

Date: 03/23/24

Time: 9:30-10:30 am

Location: *To be held digitally using Zoom Meeting*



Attendees: Van Quach, Darlene Slattery, Stephen Smith, D K Weerasinghe, Laura Sessions, Pavithra Pathirathna, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Michel Johnson, Denisia Polan-Vaida, Brian Mosby, Duy Le

Minutes:

- Approve minutes from February 2024.
 - Darlene made a motion to approve minutes, and Nicole seconded. All were in favor of approving minutes.
- Update from Councilor (Darlene)
 - National meeting had 14,000 attendees
 - Council elected Laura Sremaniak and Rigoberto Hernandez to be the candidates for President-Elect
 - Council voted to accept the Schedule of Dues and Benefits for 2025, holding the dues at the current \$180 for Premium package and \$80 for Standard package
 - Noted that there had been a request from Luke Roberson for the formal support of the local section towards his nomination as an ACS Fellow. No action necessary at this time.
- Update from Councilor (Laura)
 - Report from Budget and Finance of ACS net for year of \$69M
 - ACS rolling out a Life Sciences Program (database)
 - Laura urged Chair to send out a communication to Orlando Section membership
 - Darlene suggested reviewing Officer Insights to find information for inclusion in communications to the members of the local section
 - Suggested having a summer Social, perhaps the boat ride out of Sanford on the St John's river

Update from Alternate Councilor (Michel)

- Reported on the webinar about using Social Media in your Local Section. Also noted there is an upcoming one on Involving Industry in Local Section (April 17th)
- Strategic Plan has been updated and is awaiting input from members. Discussed the local section's facebook group as a viable platform to receive the input/feedback
- Update from treasurer (Van)
 - Expenditures included reimbursement for Leadership Conference for Brian and money for Earth Day registration
 - Allotment has been received, along with dues from last portion of year (may be a double payment on dues)
 - Donations received from four state sections for the Avogadro award
- Update from Chair (Stephen)
 - The bylaws have been sent to National for review. Awaiting input.
 - Have not heard from FAME regarding Orlando support. Darlene volunteered to reach out to Florida Councilor to ask if it is desired
 - Section is registered for Earth Day. Discussion of activities to be included.
 - Duy requested funding to purchase magazines to be sent to local libraries. Darlene so moved and Nicole seconded. Motion passed.
 - Chair questioned need for Professional Relations Chair. Darlene noted that Section has never had one. She also volunteered to investigate if training is still available for such a Chair.
 - Duy noted that Chair (as Earth Day Chair) should request free items from National to be used at event.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.