**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**ACS Division of Environmental Chemistry (ACS ENVR)

March 22, 2015

249th ACS National Meeting, Denver, CO

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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# [7:00pm] Call to Order, Introduction, Attendance, Corrections to Roster (Williamson)

## Attendance:

Alexander Orlov, Peney Patton, Sherine Obare, Jurgen Exner, Souhail Al-Abed, Jillian Goldfarb, Dean Adams, Martha Wells, Xiaoping Pan, Aditya Savara, Tracy Williamson, George Cobb III, Alan Elzermann, Ruth Hathaway, Jiafan Wang

## Introductions

# [7:05pm] Administrative Items & Announcements (Williamson)

## ES&T Discussion on ES&T Journal, ES&T Letters, and ACS Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering Journal

### ES&T Journal is interested in starting a named lectureship/speaker award with ACS ENVR. This could include registration at a national meeting for two people, probably paid 50% by ACS ENVR and 50% by ES&T Journals under a standard lectureship proposal. Action Item: George Cobb will speak with David Sedlak about possibilities.

## Multidisciplinary Program Planning Group (MPPG) Presentation (tentative)

## Awards & Recognition (*Williamson*)

### 248th Meeting Certificate of Merit Recipients [exhibit II-C1]

### 2015 Graduate Student Awards [exhibit II-C2]

### 2014 ACS ChemLuminary Award [exhibit II-C3]

### 2015 ACS Award for Creative Advances in ES&T – Paul Shepson won the award.

### ACS Fellows – Nominations

## Annual Membership Service Recognition (*Patton*) [exhibit II-D]

### Peney Patton found that there was no better way for ACS to calculate the membership duration than the way we are already being provided the information.

## Meeting-at-a-Glance (*Patton*) [exhibit II-E]

# [7:35 pm] Programming

## 249th National Meeting, Denver, CO - highlights (*Al-Abed*)

## 250th National Meeting, Boston, MA - highlights/issues [exhibit III-B]

## Speaker and Other Expenses (*Obare, Williamson*) [exhibit III-C]

# [8:00pm] Reports

## Secretary (*Savara*)

### Minutes from 2014 Fall Executive Committee Meeting [exhibit IV-A1]

#### The minutes from the executive committee meeting which occurred at the 248 ACS national meeting were re-distributed by email in February.

### Dues (Foreign address fee dropped)

#### 2016 Dues Rates: $15/regular member. $20/Division Affiliate. $20/Society Affiliate. $10/Student Member. $0/Emeritus. We will no longer have a $4 Surcharge for Foreign Addresses. No motion is required to maintain the 2016 dues rates for 20172014 Election Budget & Website Budget

### Interim actions

#### The executive committee received a request for funding for the Graduate Student Symposium to be presented at the Denver ACS National Meeting to be held in March 2015 for $600. The request was approved.

#### Motion to revise the 2015 budget line item 8 to include $18,000 for Pacifichem in line with our 2013 motion. The motion was approved. The resulting budget situation will be discussed under Section IV.B, the treasure’s report.

### the annual report was submitted

## Treasurer (*Pan*)

### Treasurer’s Report – [exhibit IV-B1] Minor changes to the originally presented treasurer’s report were provided. The version attached in the Consolidated Agenda and Minutes file is the updated version. Our income from membership and publications royalties (e.g., ACS Books) have decreased.

### 2014 Bank Summary [exhibit IV-B2]

#### The actual spending in 2014 was greater than the actual revenue in 2014.

### 2015 Budget [exhibit IV-B3]

#### The 2015 budget is currently unbalanced with a deficit of $9000 as written.

### Motion to change 2015 Pacifichem Budgeting (line item 8) to have $9000 in the 2015 budget and $9000 in the 2016 budget to have a balanced 2015 budget and better reflect the actual timelines of reimbursements involved in Pacifichem, while keeping the ACS ENVR division to Pacifichem at $18,000 in the manner allocated previously. This motion only changes budgeting and *not* commitments. Moved: Wells Seconded: Elzermann Approved Secretary’s note: The total commitment remains $18,000. The treasurer may write reimbursements for more than the amount budgeted for a given year, provided that the commitment has not been exceeded for that expense. For example, it is possible for the treasurer to write $11,000 of reimbursements in 2015 and $7,000 of reimbursements in 2016, even though only $9,000 has been budgeted for $2015.

## Business Office (Patton) – [exhibit IV-C]

### Peney believes we need to get a new table banner for the division.

## Investment Committee (Elzerman) – Available at meeting

### The division’s investment finances are healthy. There was some discussion about investing in environmentally responsible ways. Elzermann communicated that the committee already considers environmental responsibility in the investment decisions, and that the degree considered acceptable could be ratcheted up or down.

## Chair (Williamson)

### Student Activities

#### Undergraduate speed networking [exhibit IV-E1a]

#### GSSPC Reception [exhibit IV-E1b]

### Upcoming ACS Awards/Programs April 1st is the deadline for ACS Fellows nominations from the division. We have several nominations in the works.

### Division Report Card – Exhibit IV-E3

The Division Report Card, provided by ACS National, has not been provided to us at this time.

## Council Items (*Adams, Exner, Elzerman, Wells*)

### “Preferential Voting”. Has to do with the way that candidates are selected for President of the Society and other national positions. Preferential voting may become applied to other national positions.

### Council also seeks to Clarify the language on petition on member expulsion.

# [8:30pm] Executive Committee Business

## New Business

### Election (*Adams*)

#### Expiring Offices (Effective December 2015)

Chair-Elect

Secretary

Treasurer

Member-At-Large (4 positions)

Councilor (1 position)

Alternate Councilor (1 position)

#### 2015 Election Slate – Available at Meeting

Moved to accept the nominations as is.  
Moved: Elzermann  
Seconded: Wells  
Approved  
Member-At-Large: May want to change to 2 year terms that alternate (this would be a bylaws change). Some nominees asked whether travel money would be provided (the answer is not right now).

### SETAC Global Horizon Scanning Research Project Survey (*Cobb*) [exhibit V-A2]

### Bylaws (*Williamson*)

Tracy has been keeping a list of possible improvements to our bylaws, and will send out the current list of possible changes for feedback.

## Business Office Committee (*Adams/Exner/Ford*)

### Report attached [exhibit V-B1]

## Appropriations Committee (*Amore/McLachlan/Turoski*) – [exhibit V-C1]

### 2015 Florida Annual Meeting and Expo (FAME-2015, May 7-9, 2015). Recommend support for $1,000 again for environmental speakers.

Approved

### Two requests for support for 2015 Joint Great Lakes and Central Region Meeting (May 27-30, 2015) Motion to support a symposium organized at the Joint Great Lakes and Central Regional Meeting titled Green Chemistry and Sustainability with $1,000.

Approved

Recommend support for $500 for “for Innovative methods for the identification, removal or transformation of pollutants from run-off, stormwater, or wastewater, as part of the ACS 2015 Joint Great Lakes/Central Regional Meeting Chemistry: A Grand Enterprise.

Approved

### Discussion on Appropriations.

#### Moved to email vote

## International Activities Committee (*Al-Abed/Cobb/Dionysiou*)

### EnviroAnalysis 2015 (Banff, Canada; July 12-15, 2015) [exhibit V-D1]

#### No motion was made, we will advertise this conference on our website.

### ICC conference was cosponsored last year, and the conference symposia went well. There is a proposal for ACS ENVR to send a delegation to the 2015 ICC meeting (suggested $6000, registration will be waived) with a commitment from EuChems to send a delegation of 2-4 people (matching amount of $6000) to program at ACS ENVR, 251st ACS Meeting, San Diego, 2016.

This will be sent out as an email vote.

## Pacifichem

### Status of existing support

### New Requests [exhibit V-E2] Allocate $2000 for “sustainable chemistry: beyond the bench” from within the $18,000 approved for Pacifichem

Moved: Martha Wells  
Seconded Savara  
Approved.

## DAC Grants (*speaker*)

### DAC Grant – Submitted for Climate Change (Cobb, CEI)

### DAC Grant – Completed for Centennial (Cobb/Goldfarb)

## Old Business

### Feedback on awards/activities [exhibit V-G1]

### Centennial Wrap-Up

### Symposia Series (*Williamson*)

On the order of 8 to 10 symposium books expected from 2014 due to Centennial Activities.

## Long Range Planning Committee (*Cobb*)

# [9:30pm] Committee Reports

## Archival (*Turoski*)

## Awards

### Student Awards

### Certificate of Merit (*Pan*)

### Hancock Awards (*Cobb/Dionysiou*)

### Distinguished Service Awards (*Turoski*)

### Undergraduate Awards (*Dionysiou*)

### SETAC—ENVR Exchange Award (*Cobb*)

## Membership services

### Demographics (*Patton*) – [exhibit VI-C1]

### Publicity/Newsletter (*Goldfarb*)

#### envirofACS October 2014 – [exhibit VI-C2a]

#### envirofACS February 2015 – [exhibit VI-C2b]

## Social Affairs (*Hathaway*)

### Reception [exhibit VI-D1]

## Web Site (*Savara*)

# [9:45pm] Information/Concluding Remarks

# [10:00pm] Adjourn

Consolidated Motions, Action Items, Etc.

Standing items:  
For 2015 Pacifichem, the division has committed to up to $18,000. We have budgeted $9,000 for 2015 with the intent that some reimbursements will occur in 2015 and some reimbursements will occur in 2016. Secretary’s note: We are effectively budgeting $9,000 for 2016 with the expectation that money from outside the division will reduce the actual total amount committed.

Consolidated Action Items and Motions List:

Action items:

II.A.1 Action Item: George Cobb and Tracy Williamson will organize a phone call to speak with David Sedlak about possibilities for a Lectureship Agreement

IV.C.1: Peney believes we need to get a new table banner for the division.

V.A.3 Tracy has been keeping a list of possible improvements to our bylaws, and will send out the current list of possible changes for feedback.

Interim actions

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IV.A.3.b. Motion to revise the 2015 budget line item 8 to include $18,000 for Pacifichem in line with our 2013 motion. The motion was approved. The resulting budget situation will be discussed under Section IV.B, the treasure’s report.

Motions

IV.B.3 Motion to change 2015 Pacifichem Budgeting (line item 8) to have $9000 in the 2015 budget and $9000 in the 2016 budget to have a balanced 2015 budget and better reflect the actual timelines of reimbursements involved in Pacifichem, while keeping the ACS ENVR division to Pacifichem at $18,000 in the manner allocated previously. This motion only changes budgeting and *not* commitments.   
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V.A.1 Election: The slate provided at the meeting was approved.

V.C. 1: Appropriations  
 $1,000 Approved for environmental speakers at 2015 FAME.  
$1,000 approved for a symposium organized at the Joint Great Lakes and Central Regional Meeting titled Green Chemistry and Sustainability.  
$500 approved for for Innovative methods for the identification, removal or transformation of pollutants from run-off, stormwater, or wastewater, as part of the ACS 2015 Joint Great Lakes/Central Regional Meeting Chemistry: A Grand Enterprise.

### V.E.2 Allocate $2000 for “sustainable chemistry: beyond the bench” from within the $18,000 approved for Pacifichem

Moved: Martha Wells  
Seconded Savara  
Approved.