ACS HURON VALLEY SECTION

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2018

Location: Carsons Bistro, Ann Arbor, MI

Present Anaya, Contis, Dobrowolski, Hall, Kolopajlo, Lindsey, Lynam, Powers, Tornquist

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting opened at 5.32 pm.

**2. January Minutes**

The January 2018 meeting minutes were approved.

**3.** **Communications from the Chair (Harriet)**

* 2017 Annual and Financial Report -Harriet reported that Wade has completed the financial section and that she is working on the remaining portions of the report.
* Annual Elections – there were two email inquiries regarding positions, Harriet and Wade responded to them but nothing materialized.

Results – Councilor – Nina elected for a further term

Treasurer - Wade elected for a further term.

There were three write-in candidates for Chair-elect. All were contacted, two responded and said that they reside and work outside of the local section. There was no response from the third candidate.

* Harriet proposed that the local section executive committee pursue strategic planning training/worshop with a view to succession planning and strengthening the Huron Valley Local Section as we move into the future. She is communicating with possible facilitators.
* Harriet spoke about replacing Project SEED with a research experience camp for high school students that is being created at EMU. This will bring students to EMU for a three week period where they will be paired with undergraduate and faculty mentors in the chemistry department. This initiative arose out of inquiries from parents about these experiences. This is the only 1 of it’s kind in the area and is directed to rising seniors. The cost is expected to be $1600. Harriet will present a breakdown of cost attribution to the executive committee at our April meeting with a view to seeking possible sponsorship by the Huron Valley section.

**4. Communication from Secretary(Mary)**

* Mary reported on her participation in the 2018 Leadership Conference in Dallas. As an outcome of the local section activities workshop the Huron Valley and Kalamazoo sections have just submitted a proposal for seed money to bring Dr. Lisa Balbes to Michigan to give a presentation on “Nontraditional Careers for Chemists” in fall 2018. Funds from both local sections would also be needed to hold this event. Nina indicated possible partial funding available from the CSIE. Mary also attended sessions on motivating volunteers, communicating with members, using social media for your local section and strategic planning.

**5. Communications from Treasurer (Wade)**

* Wade reported that our treasury is healthy.

**6. Communications from Councilors (Nina and Harriet)**

* Nina reported on business to be conducted at the upcoming National Meeting. These include a change in bylaw 9(International Chapters) and on changes in governance and ways to right size council.

**7. Communications from Student Chapters (Natalia and Ryan)**

* EMU – Natalia indicated she is seeking $400 in funds from the local section, $300 will be allocated for student membership dues, $50 for fundraising and $50 for recruitment initiatives.
* UM –. Ryan is seeking $400 in funding for activities. He presented information on the REACT workshop (free) for K-12 educators which will be held on Friday, June 22, 2018. He will send information to post on the HVACS website and facebook page.

**8. Communications from Outreach/Events**

* Larry reported on the successful winter camp for 23, 6th grade students from Dexter. Activities included green chemistry in cosmetics, chemical changes, fingerprinting techniques, crime scene investigation, polymers (slime), and gummy bear and dichromate volcano demonstrations.
* Earth Day at Leslie Science Center, April 22nd 2018

Ryan is coordinating and will be seeking volunteers for the booth. There will be a display about polymer manufacturing. Children will do fun activities sorting plastics.

**9. Open/New Topics**

* 2021 Meeting hosted by HVACS. We need to settle on a date, preferably one that does not interfere with other regional meetings as well as any large meetings (Plumbers Convention) in the Ann Arbor area. Wade suggested checking with the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau.
* Once we have settled on a date Nina will contact Dr. Frazier Stoddard and invite him to be the plenary speaker.
* We discussed holding future meetings at the Ypsilanti Alehouse. Harriet will check about this.