Executive Committee Meeting

Date: 05/13/2023
Time: 9:00-10:30 am
Location: To be held digitally using Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Van Quach, Stephen Smith, D K Weerasinghe, Denisia Popolan-Vaida, Laura Sessions, Pavithra Pathirathna, Chris Avery

Minutes:

- Approve minutes from April 2023 minutes.
  - Denisia made a motion to approve the minutes. Laura seconded. All were in favor of approving the minutes.

- Update from Alternate Councilor (Laura)
  - Two requests were received from two undergraduate students from UCF to travel for the FAME conference, and those two requests were approved.
  - Laura suggested re-writing the criteria for approving these travel awards for the future.

- Update from Treasurer (Van)
  - Poem contest -paid
  - Local section due -received from National
  - Science Olympiad - paid for chemicals, and food for students

- Summer Social Event
  - Laura motioned to have Macaroni Grill as the venue for the summer social and charged $25 from an attendee, and the section subsidizes the rest. Denisia seconded the motion. All in favor of approving the motion.
  - Denisia had received the plaque for Orlando Science Center and suggested recognizing them at the summer social.
  - Laura suggested presenting senior member awards at the annual banquet rather than the summer social. The discussion wasn’t carried further.
  - Laura will contact the Macaroni Grill, confirm the speaker, and update Nicole.
• 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 C.)
  
  o Chris Avery and Chris Chouinard contacted ACS National regarding the location for the SERMACS meeting and working on the fundraising.

• Update From Luke (via email)
  
  o LSAC met last week to continue building the Local Section Toolbox and will be updating the website with a streamlined approach to help local sections access materials easier for local section officers. Any thoughts, needs, or inputs on the Toolbox are welcome.
  
  o He will present the "Finding your Pathway" workshop at FAME on June 1st as part of the ACS Career Consultant program. This is a great FREE workshop ACS has on working opportunities after graduation, and students are encouraged to attend.
  
  o He was asked to be the thematic co-host for the national meeting in DC 2025. It was suggested to send any ideas and the names of potential Government speakers to present a keynote address to Luke.

• Meeting adjourned at 9.30 AM.

• Next meeting: 9.00AM-10.30AM on 06/10/2023