.
 - The "Stay-at-Home" order precludes community gardening and the activities will be updated as the current situation evolves.
- **7:40 PM Chemistry Olympiad**
- Michael Tulchinsky provided an update on the Chemistry Olympiad local exam. Only two students per school can go to the national exam, which could be cancelled depending on the COVID-19 situation. Chair will sign the recognition certificates that will be sent virtually to the students.
 - Publicity Chair suggested we recognize the individual students on the Local Section Facebook page.
- **7:45 PM ACS Fall Scientific Meeting**
- Anirudha Banerjee, ACS Fall Scientific Meeting(FSM) chair, presented the 2020 team members. The theme is "Sticking with Chemistry" (the National Chemistry Week theme). The committee has a list of potential speakers from local universities and industry for keynote lectures. FSM is scheduled to take place at Saginaw Valley State University on October 10, 2020. The committee is working on a contingency plan to hold FSM virtually if the pandemic crisis is not over by October. The budget is the same as last year at \$5000. Acquiring sponsorships will be challenging because of the current public health situation.
 - Steve Keinath (The Midland Chemist Editor) will add the FSM flyer in the April issue of The Midland Chemist.
- **8:00 PM New Business**

- Lauren McCullough (Treasurer) does not have news regarding taxes. Michelle Rivard (Director) will work with Treasurer to complete the requirements for the taxes. Treasurer does not have access to the bank account yet because of the current "Stay-at-Home" order.
 - Chair received a packet of longevity certificates for ACS membership (50-60-70 years). Past Chair/Publicity Chair suggested we deliver them in a special event once public gathering can take place again. There were suggestions to highlight them in the Midland Daily News, The Midland Chemist, and on the Local Section Facebook page. Chair and Past Chair will work together to determine the best way to deliver the certificates.
- **8:00 PM Adjourn**
- The board meeting was adjourned by a motion that was moved and approved.

Action Items:

- Maude will send the February and March meeting minutes to Michael Malczewski so they can be uploaded on the website.
- Mark will send the Henry F. Whalen Award announcement to Steve Keinath for an article in The Midland Chemist.
- Amanda will advertise the MSU/ACS Earth Day Zoom seminars on the Facebook page and place a meeting notice on the Local Section's calendar.
- Mark will sign the recognition certificates for the Chemistry Olympiad to send to the participating students.
- Steve will add the FSMflyer to the April issue of The Midland Chemist.
- Amanda and Mark will work together to decide on the delivery of the ACS membership longevity certificates.