

Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh

Meeting Minutes

September 08, 2008

I. Call to Order:

The SACP Chairman, Dr. Bill Sharpe, called to order the regular meeting of the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh at 07:40 pm on September 08, 2008 in Mellon Hall of Science at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

II. Roll Call:

Number of members present: 60

Number of guests: 22

III. Executive Committee Announcements:

2008-2009 Officers:

Chairman: Dr. William R. Sharpe

Chairman-elect: Dr. Gregg Gould

Treasurer: Dr. Susan K. Zawacky

Secretary: Ms. Maria K. Ferguson

Immediate Former Chairman: Dr. Adrian C. Michael

a) Chairman Elect:

Gregg Gould announced the next meeting will be on Oct 6, 2008. The guest lecturer will be Dr. Henry White from the University of Utah. Dr. White's technical presentation will be entitled "Chemical Amplification of Electrical Signatures in Nanopore Sequencing of Nucleic Acid". All are welcome to attend.

b) Treasurer:

Susan Zawacky announced that members should have received a copy of the Treasurer's Report in July by email with an attachment, and questions should be directed to her.

c) Secretary:

Maria Ferguson asked that any additional memos for the meeting minutes be sent to her by Wednesday, Sept. 10. Minutes will be placed on the SACP website for the membership instead of being mailed. Members were reminded to sign the attendance clipboards as they are passed around during the meeting.

IV. Committee Announcements:

a) Continuing Education Committee:

Susan Zawacky, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, announced two upcoming events.

- 1) 2nd Annual Rachel Carson Legacy Conference, organized by the Rachel Carson Homestead. This conference is entitled "Green Chemistry: Solutions for a Healthy Economy". This will take place in the Power's Conference Center at Duquesne University on Saturday, September 20, 2008. The cost is \$25. Members are encouraged to go to the Rachel Carson Homestead website to register.
- 2) A Middle School and High School Science Teacher's Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2008, at Duquesne University in Bayer Hall Rotunda. This program is entitled "Teaching Science with Toys". The presenter is Dr. Karen Levitt of Duquesne University.

b) Faraday Lecture Committee:

Charlie Holifield, Chair of the Faraday Lecture Committee, announced that the 21st Annual Faraday Lecture will be held on November 18-19, 2008. The evening of Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 pm, there will be a presentation by Bob Becker entitled "Chemistry Demonstrations Designed to Knock Your Sox Off". This lecture will be held at Soldier's and Sailor's Memorial Hall in Oakland, PA. Volunteers are being requested.

c) Ohio River Watershed Celebration:

Manny Miller announced that the 7th Annual Ohio River Watershed Cruise will be on Thursday, September 25, 2008. Members interested in attending are encouraged to visit the website to register for this event.

V. Liaison Reports:

a) Pittcon 2009

John Varine presented the following announcements submitted by the Pittcon President for 2009, Edward Ladner:

There are 181 days until Pittcon 2009; preparations for Pittcon 2009 have been well underway.

Ed and a group of the Pittcon 2009 team are preparing for a 2-day site visit to Chicago next week. The purpose of this trip is to begin determining signage requirements and locations, and for the Chairmen to meet with McCormick Place, and GES representatives and to begin laying out their offices and work areas.

We're very excited that there are several organizations that will be Co-programming with us at Pittcon 2009;

- The ACS-Division of Analytical Chemistry will be co-programming with Pittcon again – this will be their third consecutive year.
- The Society for Applied Spectroscopy will again provide two symposia in our program.
- For the first time, the Japanese Instrumentation Manufacturers Association (JAIMA) along with the Japanese Society of Analytical Chemists (our counterparts in Japan) have organized and will present a full-day symposium on “Nanotechnology”.

Ed would like to congratulate the members of the Pittsburgh Conference and the members of Chemical Heritage Foundation that make up the Pittcon Heritage Award Committee on their selection of **Alfred R. Bader**, Founder of Aldrich Chemical Company (now Sigma-Aldrich), and the current owner of Alfred Bader Fine Arts, as the recipient of **The 2009 Pittcon Heritage Award**.

Ed would also like to congratulate Mitch Johnson the Program Chairman, and his Program Committee for selecting George M. Whitesides as **the Plenary Speaker for Pittcon 2009**. Dr. Whitesides is a Woodford L. and Ann A. Flowers University Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology, at Harvard University.

Members are encouraged to start making preparations for attending Pittcon2009. Join us as we celebrate the 60th annual Pittcon in Chicago from March 08-13, 2009 , showcasing the best in scientific innovation.

b) Pittcon 2010:

Annette Wilson, Pittcon2010 President-Elect, announced that Pittcon 2010 will take place in Orlando, Florida, February 22 through March 03, 2010. Preparations are underway, with a site trip scheduled to plan meeting space at the site.

c) **Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh:**

David F. Pensenstadler, Chairman of the SSP, announced the next meeting for the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh on Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

- 1) The Technology Forum speaker, scheduled for 5:30 pm, will be Richard Rosenberger. His lecture is "Long Rifles of Western Pennsylvania"; this talk will include a brief history of the long rifle, its introduction, manufacture and use in Western Pennsylvania.
- 2) The Technical Program speaker is Dr. Rina K. Dukor, from BioTools, Inc. The lecture is entitled "Application of FT-IR and Vibrational Circular Dichroism to Problems of Pharmaceutical Interest: From Proteins to Chiral Drugs".

d) **American Chemical Society, Pittsburgh Section:**

Dr. Fu Tyan Lin announced and congratulated Dr. Stephen G. Weber, Professor of Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh, as the 2008 Pittsburgh Award winner. The award dinner was announced to take place on November 05, 2008.

VI. **Budget:**

Chairman Bill Sharpe announced that the 2008-2009 working budget for the Society has been established. The Board of Directors for the SACP has approved a budget of \$550,000. This was allocated to the programs for the SACP. Dr. Sharpe will be communicating with the members of committees such as Scholarships and Grants, to discuss increases made towards certain funds.

Adrian Michael made the motion to approve the 2008-2009 budget; a second motion was made by Dick Danchik.

VI **Acknowledgements:**

Bill Sharpe announced that a Thank You card was received from Walt Sumansky, who expressed appreciation for all of the flowers, cards and phone calls from the Society and members during his recovery. The Society extends warm wishes for a full recovery to Walt!

VII Technical Speaker Presentation

Gregg Gould announced the beginning of the Technical Presentation, Introducing the Technical Chair, Annette Wilson.

Annette Wilson gave an introduction for the Technical Speaker for the meeting, Dr. Akos Vertes, from George Washington University. The title for the lecturer was "Atmospheric Pressure Live Tissue Imaging and Single Cell Analysis by LAESI by Mass Spectrometry".

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria K. Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Maria K. Ferguson

Secretary, SACP