

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

TIME: September 14, 2009 7:55 PM
PLACE: Laura Falk Auditorium, Mellon Science Hall, Duquesne Univ.
ATTENDEES: SACP Members: 71
Guests: 42

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Gregg Gould, SACP Chairman, greeted and welcomed everyone and thanked Bill and Sonja Straub and Bob and Julie Theys for the wonderful dinner and arrangements. He also told the attendees to see Bob Baudoux if a parking sticker is needed. Gregg reminded everyone to initial or sign the attendance list. He then proceeded to introduce the officers of SACP and they presented their reports.

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

Chair-elect

Pat Bordell mentioned that the October 5 speaker would be James P. Landers, Ph.D. He is the professor of chemistry and mechanical engineering at the University of Virginia and the associate Professor of Pathology at the University of Virginia Health System. His talk is titled "A Generic Microfluidic Platform for Itrafast Genotyping: Sample-In/Answer-Out Capabilities That Revolutionize Clinical/Forensic Diagnostic Analysis". Pat stated that there were copies of the SACP programs available at the sign in table.

Treasurer

Maria Ferguson reminded everyone (SACP members) that they should have gotten the June and July reconciliation statements and encouraged members to cash outstanding checks. Maria stated that the new warrants are now on the web site under the membership link along with instructions. The warrant should have a letter or invoice included when submitted for payment.

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. As a second choice a written report would be acceptable. Manny also mentioned to initial the attendance sheets if you are a member or list your name on the guest sheets if you are not a SACP member. If information about SACP is requested a phone number and/or email address should be listed.

Chairman & Budget

Gregg Gould stated that the membership fees would remain at \$5.00 and a lifetime membership \$100.00. Gregg then presented the proposed budget for approval. Gregg stated that the SACP was allocated \$530,000 by the Pittsburgh Conference. Gregg went

on to say that last year there was \$550,000 worth of programs. This year it is \$545,300 which is a shortfall of \$15,300 when compared to the Pittsburgh Conference allocation. Gregg felt that the shortage could be covered by previous surpluses. Gregg requested a motion for budget approval. John Jackovitz presented the motion for approval and Adrian Michael seconded the motion. The budget was approved without further discussion.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bylaws

Bylaws Chairman, Mr. Walt Sumansky, stated that for the October meeting mailing there will be a copy of two items for the bylaws. One is a clarification and the other a completely new item. One item is in regard as to what to do with tally votes after elections. The other item concerns the confidentiality of proposals from schools. Walt wants to be informed of any objections to the proposed bylaw changes before October 1st. Walt stated that voting will be done at the October meeting. You need to be a dues-paid member in order to vote.

Membership and Directory

Chairman Mr. Dave Vanishak introduced four new SACP members. They are as follows:

Dr. Patcharin "Rin" Burke	Penn State University
Alexandra Kavoulakis	Pinnacle Foods Group, LLC
Daniel Peirish	PPG Industries
Kristy Scalise	Kiski Area High School

Teacher Computer Workshop

Dr. Hub Macdonald announced the following: In August 2009, John Varine and Hub MacDonald presented a Software Computer Workshop for 7 teachers in the Edinboro PA Intermediate Unit. The teachers received software, access to the *Journal of Chemical Education* web enabled programs for their schools and subscriptions to *the Journal of Chemical Education*. The teachers who attended rated the workshop favorably and appreciated the materials they received.

SACP Summer Internship

Hub also reported on last summer's SACP Internship. The SACP sponsored 2 summer interns at the Carnegie Science Center during the summer of 2009. The interns selected by the Science Center were:

Alexander Winschel from the University of Pittsburgh and
Michael Novak from St. Vincent College

Mr. Michael Novak reported that the internship was a "great learning experience" and helped to "solidify some general chemistry concepts" for him. He appreciated the opportunity to gain experience in teaching and public speaking. Michael thoroughly enjoyed his summer at the science center.

Continuing Education

Chairman Dr. Susan Zawacky stated that on Saturday, October 24th the Continuing Education Committee will present a Workshop on Nanotechnology for middle school and high school teachers. The workshop will be held at Duquesne University and the cost is \$15 which includes parking, materials and lunch. Presenters at this workshop will be staff from the Penn State University Center for Nanotechnology Education and

Utilization. A registration form can be obtained from the SACP web site and Valarie Daugherty will be emailing a notification flyer. The form can be returned to Valarie at the conference office.

High School & Middle School Essay Contests

Dr. Alice Chen, chairman, announced the Middle and High School Essay Contest. The application kit for the contest will be posted on the SACP web site. The topic for the middle school essay is fresh clean water. The high school topic is global warming. The deadline submission date is December 1st. Alice stated that the first place prize for the middle school is a \$600 savings bond and for the high school a \$1,000 savings bond. Each school is allowed two entries and must be sponsored by the student's teacher.

LIASON REPORTS

Pittsburgh Conference Presidents

No presidential reports, but Gregg Gould mentioned that there is a Pittcon®2010 site trip Thursday and Friday (September 17 and 18).

SSP

Hub Macdonald, Chairman of SSP, stated that the SSP meeting will be in two days. For the Technology Forum, Dr. W. Jeff Hurst- The Hershey Company, Hershey, PA will speak on "Ethnobotanical Uses of Cocoa In Mesoamerica or Take 2 Kisses and Call Me in the Morning"

Hub mentioned for the Technical Program the speaker will be Ira W. Levin, PhD who is winner of the Spectroscopy Award. Dr. Levin is the Scientific Director of Division of Intramural Research, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health. He will present a talk titled "Interlacing Basic Biophysical Research with Translational Clinical Studies: From Bench to Bedside and Back"

ACS

Dr. James Manner, Councilor – Pittsburgh Section, ACS, mentioned that at the August 2009 ACS meeting in Washington, D.C., the Pittsburgh Section received a Chemluminary Award related to National Chemistry Week (NCW) at the Carnegie Science Center (CSC) on October 24-25, 2008 (winner of national award). The reward was for "Outstanding Event for a Specific Audience" With the help from its financial partners (Including SACP and SSP), the Section reached out to underrepresented minorities to promote science education and science literacy. General admission was provided to the CSC for 1491 students and 141 chairpersons from 25 schools. A "passport" activity was developed and piloted to engage the students in the NCW various activities. Jim held up the award for the audience to see. Jim stated that Mike Mautino from the ACS deserves much credit for the award.

Dr. Fu-Tyan Lin, Past ACS-Pittsburgh Section Chairman, announced that ACS Pittsburgh Section 2009 Pittsburgh Award will be given to Dr. Theodore Cohen of Pitt Chemistry and the 2009 Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Mildred B. Perry of DOE. The award ceremonies will be held at the University Club on November 12 at 6 PM. Please see the September *Crucible* for details. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Manny Miller acknowledged the receipt of three thank you cards. These are listed as follows:

- A card from Al Sharkins thanking the members of SACP for their condolences and personal messages in honor of his brother, Raymond.
- A card from St. Cecillia Parish thanking the society for a contribution to its building fund in the memory of Dick Howe's father, Bill Howe.
- A card from the John Peace family thanking the society for the gift made to the American Kidney Fund in the memory of his father.

Bill Sharpe related a story concerning, Peter Cai, who was a former SACP College Chemistry Scholarship winner from North Allegheny High School. Peter had an untimely death in 2008 and the society decided to establish a scholarship in his memory. The scholarship is for a student at North Allegheny High School that excels in academic achievement and community service, two of Peter's main qualities. Bill further related that the SACP received a poignant letter from Peter Cai's parents in which they express their sincere thanks and appreciation to the society for establishing the scholarship.

Gregg Gould mentioned that Bill Straub was instrumental in setting up the Peter Cai Scholarship Fund.

AJOURNMENT

Gregg asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was presented by Pat Bordell and seconded by Dave Vanischak.

TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Adrian Michael introduced Dr. Thomas P. Conrads, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology & Chemical Biology, Biomedical Informatics and Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine. The title of Dr. Conrads presentation was "Application of High Resolution Mass Spectrometry for Cancer Biomarker Discovery from Tissue"

Respectfully Submitted,



Manny Miller
SACP Secretary 2009-10