ACS HURON VALLEY SECTION

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016

Location: NSF International, Ann Arbor,MI

Present: Brackman, Contis, Dobrowolski, Edgar, Hall, Kolopajlo, Lee, Lynam, Robison, Staebler, Vites,

**1. Call to Order**

Aaron Brackman called the meeting to order at 4.36pm.

**2. September Minutes**

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

**3.** **Communications from the Chair**

Alec spoke about inviting members from the HVACS chapter to the monthly meeting. Compared to a restaurant, the NSF International venue would be an ideal location as it can accommodate more people in a noise free setting.

Alec introduced Heather Robison and Jamy Lee from the WCC committee who gave an overview of their work in the East Central Illinois (ECI) section. They both have moved to the Ann Arbor area and are interested in continuing their work especially focusing on a Women’s Chemist Committee (WCC) /younger chemists committee (YCC) which we do not presently have in the Huron Valley Section. While in the ECI section they were very active in professional, social programming and community outreach. There were several questions from meeting attendees who felt that they would bring lots of energy and new programming and contributions to the local section.

**4.** **Communication from Chair-Elect**

Aaron reported on the purchase of a projection and screen system for use at Science Cafés.

Aaron also spoke about succession planning and the upcoming November ballot. Vacancies will be posted to identify candidates for the ballot. Preparation of the ballot will occur offline.

**5**. **Communication from Treasurer**

There was no communication from the treasurer this month as he was unable to be present at our meeting.

**6**. **Communication from Councilors**

Nina reported on her international activities as IAC Chair. Council has approved applications for three new ACS Chapters in S.W, China, Beijing and Iraq. The ACS Board of Directors also needs to approve in order for the three applicants to become chapters. The society now has 19 international chapters and 17 international student chapters worldwide. These are located in Saudi Arabia, Hungary, Romania, United Arab Emirates, Nigeria, Australia, S. Korea, Taiwan, Shanghai, Peru and Brazil

**7**. **Communication from Student Chapters**

José reported on recent activities of the EMU Chemistry Club. They have a picnic scheduled for October 21st. The Paddle Event was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Ryan reported for the POLY/PMSE chapter. Preparations are being finalized for the upcoming symposium to be held on October 27th and 28th, 2016. A series of workshops on entrepreneurs, intellectual property etc, will be held on Thursday and a poster session and platform presentations are scheduled for Friday.

**8**. **Communication from Outreach**

Mary reported on the Science Café which was held on October 18th, 2016 at Sidetrack bar and Grille. Kim Venuk, a Forensic Scientist from the Michigan State Police Controlled Substances Unit gave a talk titled “High Times in Michigan: Exploring the latest street drugs” There were 18 at the event and the audience had lots of questions for Kim, so many that she did not have time to present her case study. We may invite her back in the future.

Larry reported that he has 1 outreach event scheduled with a school as well as an event with EMU students during NCW. He has also purchased additional NCW materials that can be used at other outreach events during the upcoming year.

There were several Program in a Box, PIB, events held in the section;

Aaron/Alec reported on the event held at NSF International on Tuesday, October 11th. There were 5 attendees, 15 had signed up. In future, more concise publicity will be prepared as although the subject matter of the presentation was widely applicable many potential attendees were confused and thought that only ACS members could attend.

Ryan reported that 5 attended the POLY/PMSE chapter had 5 attendees at their event. The timing of this event occurred during exam week and a better topic might be required to generate more interest.

José reported that EMU chemistry club also organized a PIB event, there were 5 attendees.

Aaron has not scheduled the cider mill event yet.

Aaron reported that Megan had not received very many submissions for a newsletter. He encouraged us to send more to Megan to incorporate into a newsletter.

Aaron and Mary discussed the minimum guidelines for web and facebook submissions for posting. The details should include the title, date, time and place of the event.

José suggested that the section should have an editor who checks all materials for content before they go on the web. This would help reduce the work of webmaster and ensure accurate information is going public.

Larry discussed the Chem Olympiad and that volunteers are always needed to coach participants.

**10.** **Next Meeting**

Our November meeting will be held at NSF International.