

Midland Section ACS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 4, 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 (Ph)	*	Dilling, Wendell (Ph)
	McCullough, Lauren		Tomasik, Janice	*	Huang, Wenyi (Ph)
*	Palumbo, Amanda (Ph)		Stubbert, Bryan (Ph)	*	Keinath, Steve (Ph)
*	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)
Malczewski, Gina (Ph)	Bessette, Andre (Ph)	Tulchinsky, Michael (Ph)	

Others:

Barker, Hobart (Ph)	Tom Lane (Ph)		
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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the May 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 April 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.

➤ **7:00 PM Chair Updates**

- The Local Section will not get the full money allotment (\$10,000) from Dow, but expenses are reduced in the current situation. Chair is monitoring the situation.
- Michelle Rivard (Director and 2019 Treasurer) confirmed that the due date for taxes was extended to June 15 and that Lauren McCullough (Treasurer) is aware.

- Amanda Palumbo (Past Chair & Publicity Chair) put an application on behalf of the Local Section for advertisement to Google. As a non-profit, we would benefit from reduced rate.
 - Chair received longevity (50-60 years) member certificates for people who are no longer living. Membership Chair is responsible for notifying National of deceased members. Chair pointed out that the Local Section numbers need to be updated.
 - Chris Goralski's Fellow Nomination was submitted on time.
 - CERM has been delayed indefinitely with a tentative November date. The ACS Fall National Meeting & Expo in San Francisco might be delayed as well.
- **7:15 PM Awards**
- Nominations were invited for the following areas; there are no nominations for the awards in red:
 - Outstanding Elementary Level Science Teaching
 - Outstanding Middle Level Science Teaching
 - Outstanding High School Chemistry Teaching
 - Outstanding College Chemistry Teaching
 - Science Education Volunteer of the Year
 - Outstanding Chemical Technician
 - Outstanding Achievement and Promotion of the Chemical Sciences
 - Outstanding College and HS chemistry students (all universities represented, about half of the high schools so far (but Diana Deese (Awards Committee Chair) is still receiving them)
 - Promotion of Diversity in Chemistry, Related Sciences and Engineering
 - Outstanding Service to the American Chemical Society
 - Team Innovation Award
 - MMTG OCTA
 - Salutes to Excellence (max 5)
 - Chair is seeking ideas on how the awards can be delivered while abiding by the social distancing rules and highlight the awards on social media.
- **7:25 PM H2OQ and CMU Grant Proposal Update**
- Dale LeCaptain (Councilor) applied for an EPA grant which is in the final stage, i.e. as long as the H2OQ program is compliant with the EPA grant requirements, the funding will be approved. The Local Section has contributed \$2500 (profits from CERM 2019) to buy backpacks for the H2OQ program and will report the interactive map. CMU is partnering with five non-profit organizations from the state of Michigan in science education to support the project. The funding will be spent to introduce H2OQ program a part of an approved curriculum in school.
 - Dale agreed to form an ad-hoc committee in the Local Section to formalize H2OQ involvement and future funding endeavor. Chair will reach out to Lauren McCullough to be part of the committee and is seeking volunteers.
- **7:30 PM Chemistry Olympiad**
- Michael Tulchinsky (Chemistry Olympiad Committee Chair) provided an update on the Chemistry Olympiad national exam that was held virtually.
 - Nine local high school students took the exam but did not make the cutoff score (40).
- **7:40 PM Project SEED Update**
- National cancelled all research including virtual for summer 2020. Instead National will host a 4-weeks virtual summer Camp and the Local Section will not have to inject funds into this program.

At the end of the summer camp, there will be a two-day virtual conference and National is looking for presenters. Interested parties should contact Michelle Rivard (Director).

- Students signed up for Project SEED will be contacted and will have to opt in the new format.
- Qualifying students will be selected because of the 250 cap, which is lower than what the program usually supports. The new format will allow students who were not able to provide their own transportation. Internet access and device to connect will be required to participate in the program, but students can be provided with a hotspot and a Chromebook if needed.
- **7:50 PM Sign Up Genius**
 - The Local Section subscription to Sign Up Genius is currently the Silver plan, and the services recently changed from 5 to 1 admins (unique sign in to create sign up). Custom questions for participants have been reduced to 2 and Sign Up Start/Stop dates are no longer available.
 - Michelle Rivard is asking the Board to upgrade the Local Section membership to Gold, which is \$162.00 more than the current Silver plan. The motion to approve the upgrade to the Gold membership plan was moved and approved.
- **8:00 PM New Business**
 - The GoDaddy account is paid and any emails sent for the account should be forwarded to Michael Malczewski with Mark CC'ed. No action required.
- **8:00 PM Adjourn**
 - The board meeting was adjourned by a motion that was moved and approved.

Action Items:

- Maude will send the April meeting minutes and slides to Michael Malczewski so they can be uploaded on the website.
- Mark will work with Dale to setup ad-hoc team for the H2OQ program. Mark will reach out to Lauren McCullough to be part of the committee.
- Diana will work with Mark to get the awards certificates signed and delivered.