

Red River Valley Section of ACS Executive Meeting – January 8, 2010 – 6:00 PM
Country Hearth Restaurant, Hillsboro, N. D.

Present – Matthew Picklo, David Mork, Asoka Marasinghe, Tom Gonnella, Harmon Abrahamson, William Shay, Leonard Cook, Roy Garvey, Bruce Folkedahl

1. Matthew welcomed everyone present and was followed by self introductions of the participants.
2. Harmon distributed copies of the current 'Bylaws of the Red River Valley section.' Harmon showed the need for a revision of the bylaws because of the changes that had taken place since its last revision in 1989. The designation of 'Associate Members' is now defunct and the category of 'Student Member' should to be included and the need to specify the eligibility or non-eligibility for the 'student members to hold offices was mentioned. The need to address issue of electronic balloting which is allowed by ACS was also pointed out. Since only one secretary is currently functioning the need to amend the bylaws to reflect that was discussed.

David moved and Leonard seconded that a subcommittee (Harmon, Roy and Shay) of the section would work on these issues and the changes would be presented to the full committee. Matt suggested to add two more members preferably students and non-academics to the subcommittee. Harmon would be the liaison for this matter with the ACS. Copies of the amended bylaws will be mailed to the entire membership. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Tom presented the accounts for the year 2009.
Leonard moved to change the awards given to Science fair winners to \$100 i-bonds. Harmon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Program Committee Chair of the section, Dave Mork, would work on setting up of the Heartland tour circuit presenters for 2011. He is also working on finding local speakers and look into the setting up of the IVN facilities at different sites. Dave volunteered to organize the summertime picnic for this year.
5. The issues regarding student awards would be revisited by the Awards Committee (Roy and Tom).
6. Matthew will work on ways to increase the participation in the section affairs by schools and local industry. He will work on organizing another leadership institute, POGIL workshops and Science Cafes this year.
7. A more active role will be taken by the ACS-RRV section to enlist undergraduates at the Undergraduate Research in the Molecular Sciences student conference sponsored by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Red River Valley section of the American Chemical Society.
8. Matthew moved to acquire a video camera to record section events for documentation. Dave seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Membership dues committee is defunct and needs to change its name to Membership Committee.

10. Government Affairs Committee is presently a one-person committee (Harmon).
11. Speaker Tour presentations for March, September, October and November will be sponsored by UND, Bemidji State, MSUM and NDSU respectively. Executive committee would meet before the presentations.