

## **Minutes of the Indiana Section of the American Chemical Society- FINAL**

**August 14, 2018**

**In attendance:** Tamiko Porter, Fredirique Deiss, Beth Lorsbach, Linda Osborn, Kathy Stickney, Gregory Smith, Mark Pobanz, Norm Sesi, John Rohanna, Maria Alvim Gaston, Randy Pryor, Matt Gardlik, Abraham, Hentz, Brent Reschke, Emmanuel Kwakye, Paul Morgan, Brian Mathis, Tom Xiao, Dipti Raghunandan, Ann Cutler, by phone: Anne Wilson, Chris Budurow

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 pm.

Introductions were made. A welcome slide was included for Dr. Debra Feakes, now Dean of the Shaheen College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Indianapolis. Dr. Feakes was ill and could not attend.

**Allison Campbell:** The group discussed potential itinerary items for the upcoming visit by Allison Campbell, Past President of the ACS and leader of the ACS advocacy program. Dr. Campbell will arrive in Indy the evening of Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, attend Celebrate Science Indiana 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday (during which she will preside over an Olympian's welcome for Andrew Wu, who won a gold medal in the recent International Chemistry Olympiad, and Dr. Campbell will lead a scheduled chemistry demonstration at the Celebrate Science ACS booth.

The group identified individuals who will join Dr. Campbell at dinner that evening. Discussion was also entered about providing Dr. Campbell with fellow participants for a Saturday morning bike ride of the area. Brian Mathes will contact the president of the Central Indiana Bike-Riders Association who is a chemist at Lilly. Dr. Campbell will direct a workshop on effective advocacy on Sunday afternoon at The Center. Linda Osborn will connect with potential participants and will oversee RSVP's for this program. The program has been a success at ACS meetings, and this will be the first time it has been presented for a local section. Feedback on efficacy of the workshop in this form is requested.

**Central Regional Meeting:** The local section will sponsor the ACS National Meeting in 2023 and in 2032. Lydia Hines of the Great Lakes section has connected with us to investigate a possible collaboration between Great Lakes, Purdue, and the Indiana Section to sponsor a Central Regional Meeting (CERM) in 2027 in Indianapolis. The group discussed the potential of this endeavor to develop new leadership for the 20132 national meeting, and to boost local membership in the ACS. The group voted to continue discussions about this opportunity.

**Treasurer's Report:** We celebrated the recent \$10k support funding from Corteva (formerly DAS). Paul Morgan reported that this sponsorship places us overall in the black for the year so far, with many lines still open. The overall budget looks good. Outstanding issues of deposits center on the IPG (Innovative Project Grant, \$3500) and a sponsorship from Lilly. Tom Xiao indicated that a change in personnel at Lilly was complicating the approval process for the funding from Lilly. He will continue to work with this group to identify the means by which we can continue this important sponsorship.

**Cheese Event:** Maria Alvim Gaston spoke about the upcoming Chemistry of Cheese event. The venue is ready to go and is quite lovely. The event is likely to be within budget. The presentation will include wine and cheese, and will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 9 pm at 5445 S. East Street. More information is forthcoming.

**Membership:** We are currently at 1202 members for the section. This is low point in recent history. Discussion was shared about the popular blanket incentives given to members who recruit a new member (and that many of us give the blanket to the new member).

**Ignite Your Superpower:** This event will take place September 10<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by Women of High Tech. Maria has made important connections to this group, and will work with them for this event.

**National Chemistry Week:** This event, held November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Children's Museum, will be led this year by Tom and Belgin. Former volunteers will be recruited and a call for background checks is forthcoming. Particular note was made of the coincidence of this event with the marathon in town, and folks were strongly urged to get there early (7:45) to find parking and to avoid changes in traffic due to the marathon. Tom provided details about deadlines via email: September 5<sup>th</sup>- email Booth leaders regarding details of the NCW event. October 3<sup>rd</sup>- Marcy needs all the event descriptions. October 10<sup>th</sup>- Need all the volunteer names (actual date is Oct 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Poetry Contest:** Linda Osborn called for 10 volunteers to assist with judging for the poetry contest that coincides with NCW. Linda collected a long list of eager names.

**ABRCMS:** The Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students is meeting in Indianapolis in November of this year. We have filed an IPG to support an event at this program, but have not yet heard news concerning the outcome of our IPG application nor about our abstract submitted to the conference in conjunction with the grant. However, the group engaged in a lively discussion and an active round of voting on the choices of chocolate bars we will buy to provide for participants at this program. The sculpted bar, featuring an Indy car, won over the traditional bar with gold and silver printing of Indy's skyline.

**Accelerator:** A list of anticipated articles was presented to the assembled. No items were disputed, although Maria Alvim Gaston noted that the due date of her report on the Chemistry and Cheese event was prior to the actual event. Julie will be contacted and due dates negotiated.

**ACS Fellow Nominations:** The group unanimously supported the nomination of Beth Lorsbach for ACS Fellow for 2019. Tamiko Porter, as then Chair of the section, will lead nomination efforts. Brian Mathes has accepted a future nomination by the Indiana Section for ACS Fellow.

**Walk-Up Items:** Brian Mathes has modified the schedule for his chemistry outreach presentations at the Children's Museum. He was formerly presenting these once a month, but has found that presenting during natural breaks in the public school calendar is more effective. He is calling for others to participate in the afternoon sessions, and several members volunteered. Tamiko Porter recommended that he use Sign Up Genius to schedule volunteers, and several members in academia asked if chemistry students could support this work, and Brian responded in the affirmative.

Brian Mathes noted that the Chemistry of Distilling event would occur in late October or early November of this year.

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimously passed motion at approximately 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ann R. Cutler