

Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, January 18, 2021
6:00 PM Social, 6:30 PM Meeting
Location: Zoom Conference Call

#Start: 6:30

Present: Ed Thomas (ET), James Redwine (JR), Bill Schinzer (BS), Lucas Chadwick (LC), Doug Williams (DW), Hershel Jude (HJ), Lydia Hines (LEMH), Andrew Simpkins (AS), Andrew Walsh (AW), Ben Maxey (BM)

1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
 - a. Review and approval of December 2020 minutes
#approved

2. Introduction of 2021 Officers
 - a. Edward Thomas, Chair
 - b. Ben Maxey, Chair-Elect
 - c. Hershel Jude, Past Chair
 - d. Lydia Hines, Councilor
 - e. James Redwine, Secretary
 - f. Doug Williams, Treasurer

3. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams) **And BS, sent on Jan 18. Last report of BS' tenure.**
 - a. Financial Status
#Not spending. Received payment from ACS, \$2000 grant for website
 - b. 2021 Budget
#Will present again next meeting, is on the website

4. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)
#Attached below.
#Include 3 month calendar in the newsletter

5. Student Organizations
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight; Andrew Walsh; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
#AW Still waiting to hear about in person or not. Trying to set up a virtual info center with grad student admission person from Notre Dame
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Andrew Simpkins; Jerome Davis; Kelly Teske, Advisor)
#AS Couple events plan, can rent out rooms for meetings. First meeting is tomorrow.
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President)

6. Education Committee
 - a. Project Seed (Doug Williams)

Townhall meeting las week. Still waiting on decision on virtual vs. in-person. Will be a virtual option regardless, but size/scope depends on existence of in-person option.

- b. Speed Networking (Luke Chadwick; Blakely Tresca)
22 mentors signed up. 13 students.
Missed some time due to baby-potty

7. Communications Chair (Mike Weslosky)

Will be joining EC meeting next month

- a. Newsletter (Mike Weslosky)
 - i. New items for February Newsletter (Executive Committee and Members)
#LEMH daughter working on formatting the newsletter, is being paid a rate of \$25/hr, NTE 3 hr. Requesting articles on (1) Speed Networking (2) Leadership Institute comments (3) Project SEED status (4) Message from Chair (5) Hershel 2020 summary. Feb deadline for articles is the 10th, distribute Newsletter on 15th of each month.
- b. Website update (Hershel Jude)
Hoping for main portions finished by end of Feb. Hershel and Doug will discuss budget impacts and grant money usage.

c.

8. Event Committee

- a. Seminars (Ed Thomas)
#H. N. Cheng 2021 ACS president
#Possibly somebody from Pfizer regarding vaccine (later in year)
#Prof. Kelly Treske (WMU) will be assisting through their seminar program as well.

9. Old Business

Agenda Continued
January 18, 2021 Agenda

10. New Business

#Ben M.: ACS has new anti-harassment policy that they are recommended be trained/adopted by local sections.

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#End: 8:00 pm

Draft - KACS Calendar 2021

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#LEMH: Annual report due. Done through Community Connections (replaces FORMS).

#Requests chair, chair elect and past-chair complete their portions before Feb 13th

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Seminar Speaker, tentative, during last two weeks of March, Zoom Meeting
Competitive High School Chemistry Exam, tbd, virtual

#Probably no exam, perhaps student awards similar to last year (see May). Need to contact teachers in March to find/nominate students.

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Chemists Celebrate Earth Week, Earth Day April 22, time and duration, tbd

#CCEW will be virtual.

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Recognition and Award for Students, Teachers and Members, tentative, Zoom Meeting
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Great Lakes Regional Meeting, June 6-9, Zoom Meeting

#Minnesota section is running the meeting (virtual).

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Chemistry Day at K Valley Museum, tentative week of 17, Zoom Meeting and possible social distance

#NCW has not made an announcement, K Valley Museum has not stated opening plans yet. Oct 17-23, theme is “fast or slow, chemistry makes it go.”

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1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
 - a. Review and approval of ~~December 2020~~ January 2021 minutes

#accepted

2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
 - a. Financial Status

#Doug has access to PNC, has finished the tax paperwork

#New website has associated EventBrite account, will be linked with KACS Treasurer e-mail and various accounts

#Mismatch between IRS assigned name associated with EIN and Paypal/ACS account, Doug working to get this reconciled so KACS Paypal can be converted to verified/non-profit account.

- ol style="list-style-type: none;">- b. 2021 Budget

#DW introduced new budget/ledger spreadsheet tool.

3. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)

#Attached below

#Annual report submitted and approved.

4. Student Organizations

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#GM: approved for funding for *Picture a Scientist* screening at K College

- ol style="list-style-type: none;">- b. WMU Chem Club (Andrew Simpkins; Jerome Davis; Kelly Teske, Advisor)

#AS: Planning some virtual club events. Had an in-person meeting two weeks ago

#JD: Planning some student outreach (virtual), 2nd-5th grade target.

- ol style="list-style-type: none;">- c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President) - absent

- ol style="list-style-type: none;">- d. Huron Valley / Career Day in April (Ed Thomas)

#Possible collaboration with Huron Valley section

- ol style="list-style-type: none;">- e. Earth Week literature and trinkets (Lydia Hines)

#April 18-24th, we have the literature, Kalamazoo Public Schools has gone back to virtual and Kalamazoo Public Library remains "virtual" which hinders our normal outreach channels. Add a call to action in the newsletter to find outlet for the materials.

5. Education Committee
 - a. Project Seed (Doug Williams)
 - #No in person research. Virtual camp format. No cost commitment to local section.
 - b. Speed Networking Results (Luke Chadwick; Blakely Tresca)
 - #LC not present, wrote a piece for the newsletter
 - #TR impressed with the technology; others present at this meeting who participated had similar comments.
 - #Approximately 20 mentors and 20 students.
6. Communications
 - a. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
 - i. New items for March Newsletter (Executive Committee and Members) (due March 8)
 - #DW: Call for ideas to spend extra one-time allotment from ACS (= KACS annual allotment based on membership)
 - #EWT: summary of H. N. Cheng seminar
 - #Calendar through April (will include announcement of WMU seminars)
 - #Announcement of CCEW publications' availability
 - #Include ACS' The Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct document
 - b. Website update (Hershel Jude)
 - #Making progress, trying to get main pages live soon. Targeting March for go-live.
7. Event Committee
 - a. Seminars (Ed Thomas)
 - #April/May, possible speaker regarding COVID testing.
8. KACS Approval of "Volunteer Code of Conduct" and recognize the ACS's "Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct," both available on the ACS Website (Ed Thomas) "
 - #ET proposes that KACS adopt the "Volunteer National Meeting Attendee Conduct Policy" with the modification of including the KACS EC as the contact point. This addresses the potential local section policy that National is considering. Will hold vote in March.
9. Old Business / invite members to meeting
 - # Discussion on inviting membership to EC meetings.
10. New Business / membership at 300
 - #This is a decrease in the number of members.
 - #Because of challenges to section programming during 2020 (COVID) National ACS is doubling sections' allotments to be received in 2021 (for KACS the allotment is typically around \$6,000). DW seeking input on potential activities.
 - #ET Proposed pursuing bonding treasurer. Expected cost is approx. \$150/2 year. Will go on agenda for March EC meeting
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1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
 - a. Review and approval of February 2021 minutes
#approved

2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
 - a. Financial Status
#Approved report
#Small change in market value, expenditures include new book of checks and payment for newsletter.
 - b. 2021 Budget
 - c. Approval of bonding for treasurer
#vote for \$150/2yr for bonding treasurer. Vote passed.

3. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)
#attached

4. Nomination of Megan Kowalski, Ph.D. for the Stanley C. Israel Regional Award (Kelly Teske)
#Nomination package has been prepared.

5. Student Organizations
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight; Andrew Walsh; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
#AW: Movie screening funding secured. Grad school info session next month.
Trying to come up with 1-2 more events.
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Andrew Simpkins; Jerome Davis; Kelly Teske, Advisor)
 - i. Introduce John Getson
Andrew Simpkins introduced John Getson and Sydney Collins (currently volunteer coordinator for WMU ChemClub) who are candidates for 2021-2 ChemClub president. They have some school events planned (virtually) before the end of the semester and will be representing the KACS at the Green-a-Thon on April 25. They will be applying for some funds from the KACS (for lab coats??).
#Brief introductions of themselves were given by John and Sydney.
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President) - absent
 - d. Huron Valley / Career Day in April (Ed Thomas) – awaiting response from HV

- e. Green-a-thon, April 25, 11am – 3 pm (Lydia Hines)
#Portage is planning on having an in-person event this year. WMU Chem club will man a table.
6. Education Committee
- a. Project Seed (Doug Williams)
#No further information; will send information to teachers when “portal” opens
 - b. Solicitation of HS/college Awardees’ names (LEMH)
#Nominations for the high school student awards have been requested. LEMH: should we increase the gift certificate from \$25 to \$50 due to lower cost of award ceremony. Approximately 10 expected. Proposal will be on next months EC agenda.
7. Communications
- a. Website demonstration (Hershel Jude)
#E-mails kalamazooacs.org, make/keep a list. Pare down to chair and treasurer?
 - b. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
 - i. New items for April Newsletter (Executive Committee and Members)
#LEMH: items for April include April-June calendar. Deadline will be April 8th. CCEW and Green-a-Thon will be on the calendar.
Doug will write a short piece re SEED application details for April newsletter (if portal is open); also a “reminder” to send ideas re use of the one-time offer of additional \$ being received from the Board of Directors .
Ed will write a short report about the successful presentation he gave to 4th and 7th graders regarding vaccines
Sydney C. will write up on WMU Chem club activities.
Adoption of volunteer code of conduct should be included (pending vote).
Names of, and certificates for, ACS Members of 50 (2), 60 (6) years have been received, can be included in newsletter (hold for May newsletter).
8. Event Committee
- a. Seminars (Ed Thomas)
#WMU series is continuing – will be in Calendar.
9. KACS Approval of “Volunteer Code of Conduct” (Ed Thomas)
#Reporting statement points to the officers page of the website. Policy is based on the national policy with little change. Ben Maxey pointed out some redundancies. LEMH recommends clearing final version of this policy, for use locally, through national ACS (Ken Polk).
10. Old Business
11. New Business
#Leadership Institute will have a session on Social Media and strategic planning. Ben will be attending that session. Discussion about the FB page.
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Date TBA: Cooperative meeting with Huron Valley Section (Careers)

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#Approved
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2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
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 - b. 2021 Budget
#Looking for ideas to spend the money on outreach or programs for the community. Ideas include, AACT membership dues for local teachers, small gift for Pfizer ACS members associated with vaccine, socially distanced event (recruitment, etc. at local park)
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 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight; Andrew Walsh; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
#GM: hosted movie screening, pretty good turnout. April 20: joint meeting with society of physics students, discuss future collaborations. Prof. Tresca: GLRM is coming up. Registration comes with ACS student membership (for students).
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Andrew Simpkins; Jerome Davis; Kelly Teske, Advisor)
 - i. Sydney Collins – Chair WMU ChemClub
#SC is newly elected to the Chair. Primary activity is outreach to students.
Meetings ongoing. Will present at the Portage Green-a-thon 4/25.
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President) - absent
 - d. Green-a-thon, April 25, 11am – 3 pm (Lydia Hines)
#LEMH: Volunteers from WMU Chem Club to offer activity booklets and do hands-on activities at this Portage event.
4. Education Committee
 - a. Project Seed (Doug Williams)
#No new news. Application portal open through end of month.

- b. Student Awards Night and Local ACS Members Recognition (Lydia Hines / Ed)
#Recognition by Zoom. May 10th 7pm.
 - i. Student gift cards - \$50
#LEMH: Do we want to increase award for outstanding HS students to \$50, from \$25. Historically, up to 10 awards. To date we have received only 4 nominations. Request is for 2021 only. Approved.
5. Communications
- a. Website update (Hershel Jude)
#Validation stage of website function before closed-beta test with EC, any updates to current practice should happen in beta.
 - b. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
 - i. New items for ~~April~~ May Newsletter (Executive Committee and Members)
student testimonials (DW), calendar, SC will write article(s) for the school outreach and/or Green-a-thon; code of conduct; summary of Awards Recognition Event (LEMH)
 - c. Chemists Celebrating Earth Week (Lydia Hines)
#LEMH: No in person. Haven't had any requests for any of the written materials
6. Committee Business
- a. Seminars (Ed Thomas)
#Pfizer has a video (Nat Geo documentary) on development of the vaccine. Potentially show to local region as a speaker event. Need copyright clearance.
 - b. KACS Approval of "Volunteer Code of Conduct" (Ed Thomas)
#Lawyer with ACS did provide some redlining and editing.
#Approved
 - c. March 24, Councilor's Report (Lydia Hines)
#LEMH: candidates have been selected for national offices. Some adjustments to National committee-composition requirements to accommodate participation by interested non-councilor members. Base dues will decrease. Atlanta meeting will be hybrid.
7. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)
#see attached
8. Old Business
#Strategic planning. ACS will plan a scoping meeting with interested KACS members soon.
9. New Business
#Huron Valley ACS has reached out, wants to apply for a grant from Sr. Chemist Committee to have a book club/panel on climate change. May 31st deadline for the grant.

#Small Chemical business division has been very active virtually (Friday events) throughout the pandemic. Offer extended to us for collaboration.

#Note from KVCC, some desire to have an event around the film "Picture a Scientist" Perhaps a showing, food and speaker. Perhaps in March 2022 to align with Women's history month.

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#Spending ideas: display at KVCC to commemorate the vaccine effort in Kzoo county? Carry over ideas: 1 yr memberships for AACT, small gift for Pfizer employees that are members, outside in-person event.

#Vote to offer AACT memberships in September (DW and LEMH to contact teachers).

#Will attempt to find how many members on the eRoster are Pfizer employees. Some prefer to hold a recruitment event targeted to Pfizer employees. Revisit in June/Aug meeting.

3. Student Organizations
#None present.
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight - Chair; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Sydney Collins – Chair; Kelly Teske, Advisor)
#Prof. Teske leaving WMU for Madison Wisc.
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President)

4. Education Committee
 - a. Project Seed (Doug Williams)
#Program at National is selecting students; LS SEED coordinators not involved.
 - b. Student Awards Night and Local ACS Members Recognition (LEMH / EWT)
 - i. Summary
#Summarized in newsletter. Well received, very well executed.

5. Communications

- a. Website launch update (Hershel Jude)
#Some feedback received, will schedule a meeting to incorporate suggestions.
Goal is to launch by end of month.
- b. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
 - i. New items for June Newsletter (Executive Committee and Members) –
see item #8 below

6. Committee Business

- a. Seminars – Pfizer video on vaccine and guests – Date? (Ed Thomas)
Approval was received from Pfizer to show the #Pfizer/Nat Geo video re
Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine development as a Section Program and have Pfizer
scientists available to answer questions. Thinking of a date in mid- June.
- b. Strategic Planning Update (Ed Thomas)
#Lydia, Ben, Ed had a focus meeting for initial planning with ACS representative.
(Larry Krannich) Include planning session after end of June EC meeting. Need
to develop a list of members to be involved for next meeting with ACS
representative.
- c. Succession Planning (Ed Thomas)
#Comes from visiting a Detroit meeting. Might discuss and roll into strategic
plan as a goal.

7. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)

Upcoming: GLRM June 6-9; Pfizer video presentation (date pending)

8. Old Business

#Newsletter: Vaccine video; Careers information from ACS; website (if launched); BM
and HJ offered to write guidelines for June issue of The KalChemist News regarding
inclusion of area job opportunities in newsletter.

Articles due June 9th to LEMH.

#No response from ACS' Small Chemical Business Division regarding joint programing.

#EWT gave “vaccine talk” to NOBCCHE chapter at Wayne State (ZOOM)

9. New Business

#Discussion on when in-person EC meetings might resume.

10. Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

#End at 7:50

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Recognition and Award for Students, Teachers and Members, May 10, 7:00 p.m., Zoom
Meeting

Borgess Marathon Run – KACS water station – **Cancelled**

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Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, June 21, 2021
6:00 PM Social, 6:30 PM Meeting
Location: Zoom Conference Call

Present: Ben Maxey (BM), Ed Thomas (ET), Lydia Hines (LEMH), James Redwine (JR),
Andrew Walsh (AW)

Start 6:30

1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
 - a. Review and approval of May 2021 minutes
#approved
2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams) (sent prior to meeting)
 - a. Financial Status
#Approved
3. Student Organizations
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight - Chair; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
#AW: Academic year finished. Brainstorming for an in-person year in the fall.
Vaccinated students can return to campus for in-person attendance.
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Sydney Collins – Chair; Adviser not yet assigned - absent
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President) - absent
4. Education Committee
 - a. Project Seed (Doug Williams) – no report
 - b. Local ACS Members Recognition – delivery of certificates (Lydia Hines / Ed)
 - i. Summary
#LEMH and EWT: delivered the recognition and visited with 50 and 60 year members – well received and gesture appreciated!.
 - c. National Chemistry Week Local Event: date and venue unsure yet (Lydia Hines)
#LEMH: Spoke with Annette Hopenworth at KVM, Oct 16th is the date for programming at KVM. Hershel J. has agreed to being new NCW Coordinator for Section (Thank you, Hershel). Materials will be available August 1st for ordering. “Fast or Slow, Chemistry Makes it Go” is the theme.
5. Communications
 - a. Website launch update (Hershel Jude)
#Launching soon. HJ working on final details.
 - b. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
 - i. No July Newsletter
#August: Solicit volunteers for NCW. Advertise safety training opportunities available on ACS.

6. Committee Business
 - a. Seminars – Pfizer video on vaccine and guests – June 10 -feedback (Ed Thomas)
#Good opportunity, well received.
 - b. Strategic Planning Update (Ed Thomas)
#Thinking of fall for the retreat. Most interest is for an in person if available.
Possibly include Executives from local companies? Sept or October.
 - c. Succession Planning – names for offices (Ed Thomas)
#Chair elect, Secretary, Alternate Councilor are needed

7. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)

8. Old Business
 - a. Job opportunities “policy” in newsletter (Ben Maxey)
#Discussion regarding requirements for posting companies; BSM offered statement, agreed to by Exec Committee.
 - b. Local Pfizer and Zoetis member list (Ed Thomas)

9. New Business
#LEMH: Leadership refresher, should expect evaluation of annual report from LSAC in the summer. GLRM had roughly 600 attendees. 48 students received awards. A Western Student, John Getson, won an award for his Flash Talk.
From recruiting volunteers (session): mention that current volunteer recruitment efforts that may yield results are those which emphasize exposure through LinkedIn and resume profiles.
Should we begin participating with AirZoo in science activities?
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#End at: 7:35

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Members meeting to view “Mission Impossible: The Race for a Vaccine” and Pfizer guest speakers: Mark Noe (Groton, CT); Phil Dormitzer (Pearl River, NY); and Ben Maxey (Portage, MI)

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, August 16, 2021
6:00 PM Social, 6:30 PM Meeting
Location: Zoom Conference Call

Start: 6:29

Present: Ed Thomas (ET), James Redwine (JR), Hershel Jude (HJ), Doug Williams (DW), Grace McKnight (GM, K College), Ben Maxey (BM), Lydia Hines (LEMH), John Getson (JG, WMU Chem club)

1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
 - a. Review and approval of June 2021 minutes
#Approved
2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
 - a. Financial Status
#one minor correction to report.
 - b. 2021 Budget
#Website will be paid soon out of the METT Grant, will nearly deplete those monies.
3. Student Organizations
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight - Chair; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
#(GM) Communications are ongoing. Classes resume mid-September. Discussions regarding activities for NCW. Virtual speed networking event is being worked on. Event is Sept 28th at 6:30, same format as last year's virtual event.
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Sydney Collins – Chair; TBD, Advisor)
#John Getson (VP): hosted an election, getting new E-board members up to speed. Will have to align with the (shifting) COVID precautions at WMU. JG won an award for his technical presentation (flash talk) at the (virtual) 2021 Great Lakes Regional Meeting.
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, (continuing/acting President)
#Not present
4. Education Committee
 - a. Project Seed Update (Doug Williams)
#(DW) nominated Dwight Williams for outstanding mentor. One student from Kzoo region took part (D. Starkey-Williams)
 - b. Local ACS Members Recognition – delivery of certificate (Ed Thomas)
#(ET) Delivered last of the certificates to member in South Haven
 - c. National Chemistry Week Local Event: Oct 16, virtual event (Hershel Jude)
#HJ taking responsibility this year. Wizard of Oz themed program. Still a couple demos that need volunteers, but coming together pretty well so far.
5. Communications

- a. Website launch update (Hershel Jude)
#(HJ) New website is live. Proposals are expected for continuing support.
 - b. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
#Calendar through December, comments regarding ACS review of annual report. Will include details regarding the NCW recording/presentation, if available when going to press. Will include details on registration for the K-College Speed Networking event. Deadline Sept 7th.
6. Committee Business
- a. Annual Report Review (Hershel Jude)
Positive review
 - b. Strategic Planning Update (Ed Thomas)
Nov 13-14th. Undecided on in person or remote; volunteers for it will meet immediately after this EC meeting to discuss briefly.
 - c. Succession Planning – names for offices (Ed Thomas)
 - i. Chair Elect (1 year term); Secretary (2 year term); Alternate Councilor (3 year term)
#JR willing to continue. DW would like to recruit for Alt. Councilor. Need to recruit for Chair Elect. Will call for volunteers in newsletter.
7. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)
#There is a need to reconcile the 3 calendars (agenda, newsletter, website). Discussion regarding proposed industry panel.
8. Old Business
- a. Local Pfizer and Zoetis member list to lead to in person gathering (Ed Thomas)
#Pfizer site is still closed, options possible for a spring in-person meeting
9. New Business
#DW and LEMH: Offer 1 year AACT to any KACS HS teacher. \$45/teacher. Highest amount would be \$2k, not expected to reach that level. Proposed and approved.
10. Next Executive Committee Meeting: September 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom or alternative?
#Possibly in-person at ET's house.
End at 7:43

KACS Calendar 2021

August

- August 16: KACS Executive Committee Meeting 6 p.m. (ZOOM)
- August 22-26: National ACS Meeting (“Hybrid” – virtual + in-person) in Atlanta, GA. [Register here!](#)

September

- Early September: Videotaping of NCW activities by volunteers—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please contact Hershel Jude to learn what activities need to be “adopted.”
- September 20: KACS Executive Committee Meeting 6 p.m. (ZOOM?)
- September 28: Speed Networking being planned for college students
- TBD—Outdoor gathering/recruit new members
- TBD—Seminar speaker/possible ZOOM or social distancing

October

- October 16: NCW (virtual) at Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Theme: “Fast or Slow, Chemistry Makes it Go” (Reaction Rates)
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November

- November 12-14: KACS Strategic Planning Meeting; ZOOM
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December

- December 20: KACS Executive Committee Meeting 6 p.m. (ZOOM?)

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, September 20, 2021
6:00 PM Social/Light Dinner, 6:30 PM Meeting
Location: 3940 Lakeside, Kalamazoo or phone connect

Present: James Redwine (phone), Andrew (phone), Ed Thomas (ET), Lydia Hines (LEMH), Hershel Jude (HJ), Doug Williams (DW), Sydney Collins (SC, WMR), John Getson (WMU), Tomasz Respondek (TR)

Start: 6:40

1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
 - a. Review and approval of June 2021 minutes
#Approved

2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
 - a. Financial Status
 - b. 2021 Budget
 - #Several AACT 1-year memberships have been sent out. 14 are reported on the #Treasurers report (Sept 14)
 - #Basically right on budget for local voluntary dues
 - #SC inquired regarding grants for student clubs (half of their budget remains).
 - #Vanguard ownership has been transferred to DW
 - #DW wants to connect bank and Vanguard accounts and designate a backup owner/manager of the accounts

3. Student Organizations
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight - Chair; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
 - #Andrew is present. Also trying to increase recruitment. Looking for chemists to present their career path, perhaps some of the less common.
 - i. Speed Networking, September 28 update (Blakely Tresca)
 - #8 mentors have signed up, student sign up is going well, including some WMU students.
 - ii. Industry Panel (Blakely Tresca)
 - #Panel of recent graduates that went into industry
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Sydney Collins – Chair; TBD, Advisor)
 - #Focussing on recruitment, was difficult under COVID protocols
 - #Had an in person meeting with good attendance.
 - #Club is reaching out to local teachers for outreach opportunities
 - #JG: looking for local chemists to present their work, emphasize the variety of careers in chemistry
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President)

4. Education Committee

- a. National Chemistry Week Local Event: Oct 16, virtual event (Hershel Jude)
#Chemistry at Museum is virtual. The demo were recorded and are being edited.
- #DW asked about a social/interactive portion of the website for the education committee/activities.
- 5. Communications
 - a. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
 - 6. Committee Business
 - a. Councilor's Report from National ACS Meeting (Lydia Hines)
#LEMH attended national meeting. Session regarding increasing industrial membership, no summary provided by the organizers. Improving industry membership is a focus. LEMH made available her own summary after the EC meeting.
 - b. Strategic Planning Update (Ed Thomas)
#Questionnaire has been sent out (from Ed's e-mail). SC and Nicole Burke will be participating. Will be a Zoom meeting.
 - c. Seminars
 - i. Western Michigan University / Kalamazoo College
#Need a new contact at WMU (replace Prof. Kelly Teske).
 - ii. Bell's Recycled Poster Event: go/no go decision (Tomasz Respondek)
#TR requests EC opinion. Backroom is rentable, cost has increased. Bells is following State regs, basically no regulations up to 100 attendees (currently). If >100 people, Bells has an app they are using to verify vaccination status, single app, and is required. Suggests we request a speaker from Pfizer Re: SARS-COV-2 vaccine.

Proposal: Postpone to March. Concerns about appropriate risk.
 - d. Succession Planning – names for offices (Ed Thomas)
 - i. Chair Elect (1 year term); Secretary (2 year term); Alternate Councilor (3 year term)
#Elections in October. Nominations so far Chair Elect: Nicole Burke (Kalsec) Secretary: Jake Kirkendall (Kalsec) Alt. Councilor: Still looking.

Possible future chair elects: TR, Freeman
 - e. Updating Operations Manual for Website (Hershel Jude)
#HJ: no progress yet. Will delegate sections.
 - 7. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)
 - 8. Old Business

#Newsletter: strategic planning, thanks for the questionnaire, election news, Industry Roundtable

9. New Business

#LEMH: ACS program for teachers, will put into newsletter

10. Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom or alternative?

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Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, October 18, 2021
6:00 PM Social; 6:30 PM Meeting
Zoom Meeting

Start: 6:30

Present: Ed Thomas (ET), Lydia Hines (LEMH), Sydney Collins (SC), John Getson (JG), Mia Tucci (MT), Doug Williams (DW), James Redwine (JR), Hershel Jude (HJ)

1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
 - a. Review and approval of September 2021 minutes
#September minutes approved
2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
 - a. Financial Status
#16 total AACT memberships, 2 were on the Sept. transactions.
#Expenses still very low.
#How are costs shared for strategic planning? \$2000 budgeted, ET will check with National
 - b. 2021 Budget
#DW to draft first model of 2022 budget for the Nov EC meeting
3. Student Organizations
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight - Chair; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
#Mia Tucci attending. Setting up an Escape room as a club activity. Mixer with #WMU Chem club (11/8). Chem clash as well.
 - i. Speed Networking, see October Newsletter article by Blakely
 - ii. Industry Panel (Blakely Tresca)
#still looking for volunteers
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Sydney Collins – Chair; TBD, Advisor)
#Seminar coming up (below)
#Doing some school outreach events (2 planned at this time)
#Still searching for new advisor
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President)
4. Education Committee
 - a. National Chemistry Week Local Event: Oct 16, virtual event feedback (Hershel Jude)
#Virtual event put together very well.
 - b. High School Teachers Blog Idea (Doug Williams)
#Still putting the idea together. Could be a forum or a blog.
 - c. Project Seed Update (Doug Williams)

#Discussion as whether to call for project Seed proposals. DW has reached out to the mentors that volunteered for 2020 before the project went virtual. Will put a request for mentors/proposals in the newsletter.

5. Communications

a. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)

#ET has content for strategic planning. DW will put the request for Project Seed together. Any details on the industry panel should be shared. Election results.

6. Committee Business

a. Strategic Planning Update (Ed Thomas)

#96 responses to the questionnaire (nearly 33% response rate) Results were sent to ET today.

b. Seminars

i. Western Michigan University / Kalamazoo College (Ed Thomas)

ii. Gellert Mezei, Oct 21 at noon (Ed Thomas)

#Angela Wilson (MSU) will be the ACS president elect, is doing a Zoom call with the UP region this month.

c. Election status (James Redwine)

i. Chair Elect, Nicole Burke (1 year term); Secretary, Jacob Kirkendall (2 year term); Alternate Councilor, Tomasz Respondek (3 year term)

#40 votes so far, closes 10/18

d. Updating Operations Manual for Website (Hershel Jude)

#no update. Seeking input on updates for each position, will discuss at Dec EC meeting. How to treat the committees that are not currently filled

7. Calendar for 2021 (Ed Thomas)

#Industry panel, Strategic planning and the Nov/Dec EC meetings are all that remains for CY21.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

a. ACS New Membership Policy – ramifications (Doug Williams)

#wait and see. We also have the option of local section affiliate membership.

#LEMH: Couple of potential speakers. Local chemist received an award from the society of cosmetic chemists.

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End at: 8:07

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- October 21, Dr. Gellert Mezei, Western Michigan University, Removal of anionic contaminants from water using nanojars,), noon (Zoom)
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1. Secretary Report (James Redwine)
 - a. Review and approval of October 2021 minutes
 - #JK filling in for James Redwine
 - #October minutes approved

2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
 - a. Financial Status
 - #
 - #Strategic planning was budgeted to cost \$6000. \$5000 of that cost was to be covered by a grant from ACS National. The other \$1000 was to be covered by the local section. Due to running this virtually, the actual cost was \$4000 and we stand to make \$1000 from the leftover from the grant.
 - b. 2021 Budget
 - #Expenses are still low and revenues are above budget
 - #Expected to have sizable surplus at the end of the year
 - c. 2022 Budget
 - #DW to share 2022 budget during December meeting

3. Student Organizations
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight - Chair; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
 - #OB representing K College Chemistry club
 - #Had planned an escape room activity with their club but it was postponed due to winter term ending,
 - #Postponed mixer with WMU Chem Club due to the same reason.
 - i. Industry Panel (Blakely Tresca)
 - #This panel is scheduled for January
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Sydney Collins – Chair; TBD, Elke Schoffers)
 - #Dr. Elke Schoffers will be assuming the advisor role for the club
 - #Upcoming event with Dr. Andre Venter to present to club on undergraduate research opportunities

- #Brought request for \$500 to buy lab coats for chem club members; after some discussion the full amount requested was approved by the EC
- c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, past-President) – inactive at the moment
4. Education Committee
 5. Communications
 - a. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
 - # Input for Newsletter due by Dec 8th:
 - Strategic Plan to be sent to members (ET),
 6. Committee Business
 - a. Strategic Planning Summary (Ed Thomas)
 - #ET shared the results of the Strategic Planning
 - #TR and LEMH shared concern about the bringing in new people strategy. Would prefer a push for more active members than a general increase in membership.
 - #JG raised discussion points on increasing student participation and membership. Recommended advertising membership benefits through professors as well as possible scholarship opportunities.
 - #Discussion on the mission statement, specifically around “earth” being part of it, as well as suggestion to change “improve” to “enrich”
 - #Will share results of the strategic plan with members through a separate stand-alone email and request any feedback. ET to collect comments via Email.
 - #Discussion to be held on the plan during December meeting and vote to approve during the January meeting
 - b. Seminars
 - #Seminar by Dr. Dani Arias-Rotondo in January Planned
 - c. Election Results (results to be sent to ACS by Dec 1; James Redwine)
 - i. Chair Elect, Nicole Burke (1 year term; Leadership Institute, Atlanta, GA, Jan 21-23, 2023); Secretary, Jacob Kirkendall (2 year term); Alternate Councilor, Tomasz Respondek (3 year term)
 - d. Updating Operations Manual for Website – input from strategic planning (Hershel Jude)
 - #HJ will send out email requesting any updates to description of your current or the incoming EC members’ positions
 - e. 2021 KACS summary, written by Chair (Ed Thomas)
 - #Needed for the KACS Annual Report which is due by February 15th 2022, by midnight.
 7. Calendar for 2021- 2022 (Ben Maxey, Ed Thomas)
 8. Old Business
 9. New Business

- a. CCA "Volunteer of the year" (VOTY) Award nomination is highlighted in this month's Officer Insights - nomination due December 15 (Lydia Hines)
ET requested asked the EC for appropriate names for the VOTY
10. Next Executive Committee Meeting: December 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom or alternative?
#ET and BM to take this discussion offline
11. Agenda Items for future meetings
- a. Chair recognition of Executive Committee (Ed Thomas)
#2022 Budget to be discussed in December
#Proposal to keep Allison McKenna working with section for future strategic development. Her current fee is \$50/hour.
- #End 8:07pm

KACS Calendar 2021 - 2022

November

- November 12, 13, 14: KACS Strategic Planning Meeting; (Zoom Meeting)
- November 15: KACS Executive Committee Meeting 6 p.m. (ZOOM)
- TBD –Possible industry panel for college students
- TBD—Bell’s Recycle-a-Poster Event (Cancelled)

December

- December 20: KACS Executive Committee Meeting 6 p.m. (ZOOM)

January

Dr. Dani Arias-Rotondo, Kalamazoo College - Seminar

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Kalamazoo Section ACS
Monday, December 20, 2021
6:00 PM Social; 6:30 PM Meeting
Zoom Meeting

1. Secretary Report (James Redwine/Jake Kirkendall)
 - a. Review and approval of November 2021 minutes
2. Treasurer's Report (Doug Williams)
 - a. Financial Status
 - b. 2021 Budget
 - c. 2022 Budget
3. Student Organizations
 - a. Kalamazoo College (Grace McKnight - Chair; Blakely Tresca, Advisor)
 - i. Industry Panel (Blakely Tresca)
 - b. WMU Chem Club (Sydney Collins – Chair; TBD, Advisor)
 - c. WMU CGSA (Emile Van Meter, President)
4. Education Committee
 - a. HS Educator Grant Request (Doug Williams)
 - b. '22 Growlers Education Grant Day (Doug Williams)
 - i. -June 2 & 7, 2022 STEM Booth at Growlers Game
5. Communications
 - a. Newsletter (Lydia Hines)
6. Committee Business
 - a. Strategic Planning (Ed Thomas)
 - i. Finalize documents for vote in January to accept
 - ii. Upload supporting documents to Google docs
 - b. Seminars (Ed Thomas)
 - i. Dr. Dani Arias-Rotondo, Kalamazoo College - February
 - ii. Joy Rutherford
7. Chair recognition of Executive Committee (Ed Thomas)
8. Chair Transition (Ben Maxey, Ed Thomas)
 - a. Calendar for 2022
 - b. KACS Meeting – date, time, location
 - c. Zoom subscription or other service
 - d. Google Chair Account
9. Old Business

10. New Business

11. Next Executive Committee Meeting: January, 2022 (Ben Maxey)

KACS Calendar 2021 - 2022

December

- December 20: KACS Executive Committee Meeting 6 p.m. (ZOOM)

January

- KACS Executive Committee Meeting
- January 18: Industrial Careers Panel at K College, 6:00-7:30 PM in Dewing Hall, room 305

February

- KACS Executive Committee Meeting
- Dr. Dani Arias-Rotondo, Kalamazoo College - Seminar

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