

Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am          Montana ACS local section meeting

Tony Haag (webmaster), Kyle Strode (Councilor), Carole Pleninger (High School Rep), Bob Madsen (Treasurer), Glenn P (Chair-Elect), Nick Natale (NORM rep), Janice Alexander (Secretary), John Michael Sophos (NOR board), Robert Szilagyi

1. NORM                      Nick Natale, Montana ACS NORM representative, introduced gentleman from NORM that will help us plan the 2014 NORM meeting at the University of Montana. Discussion on hosting the NORM meeting. NORM will put out RFP by end of next week to UM with Doubletree hotel, Hilton Garden Inn, and Holiday Inn/Park. Prefer we make the choice of place by the end of the year and sign a contract.

June 22-25<sup>th</sup> preferred; June 15-18<sup>th</sup> is alternate; both currently open.

NORM will help us by negotiating with potential sites, sending out RFP, helping us with list of items and logistics needed; basic plan/schedule, etc.

Checklist:

1. Do we want to it? Vote:
2. Committee: General Chair or co-chairs; Program Chair or co-chair; Exhibits Chair who has connections to industry and bring them in, as well as academic exhibitors and is given list from NORM to start with; fundraising chair who helps identify sponsorships and must work closely with Exhibits chair; Treasurer for meeting; open separate bank account even if subaccount so no mingling of funds (open once meeting is awarded; get \$4000 grant and \$1000 loan or vice versa so \$5000 seed money); webmaster – must have
3. Good to have: publicity chair although NORM office does a lot of this now (email blasts from ACS); local arrangements chair to put all pieces together for properties would work with NORM office but could be other officers; high school teacher day chair (would be a special symposia chair of the Program committee)
4. It is basically 3 years of your life but office provides ample support.
5. Mostly local section but can go out region for symposia chairs.
6. Washington, Oregon, Hawaii, Alaska, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana makes up our region.
7. Executive board must put out that we are in major support of the meeting, and find the people, and if we can are involved. We are the sponsor.

8. Undergraduate programs office provides 2400 grant to undergrad ACS section in good standing to provide programming for undergrads at the meeting. Multiple schools can work with and use grant but must be under one school's name. deadline one year before meeting for this grant. They write a proposal and this will be their own budget, they will pay food/drink costs to treasurer; posters must be mixed regular and students; poster contest (often judged by national board members- usually 3-4 come); presentations can be mixed or separate.
9. Planning conference will be last weekend in September 28-30<sup>th</sup> 2012 and chairs and programs chairs must attend – 2012. Hotel, food, beverage covered – local section covers airfare as local section expense or loan to meeting. Friday afternoon to Sunday noon.
10. Kyle will send email with contact people for each school about student affiliate; membership fee is \$25; [j\\_sophos@acs.org](mailto:j_sophos@acs.org) (j underscore then rest)
11. Need our own logo.....can look at ones already done before if want..... may not need to.....NOR may be then have a NOR webpage meetings can piggy back on.....
12. NOR provides PACS where abstracts go and is mineable and program chairs get trained in this.....
13. Vote: Kyle first, Bob second vote; passes unanimously
14. Advisable to bring officers to next NOR BOARD meeting June 24-27<sup>th</sup> in Boise 2012 and will be either Tuesday or Wednesday at lunch.
15. Between now and our spring meeting: visit with MSU Bozeman and will all colleges in Montana to discuss support and volunteers.....
2. NSF grants renewing: propose organizing molecular modeling workshops for high schools and community colleges for structural – could be 3 day summer workshop – Robert would do it by going somewhere or do it at Bozeman – have curriculum developed with molecular modeling of organic chemistry/stereochemistry – last year was involved in master of education had a day; PC model desktop model.....think good to get away from physical models and stay with computer versions; AP classes, etc. could log in through network; etc.; Carole suggested put on MHSTA web site; and e-blast; kids of all ages and backgrounds can do this; fun, visual like video games, etc. – Discussion included if Robert will travel could hit cities and draw some others in; OPI renewal units;
3. Tony gave update on website and new Facebook page.

4. Bob gave treasurer's report. Transferred checking account from Bank of America to local First Interstate account. One student did use their travel award. Six Chemical Olympiad students did qualify to reach stipends.
5. Carole reported no one attended her 8am chemical Olympiad session, but other 2 were attended so included info in her other two sessions; has heard from several teachers in Montana that they will try it. Use ACS MT section scholarships as carrot. Chemistry summer workshop of Carole and Gary was problematic, extension was granted but not until after school year ended. Carole called 20 teachers individually and many administrators. Five people came. Not well attended. Very frustrating. Teachers need this but hard to make it happen. Timing was huge issues. Must be out there well ahead of time and also during times when they are likely to attend. So NORM planning and MEA planning. MEA now allowing institute within their MEA meeting that could be a full day. Proposals must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup> for the October convention. Will be in Billings this next year. If any of us wish to jointly present.
6. Kyle – what if we (ACS) gave \$150-\$200 grants towards teachers of high school chemistry to go towards MEA costs. What if connect with Robert. Carole aimed one of her workshops at new people and non-chemistry people and had excellent positive feedback. A package of 5 experiments anyone could do anywhere that are important to have. Other sectional was puzzles to throw out in your chemistry class. Nick – has 10 boxes of National Chemistry Week Stuff he has still not given out.
7. Motion to provide Carole with about \$200 scholarship per person for between 10-15 high school teachers to attend MEA day's chemistry institute. Kyle first, Earle second. Unanimous approval.
8. Discussed Carole getting high school teachers involved and indicate we would support their memberships or other support if they become committed and involved. ACS chemistry club, etc.
9. Kyle: Councilor: nothing key this time, ACS finances stable, LEAD scope case still out there. CTEC (Chemistry Teachers ? ?) basically issue Carole was talking about. The average chemistry teacher was trained in biology, not enthusiastic about chemistry, students coming out are not necessarily excited.....and needs to change. Safety issues in undergraduate chemistry laboratory since many issues with student deaths and injuries this past year.
10. Carole – have ACS at high school teacher conventions – could hand out national chem week stuff, and freebie kits for chem club. Have a drawing for an ACS membership for the year. Exhibitor both apply by May. See if Nick can organize and get the materials. Backdrop for advertisement. Handouts. Back copies of Journals for Chem ed, its elemental, chem matters, etc. pens, wristbands, sticky notes, notepads, etc. sign up to

draw for a kit.....etc. and get their names and emails and addresses and phone numbers on sign up list.

11. Send Carole and Glenn to leadership training, look into scholarship applications and location/dates;
12. Kyle will visit with ACS to check into speaker tour options.
13. Have treasurer stuff back to antiquity. Get rid of stuff prior to 2000 if not needed.....
14. Spring meeting: Carroll this year; Combo with MAS? Avoid UM/MSU research symposia
15. Chico scheduled for 2012 but Kyle does not remember October date.
16. Put in now for 2013 at Chico.