

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

TIME: November 2, 2009 7:45 PM
PLACE: Laura Falk Auditorium, Mellon Science Hall, Duquesne Univ.
ATTENDEES: SACP Members: 71
Guests: 32

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Gregg Gould, SACP Chairman, greeted and welcomed everyone.

TREASURER REPORTS

Gregg asked for a motion to approve the August 2009 treasurer report. Walt Sumansky presented the motion and it was seconded by Fred Goellner. There was no discussion and unanimous approval. Gregg then asked for a motion to approve the September 2009 treasurer report. Bernie Durkin presented the motion and it was seconded by Susan Zawacky. There was no discussion and unanimous approval.

SECRETARY REPORT

Gregg asked for a motion to approve the September 2009 secretary report. Fred Goellner presented the motion and it was seconded by Pat Bordell. 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

Pat Bordell stated that there would not be an SACP technical presentation in December, but a joint SACP/SSP event on December 8, to be held at the Carnegie Science Center. Pat stated that the next meeting that has a speaker will be held on January 11, 2010. This meeting will feature Dr. Shana O. Kelly from the University of Toronto, Canada. Her talk is titled "Nanostructure-enabled electronic diagnostic devices".

Greg remarked that the first business meeting of January will fall on the second Monday of the month rather than the first due to the closeness of the New Year holiday.

Treasurer

Maria Ferguson stated that everyone (SACP members) should have gotten the August and September treasurer reports and should be getting the October treasurer's report. Maria stated that this will be a reconciliation report and people should note if checks are being cashed in a timely manner. Please email Maria if you have any treasurer related questions at ferguson@pittcon.org.

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 everyone to initial the sign-in attendance sheets if they are an SACP member. If they are not a member they should put their name on the guest sign-in sheet.

Chairman

Gregg thanked Bob and Julie Theys for the pre-Thanksgiving dinner. He also mentioned that Bob has parking stickers.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Michelle Muscatello mentioned the usefulness of Facebook and LinkedIn (more industrial oriented) for posting messages concerning SACP and SSP events and sharing information about the organizations. Michelle is a member and urged others to join-in. You may want to contact or cc Michelle if you want an event listed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Science Outreach

John Varine informed the audience of upcoming SSP and SACP teacher science workshops.

The SSP will again present its "Light, Color and Spectroscopy for Kids" workshop for Elementary/Middle School Teachers at the National Energy Technology Laboratory in South Park, PA. The date is Friday, January 15, 2010.

The SACP will again present its "Computer Software Workshop for Chemistry and Physics Teachers" at the National Energy Technology Laboratory in South Park, PA. The date is Friday, February 5, 2010

Application forms for both workshops are available on the SSP and SACP websites.

Continuing Education

Dr. Susan Zawacky, Chairman of the Continuing Education Committee, stated that on Saturday, October 24, the SACP hosted a teacher workshop on Nanotechnology at Duquesne University. An excellent program was presented by Penn State University's Center for Nanotechnology Education and Utilization (CNEU), and 17 teachers who attended were very enthusiastic about the information, the demonstration of remote use of Penn State equipment, and the hands-on preparation of gold nanoparticles, that were provided.

Employment

Joe Jolson, Chairman of the Employment Committee, presented an abbreviated version of the following report:

The Job Searching for Chemical Professionals (JSCP) and Job Searching for Chemical Technicians (JSCT) workshop kickoff planning meeting was held via conference call at 4:15 PM on Friday, October 30, 2009. Don Cescon, Hub MacDonald, Iesha Griffin, Joe Jolson, Karen Johnson, and Michelle Blanken participated.

Friday, February 5, 2010 was set for the JSCT workshop and Saturday, February 6, 2010 was set for the JSCP workshop. All agreed that the draft JSCT flyer is acceptable. The JSCP flyer, however, can't be finalized until Toby Chapman confirms that the workshop will be held in the Langley Hall conference and multipurpose rooms. This year, for the first time, we will post vacancy announcements at the JSCP job fair. We will also post the PowerPoint presentations on the SACP and SSP websites instead of providing paper handouts to the attendee. Critical items to be discussed at the next meeting include:

- 1) Confirmation of the location of the JSCP workshop.
- 2) The parking facility that JSCP workshop attendees will use and whether or not they will get parking stickers.
- 3) The location of the Langley Hall entrance to be used by JSCP workshop attendees.
- 4) Workshop advertising campaign responsibilities.
- 5) Responsibilities for contacting hiring agency representatives.
- 6) Responsibilities for working the JSCP and JSCT workshops.

The next JSCP/T planning committee meeting was scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 3, 2009 via conference call.

Carnegie Library Grant

Dr. Dick Obrycki, Chairman of the Carnegie Library Grant Committee, informed everyone that the SACP contribution to the Carnegie Library was only going for science and technology areas not the library general funding.

Tripartite Symposium { This is a written report only. It was not presented at the meeting }

Beth Thomasovic, Chairman of the Tripartite Symposium Committee, stated that “The Tripartite Symposium Committee met in October to discuss the venue, date, and topics. We are planning to have the symposium either at the end of April or the beginning of May. The venue will either be the University of Pittsburgh or Duquesne University. The two topics being considered are the Environment or Forensics.”

LIASON REPORTS

Pittsburgh Conference Presidents

No reports were presented.

SSP

Dr. Hub Macdonald, Chairman of SSP, informed everyone on Tuesday, November 17th, the 22nd Annual Faraday Lecture for friends and family will take place at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the program start at 7:30. Although not stated at the meeting, this year, Lee Marek, a Professor at the University of Illinois will be the speaker and demonstrator. The title of the presentation is *Weird Science on Energy and Fuel*. This event is open to the general public. During the day on November 17th and 18th the event is restricted to students and teachers. Maria Ferguson, Chairman of the Faraday Lecture Committee, stated that volunteers are still needed from both societies.

Hub also presented information regarding the November 18th Technology Forum and SSP technical speaker. The Technology Forum will have Dr. Gerry Getman of Biosafe Inc. speak on “An Advanced Non-Toxic Polymeric Antimicrobial for Consumer Products Including Plastics Materials, NonWoven’s and Spun Plastic Fibers”

For the Technical Program Geraldine Richmond, University of Oregon will present a talk titled "Going Nonlinear to Study Environmentally Important Processes at Surfaces".

Hub welcomed everyone to attend. He also stated that the Joint December meeting will be on the 8th at the Carnegie Science Center. SACP members will soon receive information about the December event.

ACS

Dr. Fu-Tyan Lin, Past ACS-Pittsburgh Section Chairman, introduced two other ACS speakers.

Dr. Mordecai Treblow spoke on the ACS-Pittsburgh Section awards dinner which is Thursday, November 12th. Dr. Mildred B. Perry will be posthumously receiving the 2009 *Distinguished Service Award*. Mille was a former employee of the Department of Chemistry National Energy Technology Laboratory of Pittsburgh. Millie was a past

SACP Chairman, past Pittcon® President and past ACS-Pittsburgh Section Chairman. The 2009 *Pittsburgh Award* will be presented to Theodore Cohen, Professor Emeritus, Department of Chemistry, University of Pittsburgh. The awards are to be presented at the University Club. The cost was \$40 if paid by October 25 and \$45 after that date. However, Mordecai was accepting the \$40 payment at the meeting.

Heather Juzwa spoke about the establishment of a Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) under the ACS Pittsburgh Section. The committee is for chemists or aspiring chemists 35 years and younger. Heather spoke about three upcoming events being sponsored by this committee. These would be the following:

- ❖ A resume workshop on Saturday, November 7, 2009, 11:00 am at Carnegie Mellon University, Social Room of Mellon Institute
- ❖ A talk titled "Eyes to See: Physical Evidence for Atoms" presented by Gary Patterson, Carnegie Mellon University, November 19, Social Room of Mellon Institute.
- ❖ First annual holiday party to be held at the Hofbräuhaus, 2705 South Water Street, Pittsburgh, PA on December 1 from 6 to 9 PM. This includes a 30 minute tour.

Further information about these events can be found in the *Crucible* and ACS web site.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Manny Miller acknowledged the receipt of a thank you card from the family of William Fateley for the donation to a memorial fund for bringing students to Pittcon®. Dr. Fateley was a former Pittcon® president.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Sandy Asher mentioned a shortcoming in the ACS *Crucible* publication. According to Sandy the *Crucible* has a calendar which does not list many of the technical events occurring in the Pittsburgh area. Sandy stated that he has been trying to get the seminar list expanded for over a year and a half. Sandy said that he offered to personally pay for these additional listings. He mentioned that Fu-tyan Lin was previously successful in getting the *Crucible* to have an expanded seminar list for two months. However, considering the money the societies contribute to the *Crucible* this should be on an ongoing basis. Sandy stated that he would like to hear your input or more importantly the *Crucible* can be informed directly. The *Crucible* contacts are the following:

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AJOURNMENT

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

TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

Sandy Asher introduced Dr. Chad A. Mirkin from Northwestern University. Dr. Mirkin is the *2009 SACP Pittsburgh Analytical Chemistry Award Recipient*. The title of his talk was “Nanostructures in Biology and Medicine”.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Manny Miller
SACP Secretary 2009-10