

MONTANA LOCAL SECTION OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2014

Fairmont Hot Springs

Anaconda, MT

Attendees

Present: Jesse Stine (Chair), Carol Pleninger (Chair Elect), Adam Wenz (Treasurer), Tyler Smith (Secretary), Kyle Strode (Councilor)

Absent: Janice Alexander (Alt. Councilor)

Others Present: Nick Natale (NORM representative), Tony Haag (webmaster), John Hartman (Helena College), Nicholas Janofsky (All American Pharmaceuticals), Earle Adams (Univ of Montana), Matt Queen (MSU-Billings)

Agenda

NORM Report – Nick Natale

See attached presentation

Successful meeting w/ ~\$12,800 in profit from the meeting. Only outstanding expense is the repayment of a \$3K loan from NOR board. Discussion over how to handle repayment. Nick proposed two approaches

- 1) Repay loan from profit and the remainder will be split 60:40 between MT section and NOR
- 2) Use MT section funds to repay the loan, and split the \$12,800 60:40 between MT section and NOR. This approach would show a higher profit on paper for the Meeting.

Approach 1 provides a ~\$1,200 higher return to the MT section and was adopted.

Tony H. reported on the NORM Small Business Symposium (Tony and Tyler organizers). Tony was successful in landing a \$2,500 Innovative Program Grant from ACS

Councilor's Report – Tony Haag

See attached report

Discussion on the American Association of Chemistry Teachers (AACT), a new organization within ACS unveiled during the National Fall meeting. Membership dues are \$50 per year which makes key ACS education resources more accessible for high school teachers.

Treasurer's Report – Adam Wenz

See attached

4 student travel awards from spring meetings have not been used and are still on the books. Discussion on how to encourage students to use the awards. Motion was made to make awards monetary rather than travel grants. Motion was not adopted because we want to continue to encourage students to attend and present at larger meetings

Upcoming Board Elections

3 positions are opening up, Chair Elect, Treasurer and Secretary, all 2 year positions. Nominations were made.

Discussion around electronic ballots. Changeover needs to be approved by the entire section, not just executive board.

Outreach

- National Chemistry Week
- Chemistry Olympiad
- Inclusion of chemists from chemical industry

2015 Spring Meeting Planning

April 18th was proposed as a tentative date. This avoids conflicts with university spring breaks (March and early April) and the UM undergrad symposium (April 11th). Date was not finalized due to potential conflicts with Montana Academy of Sciences and MSU Undergrad symposium. Proposal to move the meeting to February was not adopted due to inclement weather concerns.

Actions:

- Ask past Spring meeting travel award winners (those who have not spend their awards) why they have not used their award – **Kyle**
- Coordinate eBlast solicitation to high school chemistry teachers for AACT membership grants. Applicants should send a one paragraph description of why they are interested to Kyle – **Carol**
- Compile AACT membership grant applications for the group to review - **Kyle**
- Compile list of High School Chemistry teachers across the state from the Montana Science Teachers Association directory – **Carol** (*Note: I am not clear how we plan to use this information. Could someone elaborate?*)
- Contact ACS for a list of Montana High Schools with Chemistry Clubs – **Jesse** (*Note: See above. How will we use this info?*)
- Confirm dates for MAS annual meeting and MSU undergrad symposium to guide Spring Meeting scheduling – **Jesse**
- Select Spring meeting date and location by end of December – **Carol**
- Line-up keynote speaker for Spring meeting – **Carol**

- Include measure on 2014 board election ballot proposing a move to electronic voting for the Montana section – **Tyler**

Resolutions:

- Voted to use \$3,000 of NORM profit to pay back NOR board loan. The remainder of the profit (~\$9,800) will be split 60/40 between MT Local Section and NOR Section
- Approval to spend \$1,500 for National Chemistry Week outreach brochures for high schools (Nick Natale will coordinate)
- Approval to spend \$500 to sponsor 10 American Association of Chemistry Teachers memberships for Montana high school teachers
- Approval to send incoming Chair and Chair Elect to ACS Leadership Institute
- Approval to sponsor a MT ACS Section booth at the 2015 Montana Science Teachers Association Expo (Carol will coordinate)
- Nominees for open executive board positions
 - Chair Elect – John Hartman
 - Treasurer – Jesse Stine
 - Secretary – Tyler Smith