
Minutes from the AGRO Division Business Meeting

Governance Meeting

Long-Range Planning Committee Meeting

Program Planning Committee Meeting

233rd ACS National Meeting – Chicago, Illinois
Sunday, March 25, 2007, 5:00 – 10:00 pm
Laura McConnell – Chair

A. Introduction – Laura McConnell, Chair

Laura called the meeting to start at 5:05 pm. She made the following announcements:

- ACS offers Leadership training workshops in 2007 - See ACS homepage.
- ACS offers Strategic Planning Training on April 27-28, 2007; contact Laura if interested.
- New ACS Strategic Plan – See ACS homepage.
- ACS offers on-line poster viewing – ACS Posters2View™ representatives in the Grand Ballroom Lobby of the Hyatt Regency to upload posters.

B. Governance Meeting

I) *Secretary's Report (Aldos Barefoot)*

Al presented the minutes of the last ACS meeting and introduced the new officers and Executive Committee members. He also informed the participants that the Annual Report was completed and submitted to ACS, the business meeting scheduled, and the Officers certified to ACS. The election results were communicated to Vice-Chair Candidates and Secretary. Barry Cross's term expired on December 31, 2006 and it was extended to December 31, 2007.

II) *Treasurer's Report (Terry Spittler)*

- We are in a recovery mode, and have been spending (investing) resources to increase our appeal and to focus our message on the right groups. This has resulted in our being over the burn rate recommended by the Finance Committee. While we are not losing ground, we are not increasing our assets to account for inflation. In 2005 we finished with total assets of \$671,285; in 2006 we closed out with \$673,335.
- The budgeting system has to be redone since it will be just one meeting/year in 2008, and forward.

III) *Councilor's Report (Joel Coats, Barry Cross)*

Barry informed the participants that:

- As of Sept 12, 2006 the Fall Meeting had attracted 15,601 registrants. M&E

recommended that there be no increase of registration fees for 2007 since the National Meeting has been consistently meeting or exceeding the financial targets.

- The special discussion item considered ways of engaging younger members throughout the society's volunteer leadership. Perhaps the most useful idea put forward is to appoint younger members to be Associate Members on Committees. The ACS Board agreed to proceed with phase one plans to arrange for a 2008 ACS/AICHE joint meeting.
- The news from M&E is that computers will be available in all meeting rooms in Chicago.
- Visa letters may now be obtained directly from OASIS. Not sure how this helps our Pan Pacific Organizers. The chem jobs situation improved somewhat in San Francisco there were 892 candidates and 165 jobs compared with Atlanta 1256 candidates and 162 openings.

Counselors at the National Meetings: since ACS pays just a part of the expenses, Laura asked if the division can pay for the difference in the reimbursement. Terry suggested a motion and the motion passed.

IV) *Membership Committee*

Daniel Stout, of EPA NC, replaced Chris Peterson few months ago.

V) *Publications Committee (Cathleen Hapeman)*

- PICOGRAM for the Chicago meeting appeared on-line in January, but went in the mail later, on February 23rd.
- In the Fall's 2007 PICOGRAM all the announcements for the 2008 Philadelphia ACS Meeting will have to be made.
- Discussions were initiated around the PICOGRAM's publication in Spring 2008. She presented three different PICOGRAM alternatives.
- **Action:** To continue to have a paper copy for the Spring, but to minimize the size/budget and to have an electronic version too.
Motion passed.