

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: 10/08/2022

Time: 9:00-10:30 am

Location: *Held digitally using Zoom Meeting*

Attendees: Denisia Popolan-Vaida, Duy Le, Darlene Slattery, Laura Sessions, Pavithra Pathirathna, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Van Quach, D K Weerasinghe, Muzammil (Mill) Mohammed, Noel Manning, Amanda Ritz, Noelle Watson

Minutes:

- Approve July and September 2022 Minutes
 - Darlene made a motion, and Nicole seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes.
- Update from Councilor (Darlene)
 - Encouraged everyone to vote for the national officers.
- Update from Treasurer (Van)
 - Redacted!
- Update from Chair (Denisia)
 - The WCC check still needs to be received.
- Election committee updates (Laura)
 - Found candidates for each of the positions, bio sketches will be obtained next week, and the ballots will be prepared accordingly.
- Awards committee updates (Darlene)
 - Duy will change the deadline on the website.
 - Darlene contacted all science coordinators of each county right before hurricane Ian and will send reminders again.
 - Duy suggested sending another reminder email a week before the deadline.
- National Chemistry Week update (Denisia)
 - The list of names of volunteers was sent to Orlando Science Center.
 - The list of experiments still needs to be finalized.
 - A meeting will be held with all volunteers on the following Tuesday, where experiments will be distributed.
 - Only Large-sized t-shirts are available for volunteers, and small sizes need to be ordered for the next year (preferably from the same company).

- Poem Contest (Duy)
 - No entries have been received yet.
 - Denisia will email her contacts, reminding the deadline (October 13).
- Annual banquet (Darlene)
 - A group of places (Bigfin, Blue on the avenue, and 310 Lakeside) was contacted to have the banquet on December 3. Except for 320 Lakeside, the other two are available on December 3. Bigfin's proposal was \$50 (with a discount) per person, which was rejected due to its high price.
 - Darlene will reserve the blue on the avenue.
 - Van won't be able to attend the event.
- SERMAC update. *Please note that no decision regarding SERMAC will be made in our executive meeting. The update is meant to keep the executive committee members informed and let them know if help is needed.*
 - Chris will be attending the meeting in two weeks.
 - Darlene notified SERMACS that Chris would represent us and that they would cover Chri's registration fee.
- YCC
 - The executive board members introduced themselves; Mill (Chair), Amanda (Secretary), Noel (Treasurer), and Noelle.
 - An industrial team was formed to build and improve networking between industries. The team is planning to hold some virtual events with some industries. Denisia suggested contacting industries through LinkedIn.
 - YCC found an industrial person working at Pfizer to deliver a talk in the future.
 - A communication team was formed to improve visibility.
 - The committee is looking to apply for the local section's innovative project grant and seeking help from the Orlando section. Duy suggested sending a proposal draft to help them finalize it.
 - Darlene suggested using the money allotted for the YCC (\$1000) when needed.
 - Because now that YCC has volunteers not only from the Orlando area (for example, from FSU), it was asked whether it's possible to rebrand the YCC name to cover a wide geographical area.
 - Darlene suggested that is something to investigate further, mainly because YCC is a subset of the local section.
 - Duy suggested contacting the person in charge of YCC to get more info.

- Mill suggested it'd be great to update them about local conferences; thus, they can participate and increase their number of members.
- Meeting adjourned at 10.00 AM.
- Next meeting: 9.00AM-10.30AM on **11/12/2022**