

## Minutes for the Society for Analytical Chemists (SACP) Business Meeting

**TIME:** January 11, 2010 7:45 PM  
**PLACE:** Maurice Falk Auditorium, Mellon Science Hall, Duquesne Univ.  
**ATENDEES:** SACP Members: 60  
Guests: 6

### INTRODUCTION

Dr. Gregg Gould, SACP Chairman, greeted and welcomed everyone and thanked Bob and Julie Theys for the dinner arrangements. He also mentioned to see them if parking stickers were needed.

### TREASURER REPORT

Gregg asked for a motion to approve the October 2009 treasurer report. Rich Danchik presented the motion and it was seconded Hub MacDonald. There was no discussion and unanimous approval.

### MEETING MINUTES

Gregg asked for a motion to approve the November 2009 meeting minutes. Fred Goellner presented the motion and it was seconded by Rich Danchik. There was no discussion and unanimous approval.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Gregg Gould Chairman  
Dr. Patricia Bordell Chair-elect  
Ms. Maria Ferguson Treasurer  
Mr. Manny Miller Secretary  
Dr. William Sharpe Immediate Former Chairman (not present)

#### Chair-elect

Dr. Pat Bordell stated that the next SACP meeting will be at Duquesne University on February 1, 2010, and will feature Royce Murray, Ph.D., from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His presentation is entitled "Analytical and Electron Transfer Chemistry of Nanoparticles"

There will be no meeting at Duquesne in March but the next meeting will be on Monday, April 5, 2010, SACP Former Chair's Night. This is Easter Monday. Rick Sherman from the Chemical Heritage Foundation will be presenting "The Chemical Heritage Foundation: Discover the Exciting Untold Story of Chemistry" Pat informed the attendees that both events should be very interesting and will help to update our knowledge of nanotechnology and the Chemical Heritage Foundation. We hope all of you can attend. Pat also mentioned not to forget the May Awards banquet on May 24, 2010 held in conjunction with the ACS. As usual, it will be in the Duquesne Ballroom on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Student Union.

### **Treasurer**

Maria Ferguson stated that you should review the treasurer's report and if you recognize any unreconciled checks please try to investigate them so the checks can eventually be cashed. Money from checks not cashed must eventually be given to the Pennsylvania State Treasury. Maria also mentioned that it was not necessary to enclose envelopes with the award warrants.

### **Secretary**

Manny Miller told the attendees that if they are presenting an oral report an electronic report should also be submitted to him, preferably by email. Manny reminded the group to initial the sign-in attendance sheets.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **SACP Membership and Directory**

Dave Vanischak, Membership and Directory Chairman stated that if you haven't already sent in your membership dues for 2009/2010 please do so as soon as possible. They were actually due in early December 2009.

Dave went on to introduce the new SACP members who were approved over the past two months. The names are as follows:

Karen Davideck, Highlands Middle School  
Tracy Mueller, Penn Hills School District  
Matthew Price, California University of PA  
Carl Roznowski, Meadville High School  
Tamanna Sultana, University of Pittsburgh  
Joseph Uhlman, Roche Diagnostics  
David Sanchez, University of Pittsburgh  
Daniel Jacobs  
Dana Clausen, University of Pittsburgh  
Brian Kiesel, University of Pittsburgh  
C.K. Govindan, PPG Industries  
Gertrude Ross, Bidwell Training Center

Dave also introduced the following new student affiliates:

Christopher Knittel, Bidwell Training Center  
Paul Jackson, California University of PA  
Timothy Van Ripper, Waynesburg University

### **Teacher Software Workshops**

Dr. Hub Macdonald chairman of the Teacher Software Committee stated that there would be an SACP sponsored Computer Software Workshop for High School Chemistry and Physics Teachers which will be presented on Friday - Feb. 5, 2010 at the National Energy and Technology Center in Bruceton PA (South Park area). Hub stated that registration forms are outside the auditorium. Hub related that if you know any high school teachers who might be interested, please take a copy and give it to them. There is a \$20 fee for attendance.

Hub mentioned that there are also forms outside for the SSP Light and Color Workshop for elementary school teachers. If you know an elementary school teacher, please give them a copy.

### **LIASON REPORTS**

#### **Pittsburgh Conference Presidents**

No reports were presented.

#### **SSP**

Dr. Hub MacDonald presented information regarding the January Technology Forum and SSP technical speaker of January 20, 2010. The Technology Forum presentation will be of great interest to those who follow the economy of our region. The speaker is James McCarville of the Port of Pittsburgh Commission and he will be speaking on "Technology, Innovation and Economic Development on the Waterways". The Technical Program is also very relevant to our times in light of the Dec. 25 terrorist attack. Dr. Steven Christesen from the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center will present "Detection of Chemical, Biological and Explosive Agents Using Raman Spectroscopy". Hub invited everyone to attend.

#### **ACS**

Dr. James Manner, ACS-Pittsburgh Section Chairman, mentioned some upcoming events. One event is *Job Searching For Chemical Technicians* which will be presented February 5 and Saturday February 6, 2010. This is sponsored by ICHE, SACP, SSP and ACS. Jim said to see the January *Crucible* for details. There is also the *PJAS Region 7 Competition* to be held Saturday February 6, 2010 at Keystone Oaks High School. Jim told the attendees that additional judges are welcome. This involves science presentations for grades 7-12. The ACS is presenting 5 plaques for HS presentations, plus \$100 and 10 certificates for 7 to 8 grade speakers.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Manny Miller acknowledged the receipt of the following thank you cards:

- A thank you note from Leo Geary for the SACP contribution to the University of Michigan Schembechler Adrenal Cancer Fund in the memory of Dorthy Geary, sister of Dick Obrycki
- A thank you note from Deer Valley Conservancy for the SACP contribution in the memory of Bill Straub
- A thank you note from Dr. Partha Basu from Duquesne University for the SACP support of a fall biochemistry symposium

### **AJOURNMENT**

Gregg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was presented by Pat Bordell and seconded by Hub MacDonald. The meeting was adjourned.

### **TECHNICAL PRESENTATION**

Dr. Steve Weber introduced the evening's technical speaker, Dr. Shana O. Kelly from the University of Toronto, Canada. The title of Dr. Kelly's presentation was "Nanostructure-enabled electronic diagnostic devices".

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Manny Miller".

Manny Miller  
SACP Secretary 2009-10