

Date: 04/13/2024

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 March 2024 minutes.
 - Nicole made a motion to approve minutes, and Van seconded. All were in favor of approving minutes.
- Update from Councilor (Darlene)
 - Darlene suggested making the shared Google Drive available to those who may need it, including executive members and other relevant parties such as the award committee chair.
 - Darlene and DK attended the Avogadro event. She contacted the winner's teacher to obtain his picture and secure permission from the parents to feature it on the website and distribute it to other sections that contributed to the award.
 - She suggested that each of us write a paragraph detailing our involvement in different instances to facilitate the finalization of the newsletter.
 - Darlene motioned to approve the section's payment for Duy to attend FAME for one night, covering registration and other costs, with the understanding that additional nights may be requested if necessary. Nicole seconded the motion, and all members voted in favor of its approval.
 - Darlene will reach out to Chris to inquire about promotional items for FAME and will also coordinate with Duy to provide him with some magnets.
- Update from Councilor (Laura)
 - Darlene motioned to hold our summer social, preferably in June, as a Sunday brunch on the St. Johns cruise, Stanford. Nicole seconded the motion, and all members were in favor of approving the motion.

- Laura will contact the cruise company to gather more information regarding the event.
- Update from Alternate Councilor (Michel)
 - Michel posted the announcement about student travel awards.
 - Initiated linking the section's Facebook page with other professional pages such as the ACS Professional Teachers Association page to maximize our presence within the chemical enterprise.
 - Michel will resend the link where members can add their inputs regarding the strategic plan.
- Update from Treasurer (Van)
 - FAME was sponsored.
 - Darlene and Laura's trips for National ACS will be reimbursed.
 - National ACS overpaid the section, and Van reimbursed it.
 - Darlene volunteered to send a check to cover Mary's due.
- Update from Chair (Stephen)
 - Stephen suggested distributing the announcement about the Travel Award to faculty, and students.
 - Darlene shared that she had already sent out the announcement to student members and suggested that, regarding the award, preference should be given to student members over non-members.
 - Darlene will send out the announcement to Duy to have it posted on the website.
 - It was noted that giveaway items, newsletters from ACS, a tent, etc., are prepared for the Earth Day celebration on April 20th at Lake Eola Park.
 - Duy will send out an email to the membership regarding the Earth Day event.
- Miscellaneous
 - It was decided that the deadline for applying for the travel award for the National ACS will be July 1st.

- Pavi will follow up with the By-law person to ensure readiness for distribution to the membership.
- It was suggested to organize a Fall social event along with a student poster session, potentially to be held at a bar or open space, featuring a potential industrial speaker.
- Once the date for the Fall social event is finalized, Michel will initially contact PureCycles to secure a potential speaker. In the event PureCycles is unavailable, he will then reach out to Bill Easter, and so forth.
- Meeting adjourned at 10. 30 AM.