



Midland Section ACS Board Meeting

August 3, 2020

Agenda



Time	Topic	Presenter
7:00	Call to Order, Approve Minutes (June)	Mark
7:05	Chair Updates	Mark
7:10	Chair/Treasurer Update	Amanda/Lauren/Michelle R.
7:20	ACS Fall National Meeting virtual information	Dale
7:25	Fall Scientific Meeting Update	Anirudha
7:35	Scholarship Fund	Gina
7:45	D&I Panel Discussion about Race and Equality	Anne-Catherine
7:50	CERM 2020 local section representative	Dimi
7:55	New business	all
8:00	Adjourn	All

Chair/Treasurer Update

- Finance results for CERM 2019. We may not be ready to put the proposal for a vote for aligning money to H2OQ.
- Update on 2020 expenses since going virtual?
- Any word back from our request for grant money from the Dow Foundation? I haven't heard anything yet

Meetings – San Francisco

ACS is committed to helping combat the global COVID-19 pandemic with initiatives and free resources. [Learn More](#)

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August 17 - 20

ACS Fall 2020 Virtual Meeting & Expo

Moving Chemistry From Bench to Market

- LUMI platform
- 250+ Broadcast sessions, 6,000+ papers, virtual Expo, networking, and more!
- Are you attending?

Member	
Regular	\$250
Student	\$50
Emeritus and Retired	\$125
50 Year	\$0
High School Teacher	\$62

Fall National Meeting

- Council meeting by-laws require minimum 1 / year (virtual 8/18)
 - Special training session for Councilors
 - Agenda items for vote:
 - disband the Joint Board-Council Committee on Chemical Abstracts Service (CCAS). Most (all?) the responsibilities defined are performed by Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS).
 - Elections to: Council Policy Committee (CPC); Committee on Committees (ConC); Committee on Nominations and Elections (N&E)
 - Clarify Amendments to the Standing Rules
 - Charter an International Chemical Sciences Chapter (Israel)
- Meetings & Expo Committee meeting is next Monday (8/10)

Regional Meeting

- CERM 2020 - “Plan with Optimism and Decide with Science” approaching the rescheduled November 2020 event (dates to be published soon).
TBD
 - H2O Q (Regional Experiment) is on hold following successful training back in February
- Fall 2020 Virtual Regional Meeting Pilot (Rocky Mountain)
- Regional Meeting Survey now to include *virtual* questions
 - Regional meeting support from National and task force on the future of meetings

FSM is going virtual!

- SVSU has agreed to issue a refund on the venue deposit.
- Currently deciding on best virtual platform to host the meeting. Zoom and GoToWebinar were suggested by ACS Webinars team.
- **Might need additional financial resources from ACS regional for purchasing video conferencing license (around \$100-\$200).**
- Speakers have been contacted about the transition to virtual-only meeting.
- Website has been updated to reflect the virtual status.
- Call for abstracts and registration has been sent out. We will keep communicating with attendees to give them updates on the virtual format.
- Might be a good opportunity to reach out to other schools that have large grad student/postdoc population like U of M.

ACS Scholarship Program

- Administered through Midland Area Community Foundation
 - Amounts available vary with fund status
 - Yearly; applications December, granted May-June
 - Students sophomore and older, attending a Michigan University and majoring in a chemistry-focused field
- Committee of 3, including one ACS member. Rubrics.
- Six Applicants, 5F, 1 M
- Awardees (\$1500 each)
 - Madison Carroll: Chemical Engineering, UM
 - Hannah Bartels; Chemistry, UM
- **Donations accepted, can volunteer to review applications**
- **Need more publicity**



ACS/360 Garden

- Why?
 - 2015 recycled material greenhouse
 - Teachable opportunities:
 - Growing as chemistry
 - Soil chemistry
 - Compost chemistry
 - Nutritional and medicinal power of plants
 - Efficient gardening: stacked beds, vertical growth, trellises and hanging plants
- Eight gardeners (up from 3 last year)
- Greenhouse + 5 plots; ACS produce being donated to local food pantries
- Compost bins
- Kids' Garden
- **Want to volunteer? Watering, weeding, compost maintenance**



Outreach Storage Flood

- Outreach storage has been located at MSU-St. Andrews (lower/1st floor) since 2016
- Three rooms for supplies/chemicals plus one for DC kits, files, Celebrating Chemistry and teacher training brochures
- Recent flood resulted in total basement and partial first floor flooding
 - Minimal impact on supplies in bins and on shelves, but any paper on floor affected
 - Dry wall and carpet being replaced so all supplies had to be moved out; shelves washed, but materials moved to rotunda by restoration team, in no order
 - Brochures and most paper materials have been assessed; some things organized, discarded and/or moved. **NO FUNCTIONING ELEVATOR** and the building is warm.
- ETA for access to storage area 1-2 weeks. We are putting in for insurance to replace a few materials. **WE WILL NEED HELP getting things back to normal!**



Financial Considerations

- Gavin Lu and Louise Weideman (on Financial Committee) have left Midland—replacements?
- Need auditor for 2019 taxes
- Must send in a copy of the 2019 tax forms to Herbert H and Grace A Dow Foundation.



D&I Panel – July 15th noon to 1pm



ACS Midland
Diversity and Inclusion Committee
presents:
Panel Discussion about Race and Equality



Torrey Clark
Senior TS&D Specialist
Electronics & System Assembly



Rosalyn Kent
Senior Research Specialist
R&D RAP



Brandon Taitt
Senior Research Specialist
Organosilanes - Process R&D



James Walker
Senior Research Specialist
Chemical Science – Core R&D

Please submit question to the panel via the chat function!

Anonymous questions can be submitted privately to Shuting Feng

<http://www.midlandacs.org/diversity-and-inclusion-committee/>
<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/membership-and-networks/acs/welcoming/diversity.html>

Agenda and Examples of Questions



- Introduction of the panelists
 - How to be an ally?
 - History of racism in the tri-city
 - Panel discussion (Q&A)
 - How can I make a change now?
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- Could you please share how you overcame elements of systemic racism to succeed?
 - Would you please share your experience as an African-American in the tri-city area?
 - Define privilege and what does it mean in terms of race?
 - What has prevented us from having constructive conversations about race?
 - In your opinion, what are some ways we can get people to feel comfortable with speaking up and speaking out?
 - What are the challenges we face in trying to increase diversity?
 - How has mentorship contributed to your life and success and where would you be without it?

Outcome of the Panel

- > 350 attendees
- Very good audience participation
- Respectful questions submitted *via* chat function
- Great feedback received all across the board!

FANTASTIC! That was great and the session was run perfectly! Thank you for educating me and Dow!

You are all awesome!

#BlackLivesMatter

Thank you so much! It was a very educational event!

I really appreciate and I have some actions to go do from my learnings.

Thanks!

Well done! You did an amazing job today.

I have NEVER seen better preparation than this. I was amazed, question after question, by how you handled the discussion and the cadence.

Right to the very end on the issue of voting.

Very good! THANK YOU!

and many more !

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