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Executive Committee Meeting's Minutes

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Date: 03/20/2021

Time: 10:00-11:30 am

Location: *To be held digitally using Zoom Meeting*

Zoom link: *Redacted*

Attendees: Duy Le, Denisia Popolan-Vaida, Darlene Slattery, Van Quach, Laura Sessions, Michel Johnson, Pavithra Pathirathna, DK Weerasinghe

Minutes:

- Approve Feb 2021 Minutes
 - Darlene-made motion and Denisia-seconded. All were favor of approving the minutes
- Update from Councilor (Darlene)
 - Attending the virtual national meeting this spring is attractive regardless of whether we are doing a presentation in light of the reduced registration fee.
 - . The ACS council meeting is next Wednesday; she will supply a synopsis afterward.
- Update from Treasurer (Van)
 - Van reported that the budget hasn't changed.
 - Van contacted the National ACS to help them locate the local section's annual report which was submitted before the deadline. National ACS erroneously believed the local section failed to submit a report. Van corrected their mistake.
 - Duy confirmed that he also received a response from the National ACS, mentioning that they solved it.
- Update from Chair (Duy)
 - Earthday at Lake Eola:
 - Titel Jurca reports that two UCF faculty, several student volunteers, UCF student chapter, and faculty from local colleges are interested in participating in the event.
 - Duy attended the CCEW Coordinator meeting on February 23 and discussed organizing the meeting online (nothing significantly important).
 - 2021 CCEW Illustrated Poem Contest;
 - Duy contacted all seven counties' superintendents, school boards, or county's contact form (or all). Responses from three counties (Lake, Orange, Brevard)

were received, and a spike in the number of web site access was seen (1004 hits on the flyer)

- USNCO

Update from Mary Roslonowski: She will coordinate the exam for 35 students from 8 different high schools taking the online exam on March 27.

- Duy mentioned that the proposal written for UCF/FIT was received, and \$250 was approved.
- National Chemistry Week:

Duy contacted Orlando Science Center to establish the point of contact; thus, Denisia can take over. Denisia will follow up with them about the event.

- Plan for “after” COVID
 - Darlene suggested to have in-person events after the infection numbers go down or at least not before the Fall. The local section could plan and organize virtual seminar series and annual banquet + anniversary celebration in the meantime.
- Plan for utilizing additional funding allocation.
 - Laura suggested bringing an outside speaker and pay for the annual banquet is a good target.
 - Michel suggested having a chemist from the private sector and compensating for their meal may increase the industrial sector's involvement and attendance in the event.
 - Laura suggested having an entrepreneur event.
 - Darlene mentioned that this additional funding doesn't need to be spent this year.
- Student chapters: potential activities/opportunities.
 - Duy suggested it is better to have a clear plan with student chapters before inviting them to attend our meetings.
 - Michel suggested asking them to report on the status of their activities, student life, and whether they seek extra mentorship would be a starting point.
 - Darlene suggested inviting the president of each student chapter, thinking of them as the unofficial members of the executive committee, asking them to give a short report on their activities would be good.
 - Laura suggested having them as volunteers to plan for Earth Day and NCW.
 - Duy will draft a sample invitation email and circulate it.
- Entrepreneur/ Employer award (Michel)
 - Michel explained that the Entrepreneur/ Employer Award would recognize chemists, chemical engineers, business people, self-employed consultants, and researchers involved in translational science commercialization through their



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- institution's incubator as they are aiming to expand the chemical enterprise in the private sector.
- He also mentioned this award would recognize companies led by chemists and the companies that employ chemists to deliver product or services outside of the chemical enterprise but require chemistry in the manufacturing process as these entities enable to earn a livelihood in Central Florida.
 - Michel confirmed private contractors work for government bodies such as NASA and USDA would also qualify for this award.
 - The award will be named as Outstanding Entrepreneur/ Employer Award.
 - Michel elaborated a discussion on how to identify/recruit candidates for the award and suggested LinkedIn may be a good place to start.
 - DK agreed to post the award announcement on LinkedIn.
 - Michel will share information about the companies with DK; thus, DK can follow up on LinkedIn.
 - Denisia suggested posting the selection criteria together with the award announcement.
 - Michel confirmed the criteria wouldn't change every year; instead, we will have a group of criteria.
 - Michel suggested having an employer/entrepreneur event may be a good idea to pass the message to get nominations.
 - Michel will submit a brief description to post on the website soon and ask for a list of selection criteria and discuss it over the next month.
 - Michel suggested every one of us try seeking information from private sector individuals to share with us professional article or press release pertaining to the chemistry done in their industry.
- Description of each annual award
 - Darlene will start making the drafts for the other awards, and Laura will help with the process.
 - Darlene will include the historical story for the description of The Eileen Tulley Award for Outstanding High School Student.
 - Darlene will assemble the list of awards before 2000.
 - Next meeting: 10.00AM-11.30AM on 04/17/2021 (and Every third Saturday of each Month)
 - Meeting Adjourned at 11.20 AM.