

# Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh

## Meeting Minutes

October 06, 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 07:45 pm on October 06, 2008 in Mellon Hall of Science at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh.

### II. Roll Call:

Number of members present: 57

Number of guests: 16

### III. Approval of September 08, 2008 minutes:

Dr. Sharpe asked for approval of the minutes from the last monthly meeting on Sept. 08, 2008. Motion to approve was given by Dr. Adrian Michael, and second motion made by Dr. Richard Danchik.

### IV. 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

#### a) **Chairman Elect:**

Gregg Gould announced the next meeting for the Society for Analytical Chemists will be on November 03, 2008. The guest lecturer will be Dr. Milton L. Lee, the H. Tracy Hall Professor of Analytical Chemistry from Brigham Young University. Dr. Lee's technical presentation will be entitled "Analytical

Separation Techniques Utilizing Axial Force Gradients". All are welcome to attend.

b) **Treasurer:**

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

Bill Sharpe asked for a motion to approve the September Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve was made by Dr. John F. Jackovitz. The second motion was made by Dr. James A. Manner.

c) **Secretary:**

Maria Ferguson requested that members and guests sign the attendance clipboards at the meeting.

V. **Committee Announcements:**

a) **Continuing Education Committee:**

Susan Zawacky, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, announced the following upcoming event:

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. As of October 06, 2008, 31 teachers have signed up to attend.

b) **Faraday Lecture Committee:**

Charlie Holifield, Chair of the Faraday Lecture Committee, announced that the 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; forms are available for volunteer sign-ups and are available at this meeting.

**VI. Liaison Reports:**

**a) Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh:**

David F. Pensenstadler, Chairman of the SSP, announced the next meeting as the Joint meeting for the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and the Amateur Astronomers Club which will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008.

- 1) The Technology Forum speaker, scheduled for 5:30 pm, will be Dr. Jennifer Loveland-Curtze from Penn. State University. Her lecture is entitled "The Real Survivors: Microbes in Frozen Environments".
- 2) The Technical Program speaker, scheduled after the dinner and meeting, is Dr. Michael Zolensky, from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. The lecture is entitled "Hydrocarbon Nanoglobules: Finding One of Life's Building Blocks in Meteorites, and Implications of the Mars Phoenix Mission".

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

- 1) ACS Pittsburgh Local Section received the ACS ChemLuminary Award for the Project SEED program. The Pittsburgh Section Project SEED program was awarded a ChemLuminary Award for an Outstanding Project SEED Program at the 10th Annual ChemLuminary Awards Ceremony during the National ACS meeting in Philadelphia, PA. Jim Manner, Councilor for the Section, accepted the award on behalf of the program organizers.
- 2) The 2008 ACS Pittsburgh Award and 2008 Distinguished Service Award will be presented on November 5, 2008 at the Pennsylvania Athletic Club in Pittsburgh, PA. The Association will celebrate the recipients Dr. Stephen G. Weber and Mr. Richard Howe. The dinner is scheduled for

7:00 PM, preceded by a social hour at 6:00 PM. The award presentation takes place at 7:45 PM. Registration information for this event is on the ACS Local Section website. All are welcome to attend.

- 3) National Chemistry Week will be held at the Carnegie Science Center on October 24-25, 2008. The theme for this event is "Having a Ball with Chemistry". All are welcome to attend. Please see The Crucible for details of the program. This event is sponsored by several organizations including The Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh.
  
- 4) Dr. Mordecai Treblow announced that The Future of Energy Symposium will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at Duquesne University (Pay Parking Available in the Forbes Avenue Garage). This event will be co-sponsored by: American Institute of Chemical Engineers - Pittsburgh Section and American Chemical Society - Pittsburgh Section Technology Group as well as several other groups. Information on this event is on the website for the Pittsburgh local section of the American Chemical Society and in The Crucible.

**VII. Other Committee Announcements:**

- a) 2008-2009 High School/Middle School Science Essay Contest: The deadline for submission of the essays for this contest is December 01, 2008. Check the website for details on the topics.

**VIII. Acknowledgements:**

Maria Ferguson reported the following acknowledgements for the Society:

- a) A Thank You letter was received from Pittsburgh Mercy Foundation from Executive Director Constance Murray in thanks for the contribution sent from Dr. Rita Windisch in support of Operation Safety Net, which supports the homeless.
  
- b) A Thank You letter was received for the donation sent by Rita Windisch for the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas - from Chief Development Officer, Sister Peggy Gorman.

- c) A Thank You card from the director of Forbes Hospice – in Thanks for the donation sent from Bill Sharpe.
- d) A Thank You card from Dr. Helen Goodkind of The Young Israel Foundation of Pittsburgh – for the donation in memory of Dr. Aryeh M. Melnick.
- e) A Thank You card was received from Michael S. Melnick for the donation to the Young Israel Synagogue in memory of his father, Dr. Aryeh M. Melnick.

More acknowledgements received:

- f) Curt Radcliffe reported an acknowledgement from Dr. Edward Zovinka in response to his receipt of the check for the 2007-2008 R.O.C.K. program for St. Francis ROCK (Rural Outreach Chemistry for Kids).
- g) A Thank You card was received from Helen LaRue. She asked me to convey to all the members of SACP her “special thanks for all the wonderful Get Well cards”. “The wishes and prayers made my recovery speedy. Many thanks to each and everyone.” Get Well Soon, Helen!!

### **Technical Speaker Presentation**

Dr. Gregg Gould announced the beginning of the Technical Presentation, introducing Dr. Shigeru Amemiya, Professor of Chemistry, from the University of Pittsburgh.

Shigeru Amemiya gave an introduction for the Technical Speaker for the meeting, Dr. Henry White, Professor of Chemistry, from the University of Utah. The title for the lecture was “Electrochemistry in Synthetic and Biological Nanopores”.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maria K. Ferguson

Secretary, SACP