



American Chemical Society Carolina – Piedmont Section

Minutes for the September 25, 2008 meeting of the Executive Committee of the Carolina-Piedmont Section of the American Chemical Society at BASF, 4330 Chesapeake Drive, Charlotte, NC.

Attending:

Matthew Chan
Lee Kindberg
Anne Hawking
Dan Rabinovich
Marilyn Sikes
Sonia McElveen
T. Christian Grattan

Absence:

Hally Merrell
Thompson Freeman

1. Call to Order: Anne Hawking called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM. Minutes of the last Ex Meeting had been reviewed and approved prior to the meeting by the Ex. Committee via email.

Email change of note: Cliff Carlin – cmcarlin@uncc.edu
Dan Rabinovich – drabinov@uncc.edu

2. Treasurer's Report: Tom Freeman.
Anne relayed her conversations with Tom regarding the financial situation for the section. Balances for the checking account, CD (Fifth 3rd Bank), and ACS Investment account were provided. Check was written to Dale Wheeler for National Chemistry Week supplies. Check was received for Project SEED. The budget for 2008 is established. An audit inquiry was suggested for the member assisting (Kim Browning?) and Matthew relayed that an official Thank You was in the works from the National ACS for her assistance with the audit.
3. Meeting Schedule for 2008-2009:

Our request was submitted for the Azalea circuit speakers this year for January on.

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	LOCATION
Monday, October 20th	Yorke Rhodes Project SEED participants (poster)	Planetary Chemistry: Differences in the Solar System Atmospheres	Hickory Tavern
November (TBD)	TBD - Stone Award		
December 4th?	n/a	Social event for section Recognize 50 yr members	

Suggestions were also put forth for potential host sites for upcoming meetings

Local schools – Winthrop, UNCC, Wingate Agricultural Center, Johnson C Smith?
Follow up would be made to determine availability and interest.

April 2009 will be the meeting to recognize student awards for the section and May is being considered for a picnic meeting perhaps involving outdoor chemistry demonstrations.

Also requested was some type of regular time for meetings to allow members to plan ahead and increase attendance at subsequent events.

4. Elections:

In 2009, Chair will be assumed by Hallie Merrill since there is currently no Chair-Elect. Other offices up for election in 2009 include: Chair-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Councilor and Alternate Councilor.

Procedures for voting will be reviewed based on changes to By-laws. Possible on-line voting will be considered in the future along with or in lieu of mail-in-ballots.

5. ACS & Local Section Bylaws:

The membership classification has been changed and is up for a vote. Primary change involves a change in student affiliate members to student members where these students would be members of ACS. The upcoming questions deal with the role these members may play in the local section. Can they hold office? Once the vote occurs with national a review of the section by-laws will address this issue for Carolina-Piedmont section.

6. Newsletter:

Will also addressed a potential change to the section newsletter distribution. We will utilized a hard copy voting this election year and remind members to update their online contact information for subsequent years will likely involve a change to online voting and communication. We also need to make certain that the local section newsletter is not being spammed out for members. A few members address concerns over not receiving a September newsletter, it is

unclear if one was sent. An effort to draw attention to the section website will continue now that it is being kept update by Cliff Calloway.

7. Website:

Cliff Calloway has done an excellent job keeping the section website up-to-date. We now need to make certain members are aware of the site so that it may be used for information posting more effectively.

8. Councilors:

Matthew and Marilyn reported that the major work at the National meeting involved the membership change that will be coming up for a vote soon.

9. Committees:

Earth Day (April 22nd) - Sonia described as a learning experience. Indian Trail was a small turnout, Stallings had a lot of kids. Would like to continue for upcoming year but start earlier on preparation and organization of the event. More involvement from the membership in the section would only enhance the impact. Next year's theme is already established. A point was also made to use email to announce the Community Service opportunities in the area and acknowledge member participation in these events. We may be able to add pictures as well on the website recognizing these contribution to community service from the section.

Project SEED –Dan Rabinovich said that four high school students from Charlotte area participated and was overall very successful. Funding added up to \$2500 per student coming from SEED, UNCC and the local section. These students will be presenting posters of their work at the October section meeting. Their reports were sent to the SEED office and these students are expressing strong interest in following up with chemistry/science majors in college. They will renew this effort for another four students this coming year due to the success.

An attempt to call more attention to the success of the program was suggested involving entrance of these students into the local science fair. This may lead to opportunities attending State or National events that may lead to a full college scholarship for these promising students. Publicity would also be good for the students, program and section so contacts with the Charlotte Post, Charlotte Observer and CMS will be followed up.

National Chemistry Week – Dale Wheeler headed up efforts for September meeting at App State but cancelled due to poor response from the membership. A suggestion was made to expand these activities across the section in 2009 to increase involvement and outreach. Creating a committee to address this expansion was also brought up.

10. Annual Report:

Tabled until January meeting

11. Other/New Business:

50 year members will be invited and recognized at the December meeting which was planned as a social event. Invitations will follow once the date is firmed up for these members and a guest.

York, SC has been included in the Carolina-Piedmont section (approx. 24 members). A welcome email with information on the website was suggested to include them in upcoming events.

CEM has asked to advertise J Michael Collins award program on the website. They are located in Matthews, NC. This was approved.

Charlotte Area Science Network announcements of upcoming events (www.charlottescience.org)

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Science Café meetings are scheduled, one a month, at Discovery Place
Charlotte Biotechnology Conference being held at UNCC October 28th

Next Executive Board meeting scheduled for Thursday January 8th, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.