

**Date:** 05/15/2021

**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 April 2021 Minutes
  - Darlene suggested changing initials before publishing them on the website.
  - Darlene made a motion, and Denisia-seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes.
  
- Update from Councilor (Darlene)
  - The ACS Fall meeting in August in Atlanta will be a hybrid meeting.
  - The Division on Health and Safety will be hosting a virtual workshop titled "Empowering academic researchers to strengthen safety culture" on Saturday, June 5th, from 2-6; the registration fee is \$25.
  - Darlene will send the link to Michel, and Michel will post it on Facebook.
  
- Update from Treasurer (Van)
  - No changes to the budget.
  
- Update from Chair (Duy)
  - 2021 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad: One student is going to the second round.
  - 2021 CCEW Illustrated Poem Contest: Although there were 250+ hits on our website, no submission was received. Duy will have a meeting with ACS to know how many submissions they received in total.
  - Earth day at Lake Eola: A large number of attendees visited the stall.
  
- Description/criteria for annual wards
  - Darlene suggested having a shorter description for the awards when solicitations are being sent and direct people to the website for more details.

- Laura will work on polishing the writing of the descriptions.
- National Chemistry week's event:
  - Denisia will follow up with individuals to get information about a potential space that we will be receiving at OSC.
  - Duy suggested having a similar event to Earth Day at the Florida Vegetarian Festival (Oct 23rd, 2021, at Orlando festival park) as a backup plan and will send a reminder when registration is open.
  - Darlene suggested having an online contest.
  - DK suggested having an event that fits the younger crowd better.
- Actions following student chapters' discussion.
  - Michel suggested that in the event of no updates received from student chapters, faculty work at those universities could still provide information; thus, he can post it on Facebook.
  - Duy will send invitations to students who are interested in communicating science to participate in the communication team.
- Industrial/ scientific field trip:
  - Denisia mentioned that many companies are interested in initiating field trips and to move forward with forming a list of companies and contacting them about possibilities.
  - Michel commented on the need for a volunteer who can organize the event.
  - DK suggested making the connection through a sales agent would be better.
  - Darlene suggested small start-up companies may be more agreeable to hosting us compared to big companies. (Example: Richard Blair's Start-up company in Orlando).
- Inviting people from industries to give short presentation

- Duy's idea was to allocate 20 min for from executive meeting time to host an industrial representative.
  - Michel suggested having this as a meet and greet event where 10 mins are allocated to the industrial representative to give a short talk, 5 min to ask questions, and another 5 min for exchange of ideas.
  - Michel is also going to suggest having a similar event during SERMACS meetings to attract more industrial people and sponsorships.
  - Darlene asked what made them talk to the smaller group rather than to a larger group? Michel's explained that this might be the best way to build the relationship between the industrial section in an attempt to identify what we can do for them and what they can offer to us (as of now).
  - Laura suggested moving forward with this event to establish the network.
  - Michel will draft some talking points, including an introduction letter to these entrepreneurs, the purpose of the meeting, what we can offer, what they can offer, and share with the group.
- Miscellany.
    - Michel will send the group a link to short videos on chemistry produced by Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation to seek our opinion on these videos (whether useful or not).
  - Meeting adjourned at 11.00AM
  - Next meeting: 10.00AM-11.30AM on 06/19/2021 (and Every third Saturday of each Month)