

Midland Section ACS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 3, 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
*	Desroches, Maude (Ph)		Sivy, Tami	*	Dilling, Wendell (Ph)
	McCullough, Lauren		Tomasik, Janice	*	Huang, Wenyi (Ph)
*	Palumbo, Amanda (Ph)		Stubbert, Bryan		Keinath, Steve
*	LeCaptain, Dale (Ph)	*	Wier, Kevin (Ph)		

Non-Voting Board Members (Committee Chairs):

Diana Deese (Ph)	Stickles, Dave (Ph)	Bedard, Anne-Catherine (Ph)	Anirudha Banerjee (Ph)
Gina Malczewski (Ph)			

Others:

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the August 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 June 2020 meeting minutes was approved by the Board. Secretary (Maude Desroches) will work with Michael Malczewski (Webmaster) to upload the meeting minutes and slide deck on the website.

➤ **7:05 PM Chair Update**

- No chair updates

➤ **7:05 PM Treasurer Update**

- We have no confirmation that the 2019 taxes were filed. Mark will follow up with Michelle Rivard and Lauren McCullough on the status of the taxes.

➤ **7:10 PM ACS National Meeting**

- The ACS National meeting is going virtual on the LUMI platform. All members can attend at a \$250 fee. The councilors will receive a special virtual training. ACS National is rolling out platforms to hold virtual meetings. The CERM 2020 is postponed and the date is to be determined.
- The check for the H2OQ backpacks was cashed in the last week of July because of COVID restrictions to physically go to the bank.
- The format to deliver Fall National Meeting awards such as the ChemLuminaries and ACS Fellow has not been announced with the meeting going virtual. Dale Lecaptain will follow up. Finalists were chosen this spring, but these have not been communicated.

➤ **7:25 PM ACS Fall Scientific Meeting**

- The fall scientific meeting committee chair, Anirudha Banerjee, is seeking ideas relative to how to hold the meeting virtually. Each poster presentation could have a 3-5 minutes sound band attached with the poster online. There was a suggestion to pre-record presentations to avoid

technical difficulties, and then to have a live Q&A. The platform to host the meeting is not defined yet and the expenses will depend on the chosen media. The incurred expense will be lower than having an in-person meeting. The date and budget remain the same. It was suggested to incentivize participation by employing the unused budget for larger prizes or a greater number of awards for the presenters. Anirudha is seeking volunteers well-versed in virtual meeting hosting to overcome some of the technical challenges. Anirudha will send an email stating his needs to the board.

➤ **7:40 PM Scholarship Fund**

- The number of applicants for the ACS Scholarship program was low and more publicity in the November timeframe might help spark interest.
- The ACS- Creative360 garden is operational and volunteers are always welcome.
- The outreach storage area for the local section at MSU-St. Andrews houses various supplies, display materials, and some financial archives; it was flooded back in May. Some damaged materials have been identified and will be replaced through MSU insurance. Volunteers are needed to help move and reorganize materials, once the storage space has been renovated (late August) Multiple people will be required over multiple days, as currently the storage area contents are in the Rounda and there is no working elevator to the lower level. Financial records contained in binders should be moved, if there is interest in keeping them (input is needed from Lauren and/or Michelle).
- There are at least two vacancies on the Section's Financial Committee; new members should be sought, and meetings restarted.

➤ **7:55 PM Diversity & Inclusion panel discussion**

- The event was positively received and was a success. The event was only announced to Dow employees internally and the event was not recorded.
- There is an upcoming event in collaboration with the WCC with Mary Draves and another one on the hidden cost of immigration.
- The board asked the committee chair, Anne-Catherine Bedard, to provide a description of the committee and its members. The description is available on the local section website.

➤ **8:10 PM Outstanding Achievement and Promotion of the Chemical Sciences Award**

- Diana Deese mentioned that there were 2 nominees. The decision to give the award or not and to whom will be done by vote of the executive committee.

➤ **8:15 PM Adjourn**

- The board meeting was adjourned by a motion that was moved and approved.

Action Items:

- Maude will send the June meeting minutes and slides to Michael Malczewski so they can be uploaded on the website.
- Mark will follow up with Michelle Rivard and Lauren McCullough on the status of the taxes, the need for the financial records currently in storage, and on the financial committee.
- Dale to follow up on the awards delivery format with the meeting going virtual.
- Anirudha will send an email stating the ACS Fall meeting needs to the board.