

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

TIME: February 1, 2010 7:50 PM
PLACE: Maurice Falk Auditorium, Mellon Science Hall, Duquesne Univ.
ATENDEES: SACP Members: 59
Guests: 14

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 REPORTS

Gregg asked for a motion to approve the November 2009 treasurer report. David Vanischak presented the motion and it was seconded Fred Goellner. There was no discussion and unanimous approval. Gregg then asked for a motion to approve the December 2009 treasurer report. Jay Auses presented the motion and it was seconded 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 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. Rick Sherman from the Chemical Heritage Foundation will be presenting "The Chemical Heritage Foundation: Discover the Exciting Untold Story of Chemistry". Pat mentioned that the awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the ACS awards ceremony on May 24. She also stated that August 19th at the Oakmont Country Club will be the 2010-11 kickoff meeting. This is a Thursday rather than a Monday.

Treasurer

Maria Ferguson stated that if someone had any information for the treasurer to see her after the meeting.

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 we still have almost 70 members who haven't paid their dues for 2009/2010. The dues were due on December 1, 2009. If you haven't done so please send in your dues ASAP. A friendly reminder will be mailed out this week. As per SACP by-laws, if membership dues aren't received by April 5, 2010, those delinquent members will become inactive and no longer receive any SACP monthly mailings. They will become ineligible to vote for 2010/2011 SACP officers. Dave further stated that there are several prospective new members in the process of being approved by the Executive Committee. They will be introduced at the April monthly meeting after approval is given.

Nominating Committee

Gregg Gould gave the report for the Nominating Committee. He mentioned the following candidates chosen for SACP officers:

Chair-Elect - Fu-Tyan Lin and James Manner
Treasurer - Elias Absey and Manuel Miller
Secretary - Amit Ghosh and Robert LaCount

Gregg went on to say that additional nominations can be made by petition of 3 members, in writing, to the Secretary by Feb. 28. Prior to nomination, nominees must have agreed to serve if elected. Please contact the nominee before choosing him/her.

Employment

Joe Jolson, chairman of the Employment Committee presented the following report: The Job Searching for Chemical Technicians (JSCT) workshop will be held at Bidwell Training Academy on Friday, February 5, 2010. The Job Searching for Chemical Professionals (JSCP) workshop will be held at the University of Pittsburgh on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Further information about these events can be found on the SACP and ACS – Pittsburgh Section websites or by contacting Joe Jolson at joe@customclientsolutins.net. Record attendance of 25-30 technicians and 45-55 chemists are expected at the workshops.

Teacher Software Workshops

Dr. Hub Macdonald chairman of the Teacher Software Committee informed everyone that this Friday (February 5) the SACP will present the Computer Workshop for High School Chemistry and Physics Teachers at the National Energy and Technology Laboratory. There are 13 high school teachers registered to attend this program. This is an all day program for which the high school teachers receive 5 hours of Act 48 credit for attending.

Tripartite Symposium

Beth Tomasovic, Chairman of the Tripartite Symposium, informed the attendees that the 2010 Tripartite will be held at Duquesne University. The topic will be "From the Crime Scene to the Lab: Furthering Forensic Science". It is scheduled for May 10.

Carnegie Science Center Grant

Dr. Richard Danchik, Chairman of the Carnegie Science Center Grant, stated that the SACP is currently working on the SciTech Program funding which will be held in conjunction with the Pittsburgh Regional Science Fair.

Continuing Education

The following report was presented by Dr. James Manner during the ACS report:

On March 27 there will be a joint SACP/SSP symposium on Alzheimer's and dementia and sports related effects concussions. Unfortunately, this will conflict with Senior Appreciation Day which is also to be held on March 27rd. Attendees for the symposium will be limited to 70 people for Fisher Hall. There will be limited seating. **(Update not reported at the meeting: The Symposium has been moved to Sewickley Academy.)**

LIASON REPORTS

Pittsburgh Conference Presidents

Dr. Annette Wilson, President of Pittcon 2010 stated as of the meeting there are 26 days to Pittcon® 2010. The dates are February 28 to March 5, 2010. The registration deadline has been extended to February 15. Annette stated that there are currently about 2,000 exhibition booths. Exhibitors and conferees continue to register, although the number of conferees are slightly behind last year's number of conferees. Annette stated that one of the highlights on the exhibition floor is an NASA exhibit in Technology Park. Scarab, a lunar rover developed by The Lunar Rover Initiative and supported by grants from NASA, NASA Johnson Space Center, and NASA Glenn Research Center will be on display.

SSP

Dr. Hub MacDonald mentioned that Ron Bargiel will be the 2013 Pittsburgh Conference which will be held in Philadelphia, PA.

Hub then presented information regarding the February Technology Forum and SSP technical speaker of February 10, 2010. Hub stated that the February's meeting will be held earlier than usual. Please make a note on your calendar.

The Technology Forum speaker will be Dr. John Rawlins from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. He will present "Bug Therapy - Discovering How Insects Make Our World Better". Dr. Rawlins talk will tell us about a little known resource we have right here in Pittsburgh.

The Technical Program will be Dr. Robert Griffin who is director of the Frances Bitter Magnet Laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology presenting "High Frequency Dynamic Nuclear Polarization in Solids and Liquids".

ACS

Dr. James Manner, ACS-Pittsburgh Section Chairman, mentioned the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (*PJAS*) *Region 7 Competition* to be held Saturday February 6, 2010 at Keystone Oaks High School. The Student Affiliates from Duquesne University will be judging and giving out 5 ACS plaques at the morning awards, plus four of their own plaques for HS winners. In the afternoon Jim will announce the winners of 10 ACS certificates for 7 to 8 grades plus present 4 plaques for 7th and 8 graders from Duquesne University .

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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

- A letter from Amanda Stano, Education Coordinator of Carnegie Science Center, to Richard Danchik thanking the SACP for their support for funding programming and supplies for the Science Center.
- A letter from Sister Donna Frye thanking the SACP for the contribution to the Ursuline Convent of the Sacred Heart in memory of Sister M. Teresita Manner.
- A card from Robert Theys thanking the SACP for the fruit basket which he received after his recent surgery.

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Warburton wanted to know the status of the SACP Essay Contest. The SACP web site states that the winner will be announced at the end of January.

Alice Chen chairman of the SACP HS and MS Essay Contest stated that the essays were recently scored and the winners will be announced soon.

AJOURNMENT

Gregg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was presented by Jon Jackovitz and seconded by Bob Theys. The meeting was adjourned.

TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Richard Danchik introduced the evening's technical speaker, Dr Royce M. Murray, Kenan Professor of Chemistry, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His presentation was titled "Analytical and Electron Transfer Chemistry of Nanoparticles"

Respectfully Submitted,



Manny Miller
SACP Secretary 2009-10