

Montana Section ACS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 13, 2019 | Carroll College

Present: Steve Rowley (Chair), Matt Queen (Chair-Elect), Seth Pattee (Treasurer, absent), Nick Natale (Alternate Counselor), John Hartman (Councilor), Casey Massena (Secretary, absent).

1. Treasurer's report by Seth Pattee relayed by Steve.

The asset summary: as of April 10th 2019, there is a roughly \$ 27,000 in savings and a little under \$ 5,000 in the checking account. There is a charge of \$ 604 pending for the current spring meeting catering. For 2018, there was a net income of \$ 11,596, which came from registration fees and our annual income from ACS. The revenue deficit for 2018 was roughly \$ 10,000 mostly on account of Chico expenditures. John commented that the Chico meeting was a big expense and that perhaps in the future monitoring whether a poster presenter was truly presenting could be warranted. Breakdown of income was as follows: roughly \$ 3,000 for travel reimbursements, \$ 1,300 in registration fees, and \$ 6,400 in allotment. The expenditures breakdown was as follows: Councilor travel \$ 274, travel awards \$ 3,750, local section meetings roughly \$ 7,000, ACS leadership institute \$ 1,800, and Chem Olympiad \$ 700. LSLC delegate travel, a deposit for Fairmont, non-Counselor travel reimbursements, election expenses, and a few miscellaneous items were also expenditures. Future 2019 expenses include: \$ 750 approved for Project Seed, \$ 2,500 for National Chemistry Week, and \$ 1,500 for Earth Week (which did not get spent nor will be). Seth's overall comments were that current spending is unsustainable. We only have about \$ 2,000 of spending before going into a deficit for 2019. Proposed cuts: reducing meeting awards, eliminating board-member lodging reimbursements, limiting ACS Leadership Institute attendees, and revisiting 2019 approved projects. To offset costs grant money (e.g. IPG) could be secured.

2. Councilor's report by John.

Summary of council meeting (Orlando 2019): the 2020 President-Elect race will be an interesting and close one. Streamlining of the constitution and bylaws was a big action item, which was approved. At the end of 2018, ACS memberships increased to 151,012 (0.1 % increase). International membership is a huge target for current and future growth. Website transitions were also discussed, and many sections have been using non-ACS platforms for some time.

3. Community outreach.

Reaching members through Inspired Classrooms funded by grants and Midwest Scientific. Steve has been researching using digital interactive technology to reach members throughout Montana. Concurrently, Midwest Scientific is a Montana-based startup looking for advertising opportunities. Utilizing a local virtual platform, Inspired Classrooms, Montana ACS could reach members via a cost match offered by Midwest Scientific. Steve plans to submit an IPG this year.

Industry engagement could be a way to increase student involvement. Nick and Steve discussed up-and-coming Montana companies that our organization could reach out to. Overall, Montana ACS could help students network and companies recruit while increasing section visibility and membership.

Zoning. John suggested we establish zones represented by point persons.

New website. Casey volunteered to setup a new Montana ACS website.

Banners. Matt suggested that we have some Montana ACS banners made (~ \$ 100 a piece) to setup at various Montana events to increase section visibility.

4. Fall Social planning.

Steve volunteered to coordinate planning for the upcoming social. Setting up a website that allows for online payments would be a big help. Collecting abstracts with something like Google Forms could also streamline the process.