

Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh
Meeting Minutes
November 03, 2008

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 November 03, 2008 in Mellon Hall of Science at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Roll Call:

Number of members present: 75

Number of guests: 28

Approval of October 06, 2008 minutes:

Dr. Sharpe asked for approval of the minutes, mailed electronically to each member, from the last monthly meeting on Oct. 06, 2008. **Motion** to approve the minutes was made by Dr. John F. Jackovitz, and the **Second** was made by Dr. Jane N. Chan. 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 Oct. 06, 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:

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

Chairman Elect:

Gregg Gould announced that there will be no technical speaker presentation for the December meeting. The next speaker will be at the January 05, 2009 meeting for the Society for Analytical Chemists. The guest lecturer at the January meeting will be Dr. Eric Ahrens from Carnegie Mellon University. All are welcome to attend.

Treasurer:

Susan Zawacky announced the following information on documentation for submittals to the Treasurer:

“It is necessary for the Treasurer to have a warrant and documentation (an invoice or a cover letter) for each check written for Society records, and for the auditor to inspect at the end of the fiscal year. Although most Society members provide both the warrant and the supporting documentation when requesting a check, occasionally a member sends a warrant, and then plans to send the cover letter or invoice “later”. Submitting the cover letter or invoice along with the warrant makes keeping the records organized much easier for the Treasurer. Therefore, members need to provide documentation along with the warrant when requesting checks. **Checks will not be written unless either a cover letter or an invoice accompanies the warrant.**”

Bill Sharpe asked for a motion to approve the October Treasurer’s Report which was mailed electronically to all members: **Motion** to approve the October Treasurer’s Report was made by Mr. Walter L. Sumansky. The **Second** was made by Ms. Janeth K. Pifer.

Dr. Sharpe asked the whole assembly of members present to respond with an “Aye” for acceptance of the Oct. 06, 2008 Treasurer’s Report. The motion was carried unanimously for Approval of the minutes. 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, November 5.

Committee Announcements:

Continuing Education Committee:

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

A very successful Middle School and High School Science Teacher’s Workshop was held Saturday, October 11, 2008, at Duquesne University in Bayer Hall Rotunda. This program was entitled “Teaching Science with Toys”. The presenter was Dr. Karen Levitt of Duquesne University. This event was attended by 27 teachers.

Summer Intern Program

Dr. Hub McDonald, Chair of the Summer Intern Program Committee, announced:

The Society supported three summer interns in 2008, one at PPG Industries in Allison Park and two at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. These 3rd or 4th year college students are selected by PPG and the Science Center and work at various assignments throughout the summer. Their stipends are funded by the SACP.

Danielle Peirish, a senior at LaRoche College, submitted an excellent report describing her summer experience. She reported that her internship was very educational as she expanded her analytical skills to a wide variety of chemical instrumentation. She was grateful to the staff at PPG for making this a meaningful internship.

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

The PC-based Computer Software Workshop is scheduled for Friday, February 06, 2009 at the National Energy Technology Laboratory. This workshop demonstrates software and allows high school teachers hands-on experience with software from the Journal of Chemical Education and Vernier's Graphical Analysis Software. Registration forms were sent out to high schools this fall. Also, these forms are available on the Society's web site. John Varine, Bob Witkowski and Bob Maxwell assist in the presentation of this workshop. To date, two high school teachers have registered. A half day version of this workshop will be presented at the Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association Convention on December 05, 2008 in Hershey, PA.

Faraday Lecture Committee:

Charlie Holifield, Chair of the Faraday Lecture Committee, announced that the Annual Faraday Lecture open to the general public will be on 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. Volunteers have been sent forms to fill out and return, and have been asked to give a dinner choice for the dinner on February 18. If you have not yet already done so, please get your responses in to Valarie and to Charlie Holifield ASAP. Good attendance by middle and high school students is expected, with over 2000 students and over 400 faculty members. There are 2400 signed up for Wednesday's event.

Liaison Reports:

Pittcon 2009

The Pittcon 2009 President, Edward P. Ladner, presented the following report about Pittcon 2009:

There are only 124 days before the opening of Pittcon 2009; the planning for Pittcon2009 is well underway.

We have 821 exhibiting companies that have signed up. Booth sales, as of Friday, Oct. 31, are down a bit...at 2,082 – that's 44 booths less than in 2007 – the last time we were in Chicago.

Our second and final site trip to Chicago is scheduled for Monday, December 8th and Tuesday, December 9th. This trip is primarily for finalizing the signage locations, but chairs may also use this site trip to finalize any issues they may have with their committee plans. We need to book hotel rooms and flights for this visit now, so if you are planning to attend this visit, please notify Ed Ladner and Tammy Yallum as soon as possible!

Ray Bacco – a good friend to many of us, is in the hospital and that he is in desperate need of our prayers. Ray and Gladys have been Conference Week Staff with Pittcon for many years, so please keep Ray in your thought and prayers as he is going through this difficult time.

Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh:

David F. Pensenstadler, Chairman of the SSP, announced that he would like to invite everyone to the next meeting of the SSP on November 19th.

The Technology Forum speaker, scheduled for 5:30 pm, will feature Dr. Daniel Wagner who operates the Nutripharmacy in the North Hills, which is the only totally natural pharmacy in Western Pennsylvania. He researches natural medicine on three continents, and he will discuss his research on drugs derived from rain forest plants and its relevance to modern medicine.

The Technical Program speaker is Dr. Gary Glish, from the University of North Carolina, and President of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry. His lecture is entitled "Photons and Electrons as Alternatives to Collisions for Obtaining Chemical Structure Information Using MS/MS".

Dave welcomes everyone to the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh meeting, and he promises that there will be no Steeler game on that night.

American Chemical Society, Pittsburgh Section:

Dr. Fu Tyan Linn made the following announcements:

The ACS Pittsburgh Award and Distinguished Service Award will be presented on Wednesday, November 5th at Pennsylvania Athletic Association to celebrate recipients Dr. Stephen Weber and Mr. Richard Howe. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, November 12, a joint symposium of ACS and AIChE will be held at Duquesne University. The title is "Energy of the Future". Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Maria Ferguson made the following announcement, which was submitted by Dr. James Manner for the ACS Pittsburgh Section:

There was a very successful 2008 National Chemistry Week Program, which had a total attendance of 4,441 for the two day event! There were 2,538 on Friday, October 24th and 1,903 on Saturday, October 25th. A total of 283 volunteers representing 30 organizations participated in the event. Michael Mautino, the coordinator of this event wanted to thank all who organized their group's participation, which allowed students to participate; Special Thanks goes to the Pittsburgh Section's 2008 NCW sponsors including the Bayer Corporation, PPG Industries Foundation, PPG Science Education Council, The Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh, and the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh Conference Fiscal Report:

SACP Chairman, Dr. Bill Sharpe announced that our Bylaws state that the Society must report the fiscal status of the Pittsburgh Conference to the members. Members will get a copy of this report with the minutes electronically (the table was shown on the screen for all members to observe comparing the status from 2007 compared with 2008).

Other Announcements:

Bill Sharpe announced that the Joint December Meeting of the SACP and SSP will be held on December 03, 2008 at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. The Society is in the process of preparing the materials for distribution to the membership for this event. There will be electronic as well as US Mail delivery of the tickets for the event. One highlight of this event is the new Dinosaur exhibit.

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.

Acknowledgements:

Maria Ferguson reported the following acknowledgements which were in the last month's minutes but received after the last meeting, so mentioned at the November meeting for the Society:

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.

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". Get Well Soon, Helen!

A Thank You card was received from Gloria Leston thanking the Society for the donation to Doctors without Borders in memory of Gird Leston.

A Thank You letter was received from the Principal of Saint Joseph High School, Beverly Kaniecki, for the gift of money in memory of Mrs. Bertha Wank (mother of Chris Auses and mother in law of Jay Auses).

Stream Restoration, Inc., organizer of the Ohio River Watershed Celebration thanked the Society for sponsoring the event.

A special acknowledgement was presented by Bill Sharpe –

A Lifetime Member of the SACP, Brian Musolino, a Captain in the United States Air Force, sent a flag to the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh. This flag flew over the headquarters of the Multinational Corp Iraq, during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Capt. Musolino is still in Iraq and won't be coming back to the United States until March. He sent a brief note with the flag that states:

"Please find the enclosed United States flag as a token of my appreciation for your continued support. This flag has been flown over the Victory Base in Baghdad, Iraq. "

The Chairman, Bill Sharpe, asked for a **Motion to Commend** Captain Musolino for his service, and what he has done for the Society. **Motion** to approve the commendation was made by Dr. Gregg Gould, and the **Second** was made by Mr. Jay Auses.

Bill stated that he will send a Letter of Commendation to Capt. Musolino and also invite him as a Guest of Honor to one of our meetings in the spring.

The flag and certificate will be put into a frame and hung in the Pittsburgh Conference Office.

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 Mr. Bernie Durkin, and the **Second** was made by Mr. David Pensenstadler.

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 Stephen Weber, Professor of Chemistry, from the University of Pittsburgh as the host of the Technical Program.

Stephen Weber gave an introduction for the Technical Speaker for the meeting, Dr. Milton Lee, H. Tracy Hall Professor of Analytical Chemistry, from Brigham Young University. Dr. Lee won the Pittsburgh Award and was honored at a Symposium at Pittcon. The title for the lecture was "Analytical Separation Techniques Utilizing Axial Force Gradients".

Respectfully Submitted,



Maria K. Ferguson
Secretary, SACP