

**Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 05, 2009**

**Call to Order:**

The SACP Chairman, Dr. Bill Sharpe, called to order the regular meeting of the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh at 07:50 pm on January 05, 2009 in Mellon Hall of Science at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Roll Call:** Number of members present: 48, Number of guests: 15

**Moment of Silence:**

Dr. Bill Sharpe asked for a Moment of Silence in memory of Dr. Johannes F. Coetzee, a long-time member of the SACP and former Professor for the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Coetzee passed away recently from complications of cancer.

**Approval of November 03, 2008 minutes:**

Dr. Sharpe asked for approval of the minutes, mailed electronically to each member, from the last monthly meeting on November 03, 2008. **Motion** to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Richard Danchik, and the **Second** was made by Dr. Rita Windisch. Dr. Sharpe asked the assembly of members if there were any items for discussion for the minutes. There were no items for discussion raised.

Dr. Sharpe asked the whole assembly of members present to respond with an "Aye" for acceptance of the Nov. 03, 2008 minutes. The **motion was carried unanimously** for Approval of the minutes. None were opposed. The minutes were **accepted** by the Chairman.

**Executive Committee Announcements:**

**2008-2009 Officers:**

<b>Chairman:</b>	Dr. William R. Sharpe
<b>Chairman-elect:</b>	Dr. Gregg Gould
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dr. Susan K. Zawacky
<b>Secretary:</b>	Ms. Maria K. Ferguson
<b>Immediate Former Chairman:</b>	Dr. Adrian C. Michael

**Chairman Elect:**

Gregg Gould announced that there will be no technical speaker presentation for the December meeting. The next speaker will be at the February 02, 2009 meeting for the Society for Analytical Chemists. The guest lecturer at the February meeting will be Dr. Lloyd Smith from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. The title of his talk will be "New Technologies for Biomolecular Analysis: Surfaces Meet Mass Spectrometers". All are welcome to attend.

**Treasurer:**

Susan Zawacky made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report which was mailed electronically to all members: The **Second** was made by Dr. Larry Senor.

**Dr. Sharpe asked the whole assembly of members present to respond with an "Aye" for acceptance of the November 2008 Treasurer's Report. The motion was carried unanimously.** None were opposed.

**The Treasurer's report was accepted by the Chairman.**

**Secretary:**

Maria Ferguson requested that members and guests sign the attendance clipboards at the meeting. Please send any submittals for the meeting minutes by Wednesday, January 07.

**Committee Announcements:****Joint SACP/SSP December Meeting:**

Bill Sharpe announced that the Joint SACP/SSP December meeting held at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History was very well attended. There was an attendance of 800-900 people. Santa Claus was kept busy for a very long time. Bill thanked Joe Benga for his efforts! Bill thanked Bob and Julie Theys and all who were on the committee for their efforts at arranging this very successful event.

**Continuing Education Committee:**

Susan Zawacky, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, announced:

A jointly sponsored symposium by The Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh and the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh has been arranged for Saturday, January 31, 2009 at Duquesne University, Mellon Science Building. The title of the symposium is "Shedding Light on the Chemistry of Photochromics". Four highly qualified speakers have been arranged. There is an announcement for this event on the SACP website, and will be emailed to the membership. All are encouraged to attend. Registration deadline for this event is January 19, 2009.

### **PC-based Computer Software Workshop**

Dr. Hub McDonald announced the following report for the PC-based Computer Software Workshop:

An abbreviated version of the Computer Software Workshop was presented at the Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association Convention on December 5 in Hershey. Eleven teachers were in attendance. Their evaluations of the workshop were that it was a positive experience.

A full day Workshop is scheduled for Friday February 6, 2009 at the National Energy Technology Laboratory. To date there are 11 teachers registered for this workshop. There is still room for additional high school chemistry and physics teachers. Please pass along this information to any teachers you might know.

### **Publicity**

Alice Chen made an announcement to remind everyone that there is a lot of information on the Society's website. Applications are available for scholarships and grants for individuals and schools. You are encouraged to pay particular attention to the deadline dates because there are several coming up soon. For example, the College Chemistry Scholarship, in which the top award of \$20,000 for a 4 year scholarship has a deadline of March 07, 2009. There are is a deadline in January for a High School science teacher's award and the Kevin Scanlon award has a deadline in February 15, 2009. The K-8 Excellence in Science Teaching Award has a deadline of March 16, 2009. This has an award of \$1500.

### **Liaison Reports:**

#### **Pittcon 2010:**

Dr. Annette Wilson announced that the preparations for Pittcon 2010 are well under way. Pittcon 2010 will be held in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center. The dates are scheduled for March 08-11, 2010.

#### **Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh:**

Hub McDonald, Chair-Elect of the SSP, announced that he would like to invite everyone to the next meeting of the SSP on January 21, 2009.

The Technology Forum speaker, scheduled for 5:30 pm, will feature Dr. Jeffrey Peterson, from Carnegie Mellon, who will speak on the subject "Dark Energy".

The Technical Program speaker is Dr. Xi-Cheng Zhang, from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. His lecture is entitled "Recent Progress of Broadband THz Wave Sensing and Imaging". All are encouraged to attend these lectures on January 21, 2009.

### **American Chemical Society, Pittsburgh Section:**

Dr. Fu Tyan Lin made the following announcement:

A new Pittsburgh Section Chairman and other Pittsburgh Section Officers have been named. Please refer to the ACS Pittsburgh Section Website for details of the election.

### **Other Announcements:**

Bill Sharpe announced that a memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2009 for W. Dale Richey. This will be held at 11:00 am in the Mellon Board Room on the Chatham College Campus.

### **New Grants:**

#### **Grant for J.A. Allard Elementary School Math/Science Olympics**

JA Allard School in Moon Township wrote a letter asking if we could help support a Math/Science Olympics program that they have at their elementary school. We have decided to do that, and are awarding them a \$1500.00 grant. This will be held the first week in February. The theme for the event is "Outer Space" and there are several different events planned around that theme. They are also working with personnel from the Carnegie Science Center on this project.

#### **Grant for the Frances Clifford Phillips lecture series at the University of Pittsburgh.**

This is a program to honor the memory of Francis Clifford Phillips. This effort is rotated through the Departments different disciplines of Chemistry. There will be information about this program and an email blast available for this program to announce the details. The grant award is \$1000.00

**Grant is for the memory of Peter Cai**, a student and awardee of the College Chemistry Scholarships a few years ago. Peter was the recipient of the \$20,000 scholarship and was in attendance at Harvard University when he died. A graduate of North Allegheny High School, Peter was involved with many community activities. Harvard sent \$2500 back to the Society. The Executive committee decided to combine the \$2500 and the rest of the scholarship not paid out, to go toward a competitive memorial scholarship in Peter Cai's name at North Allegheny High School. Bill Sharpe has agreed to call the Principal at North Allegheny High School. Bill Straub, the Chairman who awarded the scholarship to Peter, will work out the arrangements.

### **Acknowledgements:**

Acknowledgements were received from Curt Radcliffe, Manny Miller, Ray Bacco, and Marian Nardozzi for fruit baskets received.

### **Old Business:**

There was no discussion of old business as per Dr. Sharpe's request.

### **New Business**

There was no discussion of new business as per Dr. Sharpe's request

**Motion for Adjournment:**

**Motion** to Adjourn was made by Bill Sharpe, and the **Second** was made by Gregg Gould.

Dr. Sharpe asked the whole assembly of members present to respond with an “Aye” for acceptance of the Motion to Adjourn. The **motion was carried unanimously**. None were opposed.

The Motion was **accepted** by the Chairman.

**Technical Speaker Presentation**

Gregg Gould opened the beginning of the Technical Presentation, introducing Dr. Annette Wilson, from the University of Pittsburgh, as the host of the Technical Program.

Annette Wilson gave an introduction for the Technical Speaker for the meeting, Eric Ahrens, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University. The title for the lecture was “Emerging Developments in Cellular MRI”.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Maria K. Ferguson".

Maria K. Ferguson  
Secretary, SACP