**Forces Affecting the Future of Chemistry in China**

**Meeting Notes – January 12, 2015**

Compiled by Bob Rich

Attendance:

* Judith Jankowski
* Flint Lewis
* Elizabeth McGaha
* Keri Moss
* Bob Rich, Chair
* Rhonda Ross, on phone
* Maureen Rouhi, on phone
* Max Saffell
* Semora Smith
* Caroline Trupp Gil
* Frank Walworth

Bob welcomed the team members, and Flint underlined the importance of the project as a top four divisional objective. The team members introduced themselves.

Bob reviewed the project objective and plan and several questions were addressed. Semora asked about the relationship of this China project to the ongoing environmental scan (global), which is taking place concurrently.

Several team members suggested that we set as an objective to compile the existing information ACS possesses on forces affecting chemistry and chemists in China. Bob agreed that this would be valuable.

* **Elizabeth offered to provide the team with access to various reports, some of which we recently purchased.**
* **Rhonda offered to pull relevant sections of the 2013 (China section) and 2014 (action plans for the country by division, along with areas for collaboration) global presence strategy reports and share them with the team.**

Rhonda indicated that the cross-divisional China strategy team plans to continue to meet quarterly.

* **Bob and Rhonda will be sure to share information from the strategy team with this study team on an ongoing basis.**

Bob reviewed the initial list of sources. The following additions were suggested:

* **Caroline mentioned that a former ACS Congressional Fellow now works at the State Department China Desk. When we have a refined list of questions, she offered to reach out to this person and solicit their perspectives.**
* The child of Doris Lewis works at Georgetown University studying Chinese industry.
* We should identify more industrial chemists, especially high-level executives, since ACS membership in China skews toward academia. This should include both multinationals and indigenous Chinese companies.
* Max suggested that we reach out to Arkema, which won a recent Corporation Associates award for innovation.

In approaching the editors of ACS journals, it was suggested that we work with Susan King initially and also with Sarah Tegen and Penelope Lewis.

The team agreed that initially we should approach ACS staff and others close to the Society. Once we have a more refined list of trends, we can approach the more senior (and distantly connected people) with focused requests.

* **Caroline and Keri offered to explore local think tanks and research organizations relevant to the research.**
* **They also agreed to explore reaching out to ACC, PhRMA, and NAM**

Glenn has good connections with these groups.

* **Frank offered to reach out to the National Association of Country Executives.**
* **Bob and Francisco are working with the DC Center, a group that assists DC-based organizations in engaging with China.**
* **Frank will reach out to the Congressional Research Service to obtain their China briefing pack.**
* It was suggested that we explore the Paulson Institute, dedicated to understanding China
* **All team members are asked to explore whatever sources you have and send any trends or other information to Bob and/or share it on our ACS Network group. The deadline for completing this initial round of data gathering, including the above contacts, is Monday, February 2.**

The team discussed how the focus groups would operate, on a similar platform to (but separate from) the ACS Insights community.

In terms of the project trip, Maureen suggested to tie it to the *ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces* conference to take place in Beijing on April 13-14.

* **Maureen will also be travelling to China the previous week and offered to connect with our trip.**

Bob and Francisco were also considering a possible tie-in to the June CPhi meeting in Shanghai. CAS and C&EN will have a booth there.

* **Bob will send out a meeting request for our next meeting to take place in early February.**
* **Bob will establish a shelf for the team to access any hard copy materials and books that we collect.**
* **Team members are asked to bring by any such materials that they are not immediately using.**