

SOCIETY FOR ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS OF PITTSBURGH
SPECTROSCOPY SOCIETY OF PITTSBURGH

JANUARY 9, 2012 MEETING MINUTES
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH – UNIVERSITY CLUB

There were 62 SACP and SSP members who signed in.

There were 33 guests of SACP and SSP members in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the invocation, at 6:37 pm, Fu-Tyan Lin and Greg Meisner introduced themselves to the group. They asked for any announcements that would normally be made during the business meeting.

Employment Workshops

Hub MacDonald announced that the SSP is a co-sponsor of the employment workshops offered to Pittsburgh's scientific and engineering community. These workshops offer up to date information on resume preparation, cover letter fundamentals, interviewing techniques as well as local and national job market overviews. In addition, specific resume help is provided to individuals. The agendas and registration information are available on both societies' websites. The workshop for technicians will be held at the Bidwell Training Center on February 3. The workshop for professionals will be on February 4 at the Chevron Science Center of the University of Pittsburgh. There is no cost for these workshops.

Herbert Retkofsky Memorial Computer Software Workshop

Hub MacDonald announced that the Herbert Retkofsky Memorial Computer Workshop will be offered on February 9, 2012. Workshop registration has been extended until January 22, 2012. Registration forms are available on both societies' websites. Teachers leave this workshop with many valuable resources which they are able to employ immediately in their classrooms. Hub requested that all members spread the word about the workshop to boost attendance.

During the Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association convention in Hershey at the beginning of December last year, an abbreviated software workshop was presented for high school teachers. Attendance at this workshop reflected the poor attendance at this year's convention.

Membership and Directory

David Vanischak announced 3 new members that were in attendance at the meeting, Sarah Enslin, Christine Grant, and Dan Suchy. They are US Steel co-workers of

David's and were brought as part of the new and inactive member mentoring program.

INTRODUCTION

Fu-Tyan Lin called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Fu-Tyan Lin introduced himself as the 2011-2012 Chair of the SACP.

Greg Meisner introduced himself as the 2011-2012 Chair of the SSP.

Greg Meisner mentioned that the business meeting will be brief to accommodate our speaker and there is a venue change to outreach to other groups and possible attendees.

Greg Meisner recognized Rita Windisch and both the SACP and SSP Arrangements Committees for their help in organizing a great meal and a joint meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology Forum

Heather Juzwa announced that next month's Technology Forum has a love theme for Valentine's Day and will take place on February 15. Dr. Sarah Woodley from Duquesne University will talk about "Pheromones and Human Mate Choice."

Chair-Elect – SSP

Fu-Mei Lin announced that next month's SSP Technical Program will be on February 15th and that Dr. Richard Saykally from the University of California at Berkley will give a lecture entitled "Water Music: The Latest Word on the Most Important Substance in the Universe."

Greg Meisner reminded everyone that all meetings are open to the public and announcements can be found on the societies' websites.

Chair-Elect - SACP

Jim Manner announced that next month's SACP Technical Program will be on February 6 back at Duquesne. Dr. Lingjun Li from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will give a lecture entitled "Advancing Neuroscience Research by a Multi-faceted Mass Spectral Platform." Dr. Lingjun Li is the 2011 Pittcon Achievement Award Recipient.

ADJOURNMENT

Greg Meisner asked if there were any other announcements that needed to be made. There were none, so Karla Monsour made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Danchik seconded the motion. The motion carried.

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

Greg Meisner turned the meeting over to Professor Alex Starr from the University of Pittsburgh. Alex Starr introduced the speaker, Dr. J. Fraser Stoddart from Northwestern University, speaking about "Nanoporous Carbohydrate Metal-Organic Frameworks."

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Juzwa
SACP Secretary 2011-2012