

# Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Virtual: Zoom  
Saturday, 27th Aug 2022  
Meeting – 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**Attendance:** Jim Demas, Julian Bobb, Tom DeVore, Vanessa Lopez, Joseph Pompano, Joseph Crockett, Colleen Taylor, Morgan Puglisi, Charlene Crawley, LaChelle Waller, Ken Chapman, Stephanie Mabry, Denise Walters, James Beck, Linette Watkins, Mychal Smith, Ann Sullivan, Karl Jackson, Kristine Smetana, and Janet Asper

## I. Call to Order at 10:05 AM by Vanessa

## II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion was moved to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

## III. Randolph-Macon Chemistry Affiliate Chapter (~ 10 minutes)

- a. Morgan Puglisi, President of the chapter will be sharing their accomplishments and activities for 2022

Morgan shared with the committee about the recent Fall and Spring activities such as walk down memory lane, boy scouts tour, origin beer lab tour, discussion panel with alumni, pottery, students vs. teachers, chemistry festival. Shared on planned 2022-2023 events such as trivia night, career event, walk down memory lane, sci-fi movie, game night, pottery event, and chemistry festival. **Requesting \$200 for the next academic year.** Charlene, made a motion to support the RMC club, everyone voted yes, the funds were approved. There's already a \$2000 budget line for this year to support student chapters.

## IV. Old Business

- a. Approval of Minutes from previous January Executive Committee meeting (via Zoom).  
The website is looking really good. Thanks to Joe Pompano for his diligent work on it. A motion to approve the minutes was made. Motion approved.

## V. New Business

- a. 2023 Elections

LaChelle is working on recruiting new ACS members to fill vacant roles in the section. Not enough industry member involvement in the section in leadership roles. Mychal smith is doing SEED-did it this summer. Greg is not in the area. Need a balance of academia and industry members on the executive committee. JMU also hosted summer

project SEED. Planning to have a brainstorming session during the second week of September to discuss ideas for the recruiting. Julian will set-up a Zoom link. LaChelle wants to have a flyer to recruit. Maybe we can do a virtual Zoom session with members, an info session. Committee chairs are appointed not elected.

- b. Recruitment/Vacant Committee chairs
  - i. Women's Chemists Committee
  - ii. Entertainment
  - iii. Archives
  - iv. Secretary
  - v. Treasurer
- c. ACS National Historic Chemical Landmark at UVA
  - i. Connected with Sophie Rovner in the early summer
  - ii. ACS Board of Directors have approved the Landmark nomination
  - iii. The section will need a small group to work on this coordination

Vanessa and LaChelle is volunteering to make this event happen. Joe Pompano has volunteered also. Thomas Jefferson in the Rotunda at UVA had a chemistry lab. 1<sup>st</sup> chemistry lab in the country. Planning to do a celebration. Plans were affected because of COVID. Our Section, UVA, and National ACS need to coordinate to planning. Need a VA section planning committee to for this event. Larry White need info on the Teacher Award ceremony. Vanessa will work with Jack Brown on the when the teacher awards ceremony is. No fixed date yet for the ceremony. Linette can give Tom and Larry White carpooling for the Section Meetings and events. Jim Beck suggests doing the teacher Awards in October to allow more time to plan.

## VI. Officer's Reports

- a. Past Chair – LaChelle Waller

See 2023 elections for more information.
- b. Chair – Vanesa Lopez

It was on the summation of Spring ACS meetings. Will work with Jack Brown to plan the Fall meetings. Will have a succession planning in December to transit new members and discuss the Final Reports in February 15. Ann: we have a working document to highlight the details for each position. Joe will work in finding the job description information to share with new members. It would be better for this information to be stored on the website to help new members joining the board.
- c. Chair Elect – Jack Brown

From Jack Brown The list of speakers are as follows:

1. September- Gopal Sirasani
2. October- Nelu Greenburg (preliminary title "Modern Chiral Separations technology")
3. November-Joseph Kaloko

- d. Vice Chair – Charlene Crawley

No report

- e. Secretary – Julian Bobb

Need to conduct elections for vacant position. Ballots have to be conducted by early November. Waiting on Mark O'Brien from the National ACS about if the Zoom ACS account will extend in 2023. Suggestion for new meeting speakers: have speakers that can share on topics that are not too technical for undergraduates. Suggestion to have younger chemists as speakers also. Linette suggests having more women and minority to speak.

- f. Treasurer- Rob Davidson

Kristine will need more funding for NCW event. Lachelle will reach out to Dr. Smith about if Funding was used for reimbursement by the ACS.

- g. Councilors – Janet Asper, Kristine Smetana, or Linette Watkins

Linette, Janet, Kristine, Joe and Ann attended. Will get email for National YCC elections. Yellow book will open in April for anyone who wants to get on the National ACS committees. Kimberly Agnew is very active in the Analytical Chemistry division. November 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to submit WCC awards for recognition of women in STEM.

- h. Trustees –Ken Chapman, James Demas, or Stephanie Mabry

Our balance in the investment account as of July 31 is \$125,311.66. December 2019 was the last withdrawal by the treasurer. Ken was concerned about the volatility of the market and was suggesting investing in government bonds if needed.

## **VII. Selected Standing Committee Reports (~ 2 minutes each, please)**

- a. Awards:

Education- Larry White

Already selected the teachers for the Award. He needs information as to when the ceremony is going to be.

Industrial and Service - Yezdi B. Pithawalla

No report

- b. Chemical Education - Kristine Smetana (secondary)

Had one person asked for a Grant – not a good grant request to sponsor. Waiting on others to submit a grant. Need to remove Ryan from the website.

c. Community Activities - Kristine Smetana (primary)

Need to send report in. Had a great event. For NCW this year, it will be in the large room at the SMV. October 31 for NCW. Need a lot of volunteers. Will request more money to assist with the activities. Need table cloths and materials for the event.

Pictures of the event has been posted on Facebook.

d. Entertainment – Chair Vacancy

No report

e. Minority Affairs – Charlene Crawley and Colleen Taylor

One major initiative is to increase minority engagement and involvement and mentoring. Had a meeting with Sharon Neal about the YCC Mentorship Program and to develop a partnership with us. Charlene attended a webinar by Dr. Pamela Leggett-Robinson about how to get more Minority student engagement in STEM. Charlene will work on collaborating with Pamela. Email Janet an getting mentors from Dahlgren Naval Warfare Center. Can get mentees from UMW. UMW would like to get involved. JMU has a NOBCChE chapter.

f. Project SEED – Mychal Smith

WE had project SEED this summer. 4 students. 3 in-person and 1 virtual. Brought back old mentors and new mentors. Did research for 6 weeks and they presented a poster. They will take the posters back to their school. No spending for SEED this year.

g. Publications – Jim Beck

4 issues of the bulletin posted on the bulletin. Need materials for the bulletin for the summer and September bulletin within the next week.

h. Trustee's – Kenneth Chapman

See above

i. Strategic Planning- Joseph Pompano

Look at report for more info on the strategic planning. We've accomplished a lot of our strategic goals. Joe and Janet will get together in a couple of weeks to discuss the goals in details.

j. Senior Chemist Committee- Joe Pompano and Rob Davidson

Rob and Joe had a meeting but No shows. Will wait until COVID dies down.

k. Younger Chemists Committee- Julian Bobb

See report for additional details.

I. Women Chemists Committee- Chair Vacancy

No report

**VIII. Science Museum of Virginia Collaborations** – Denise Walters

Appointed by the governor on the board again.

I don't have a formal report for the Science Museum Collaboration, but the Chemistry Teacher Activity that we sponsored is scheduled for September 24, 2022. I have included screen shots from the website showing the advertisement for the event. Please note that they have included the VA ACS Sponsorship in the advertisement. Please add this to the files so that we can include this in our Annual Report. Also, please note that my contact information needs to be updated on the Website. The address is the same, but company name, phone number and email address have changed.

**IX. R. Gerald Bass Award for Exceptional Service**

No report

**X. Chemistry Olympiad** Sarah E. Porter and Gary Lutz

See report

**XI. Section Website** (Webmaster and Operating rules)

No report

Link for elections: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/elections.html>

Check out ACS Inclusivity style guide.

**XII. Adjournment at 12:26 PM**