

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: 07/17/2021

Time: 10:00-11:30 am

Location: *To be held digitally using Zoom Meeting*

Zoom link: *Redacted*

Attendees: Duy Le, Darlene Slattery, Van Quach, Laura Sessions, Michel Johnson, Pavithra Pathirathna, Christopher Chouinard, DK Weerasinghe

Minutes:

- Approve June 2021 Minutes
 - Darlene made a motion, and Chris seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes.
- Update from Councilor (Darlene)
 - No special update; Moving forward towards the hybrid meeting.
- Update from Treasurer (Van)
 - No special update.
- Update from President (Duy)
 - Travel award descriptions were sent out, and responses were received from UCF and FIT stating that the message was distributed among faculty.
- Descriptions and Selection criteria for annual awards
 - Few changes were made as follows.
 - **Outstanding Graduate at a Primarily Research Institution:**
The description was changed to include all graduate students doing research in "chemistry or related fields."
 - **Outstanding Chemist:**
Darlene and Michel suggested rewording the description as, "...who has excelled in the field" (instead of "excelled in research") to include chemists who are not doing a lot of research, but good chemists.
 - **Outstanding Chemistry Professional**
The sentence "Members and non-members of the American Chemical Society are eligible" was removed since it was already mentioned at the beginning of the document.

- **Outstanding Entrepreneur/Employer Award**
The sentence "Members and non-members of the American Chemical Society are eligible" was removed.
- **Outstanding Volunteer**
Chris and Darlene suggested that this award may not be awarded every year, and the selection should be made by the executive committee.
Laura suggested rewording the award description and have it there together with other award descriptions may be better (whether it was awarded or not).
The description was changed to " The Outstanding Volunteer chosen by the executive committee recognizes...".
- Duy made a motion to approve the amended descriptions, and Darlene seconded the motion. All in favor of approving the changes.
- National Chemistry Week
 - Duy mentioned that Denisia was able to get Orlando Science Center reserved, and she will update us more about this in the next meeting.
- Upcoming election
 - Laura mentioned she is happy to serve as however the committee is needed.
 - Chris also mentioned he is also willing to come back as chair-elect if no other nominees are found.
 - The rest of the discussion was moved to the next meeting.
- Miscellany
 - Darlene mentioned that we got six new members, and there are quite a few transfers, probably due to seasonal changes (for example, snowbirds are returning to their homes after winter). She suggested that it is better to contact our new members via a short welcoming email stating information about the website, committee meetings, etc.
 - She also mentioned that we should start thinking about some activities to recognize and celebrate our 30th anniversary. One excellent suggestion she had was to contact some of the early high school award winners and see whether we could invite them to our banquet.
- Meeting Adjourned at 10.35 AM.
- Next meeting: 10.00AM-11.30AM on **08/28/2021**