EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ACS Division of Environmental Chemistry
August 19, 2012
244th ACS National Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
(next meeting: 7-11, 2013, New Orleans, Louisiana)

Call to Order, Introduction, Attendance, Corrections to Roster

Chair Hank Ramsey called the meeting to order at approximately 7:15 pm. A roster was circulated for corrections.

Attendance

Dean Adams
Souhail al-Abed
George Cobb
Dionysios Dionysiou
Alan Elzerman
Jurgen Exner
Alan Ford
Alexander Orlov
Xiaopin Pan
Peney Patton
Hank Ramsey
Ken Smith
Vic Turoski
Martha Wells
Tracy Williamson

Guests:

Damia Barcelo, Urs Jans, Rafael Luque, Aditya Savara, Joan Tahata, Jiafan Wang

Administrative Items

Meeting at a Glance

A summary was provided in the agenda portfolio prior to the meeting.

Reports

Secretary (Ramsey, substituting for Clement)

Minutes from Spring 2012 Meeting in San Diego, CA. The Minutes from the Spring 2012 (San Diego) Meeting were provided in the agenda portfolio.

Motion to approve minutes from Spring 2011 meeting (San Diego).
Moved: D. Adams
Second: K. Smith
Motion Approved

Revision of Division Bylaws. Tracy Williamson provided a brief reminder of the schedule for revising the Division's bylaws. In accordance with current bylaws, the Division provided draft amendments to members in June with notice that the draft will be brought to vote at the annual business meeting in Philadelphia. Reminders were provided in a subsequent postcard and the Division newsletter. The draft amendments were presented and approved at the annual business meeting held at the beginning of the Executive Committee Meeting. The Division had a quorum with 22 voting members present (16 is required), and an affirmative vote was obtained by all 22 members present (two-thirds is required).

Division Annual Report. No report.

Treasurer (Cobb)

George Cobb provided detailed reports prior to the meeting. The Division's income through 8/5/12 is 87,815.12, and expenses are 52,828.11. Transfers totaled 68,130. Several adjustments were noted.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Moved: A. Ford
Second: A. Elzerman
Motion Approved

Motion to approve the Budget with adjustments noted.
Moved: K. Smith
Second: Y. Exner
Motion Approved

Chair (Ramsey)

Interim Activities. Hank Ramsey reported on numerous activities of the Division, including a request to comment on a proposed name change for COLL. Hank also reported on establishing an Appropriations Committee that Vic Turoski is chairing; responsibilities include compiling requests to the Division for funding and presenting the requests to the Executive Committee for action.

The Division was asked to provide nominations for the 2013 Esselen Award; due date is October 15, 2012.

ACS Fellows have been announced. Environmental has two.

International Activities. (Dionysiou)

Dion Dionysiou reported on the 2012 ICCE and Portugal conferences that included a number of topics of interest to the Division. The European Chemical Society approached the Division to collaborate on two future efforts: ICCE meeting in Barcelona in 2013 (3 potential symposia for collaboration) and EuCheM Chemistry Conference in Istanbul, Turkey in 2014 (symposia are currently under discussion).

Motion to provide $8000 in 2013 and 2014 for attendance by Environmental Division members in international conferences.
Moved: D. Dionysiou
Second: J. Exner
Motion Approved

Investment Committee (Elzerman)

Alan Elzerman provided an investment report at the meeting. The Division's investment funds totaled $614,296.29 as of June 30, 2012. Alan noted that the Division is still conservatively invested in cash reserves/money market funds, CDs, and some stocks and bonds.

The Divisions CDs totaled $255,000 as of June 30. The Hancock funds are conservatively invested, mostly in CDs; the total was $60,796.98 as of June 30.

There was discussion on sustaining the Hancock Award which was prompted in part by thoughts shared by the Hancock family with Vic Turoski prior to the meeting. The consensus was that current management of the Hancock fund is appropriate.

Elections (Patton)

2011 Election Nominations. Peney Patton reported that approximately 200 ballots have been returned to date; deadline for voting is September 1st.

Council Items (Adams)

Dean Adams reported on several Council items including funding for international committees and access to C&E News.

Old Business

DAC Innovative Project Grants (Williamson, Wells)

Tracy Williamson reported on the Division's DAC grant for regional lectures and young investigator awards. The purpose of the grant is to increase support to regional meetings in order to bring more programming closer to members. The Division received $5000 in 2011 to schedule a session at a regional meeting in 2012 as a pilot. The session has been scheduled for the NERM in October. The abstract submission period is currently open; interest in the session has been very positive.

Martha Wells reported on a grant to add info on the Division's web site for environmental chemistry education; the grant has been extended twice. Content was submitted in June to Mark Nanny who has a student assisting with uploading the material.

New Business

Funding Requests (Turoski)

Providing support to two regional meetings (2012 RMRM, 2013 CERMACS) and the 2013 GSSPC Symposium (at the 245th National Meeting) was discussed.

Motion to allocate $500 to each of the current three requests for support (2012 RMRM, 2013 CERMACS, 2013 GSSPC).
Moved: V. Turoski
Second: D. Dionusiou
Motion Approved

Pacifichem (Ramsey)

Providing support to Pacifichem was discussed.

Motion to allocate up to $5000 funds in support of programming at Pacifichem.
Moved : D. Adams
Second: K. Smith
Approved

Resignation/Replacement of ENVR Web/Newsletter Editor (Ramsey)

Aditya Savara volunteered to fill the role of webmaster. Welcome on board Aditya!!!

ENVR Centennial Celebration (Ford)

Alan Ford reminded the Committee that the Division will celebrate its centennial in 2014. The Long-Range Planning meeting earlier in the day focused on options for and timing of activities in 2014. Planning next steps include 1) updating the Division's history, 2) compiling ideas for programming and events in 2014, and 3) compiling a list of people and organizations with which to coordinate. Alan, Tracy, and Peney met with the Chemical Heritage Foundation on 8/17/12 to discuss accessing their resources and the Division's archives in support of the celebration. The Committee is asked to get ideas to Alan Ford who will provide a draft plan in New Orleans with options and a schedule for the consideration of the Committee (idea examples: "Medal", student events on the next 100, reception versus dinner).

Motion to allocate $10,000 at this time, and up to $25,000 total, in support of the Division's Centennial.
Moved : A. Ford
Second: M. Wells
Approved

Committee Reports

Appropriations (Turoski)

Vic Turoski reminded the Committee to forward requests for support to him. Vic will compile requests for the consideration of the Committee at future meetings. Hank will respond to the requestors with the Committee's decisions.

Archives (Patton)

Peney Patton met with Patrick Shay of the Chemical Heritage Foundation regarding the process to provide Division material to the Foundation for archiving.

Awards

Graduate Student Awards. A write-up was provided in agenda portfolio. The symposium is Tuesday and includes 6 awardees.

Certificate of Merit. A write-up was provided in agenda portfolio. Xioping Pan reported that there were 57 applicants with 37 receiving recognition.

Hancock Awards. Vic Turoski reported that the Division was not represented on the selection committee for the 2012 award. Hank will send a letter to GCI.

Distinguished Service Awards. Vic Turoski reported that activity is underway on selecting a candidate.

Undergraduate Awards. Dion Dionysiou reported that 25 awards are being made.

SETAC – ENVR Exchange Award. George Cobb reported that the Division made its award to a student from Colorado. SETAC also made its award to a student from San Diego State.

EnvirofACS (Nanny)

Peney Patton reported that the Division will transition from Dean sending email blasts to members to a service that ACS provides. During the transition, Peney will continue to compile articles and other content and provide to ACS; material will need to be in a format ready for publishing.

Long-Range/Strategic Planning (Ramsey)

Hank Ramsey reported on discussions from the Long-Range Planning meeting earlier in the day, much of which focused on planning for the Division's Centennial Celebration. Hank also asked for ideas on new benefits the Division can provide to members.

Membership (Hathaway, Patton)

Demographics. (Patton) A report was provided in the agenda portfolio. Membership typically fluctuates between 4900 and 5100 but continues to be steady overall.

2011 Membership Recognition. (Patton) A report was provided in the agenda portfolio.

Program

P2C2 and MPPG. (Ramsey) No report.

Program Steering Committee. (al-Abed, Dionysiou) Souhail al-Abed and Dion Dionysiou reported on discussions from the Programming Meeting earlier in the day.

245th Meeting, New Orleans, LA. (Al-Abed) Currently 16 symposia are planned.

Publications (open)

No report.

Publicity (open)

No report.

Social Affairs (Patton)

The San Diego reception was well received and attended. Cost to host receptions in a hotel venue is high, so Peney is exploring off-site venues for New Orleans. Dinner at the current meeting will be at the Chemical Heritage Foundation; Division cost is approximately $4000.

Business Office (Patton)

A report was provided in the agenda portfolio.

Web Site

No report.

Speaker Expense (Hathaway)

No report.

Information/Concluding Comments

No discussion.

Adjourn

The Chair moved to adjourn at approximately 9:50 pm.

Appendices

A – Motions
B – Action Items
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D – ENVR Supported Meetings & International Activities

Appendix A – Motions

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Appendix B – Action Items

Division Bylaws and Operations Manual

- Tracy Williamson will submit revised bylaws to ACS for approval.

Budget

- George Cobb will circulate the fall 2012 budget by email.

DAC Innovative Grants Report

- Deadlines for grant proposal are February and July.

Appendix C – ACS National Meetings

2013

245th - April 7-11, 2013; New Orleans, Louisiana
246th - September 8-12, 2013; Indianapolis, Indiana

2014 – CENTENNIEL

247th - March 16-20, 2014; Dallas, Texas
248th - August 24-28, 2014; San Francisco, California

2015

249th - March 22-26, 2015; Denver, Colorado
250th - August 16-20, 2015; Boston, Massachusetts

2016

251st - March 13-17, 2016; San Diego, California
252nd - August 21-25, 2016; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2017

253rd - April 2-6, 2017; San Francisco, California
254th - September 10-14, 2017; St. Louis, Missouri

2018

255th - March 18-22, 2018; New Orleans, Louisiana
256th - August 19-23, 2018; Boston, Massachusetts

2019

257th - March 31-April 4, 2019; Orlando, Florida
258th - August 25-29, 2019; San Diego, California

2020

259th - March
260th - August

Appendix D – ENVR Supported Meetings & International Activities

2013

2013 GSSPC (at the 245th National Meeting)
- the Division was approached to support the symposium; approved ($500)

2013 Central Regional Meeting (CERMACS)
- May 15 – 17, 2013
- the Division was approached to support a session; approved ($500)

International Symposium on Environmental Science and Technology (ISEST)
- China; June 4-7, 2013
- an ACS Cosponsored Memorandum Agreement has been approved

14th International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment (ICCE), EuCheMS
- Barcelona, Spain; June 25-28, 2013
- the Division was approached to cosponsor three potential symposia, approved

2014

IUPAC 2014 Congress symposium
- co-sponsorship with AGRO
- the Division was approached to cosponsor a symposium; no funds were requested; previously approved

5th EuCheM Chemistry Conference
- Istanbul, Turkey; August 31-September 4, 2014
- the Division was approached to cosponsor potential symposia; approved

TBD

Romania collaboration opportunities
- the Division was approached to collaborate on numerous potential environmental opportunities with Romania

2012

2012 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (MARM)
- "*Chemistry on the Chesapeake*"
- May 31-June 2, 2012
- the Division was approached to support five sessions; approved ($500)

2012 Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting (RMRM)
- October 17-20, 2012
- the Division was approached to support a session; approved ($500)

2012 Northeast Regional Meeting (NERM)

- the Division sponsored a session (DAC grant)

13th International Conference on Chemistry and the Environment (ICCE), ANQUE

- Seville, Spain; June 24-27, 2012
- an ACS Cosponsored Memorandum Agreement has been approved

2011

2011 International Symposium on Environmental Science and Technology

- Dongguan Guangdong, China; June 1-4, 2011
- the Division was approached to cosponsor; Dion Dionysiou specifically was asked to co-chair and speak; funds were not requested
- cosponsorship approved; Dion will attend

IUPAC 2011 Congress session

- *"Alternative Energy Sources"*
- Puerto Rico; July 30 – August 7, 2011
- co-sponsorship with ACS Committee on Science and I&EC
- the Division was approached to support 6 invited speakers; approved ($1500)

IUPAC 2011 Congress session

- '*Physiochemical Measurement Techniques in Environmental Monitoring*'
- Puerto Rico; July 30 – August 7, 2011
- co-sponsorship with AGRO
- the Division was approached to support expenses for one speaker; previously approved ($2000)

European Chemical Society 2011 symposium

- POPS
- the Division was approached to cosponsor a symposium, identify speakers, and to provide funds - amount unspecified
- funding previously approved ($5000)
- co-sponsorship awaiting final signature from European counterpart

2011 Southwest Regional Meeting (SWRM)

- November 9-12, 2011
- the Division was approached to support two sessions; approved ($500)

2011 Western Regional Meeting (WRM)

- November 10-12, 2011
- the Division was approached to support two sessions; approved ($500)

2011 Midland Local Section Meeting

- "*Think Globally, Act Locally*"
- October 22, 2011
- the Division was approached to support three sessions; approved ($500)

2011 Central Texas Local Section Meeting

- the Division was approached to support the meeting; approved ($500)