

Date: 09/21/2024

Time: 11:45AM-12:20 PM

Location: Valencia College Lake Nona Campus room 148
12350 Narcoossee Rd., Orlando, FL 32832

Attendees: Van Quach, Darlene Slattery, Laura Sessions, Denisia Popolan-Vaida, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Duy Le, Michel Johnson, Brian Mosby, and Stephen Smith

Minutes:

- Approve minutes from the August 10th , 2024 ACS-Orlando Executive Committee Meeting
 - Darlene made a motion to approve the minutes, and Nicole seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Update from Councilor (Darlene)
 - Darlene noted the upcoming ACS National Elections and highlighted the significance of both reviewing each candidate and voting accordingly.
 - Seven (7) undergraduate students in attendance for both the seminar event and the executive committee meeting were sponsored for ACS student memberships via individual donations from both Darlene Slattery and Michel Johnson.
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- Update from Councilor (Laura)
 - Announced Fall 2024 ACS Councilor Highlights for General Members.
 - The Committee on Younger Chemists offering a dues discount of 50% for new ACS members through September in honor of their 50th anniversary.
 - The ACS Board of Directors approved advance member registration fees of \$549 and \$249 for in-person and virtual attendees, respectively, for both the Spring 2025 and Fall 2025 National meetings.
 - The utilization of the Arthur C. Cope Fund was revised via approval by the ACS Board of Directors to include a two-year postdoctoral fellowship program supporting Ph.D. candidates or postdoctoral researchers within their first two years of pursuing postdoctoral research in organic chemistry with support of up to \$85,000 per year for two years beginning in 2025.
 - The ACS Council approved the formal name change of the *Committee on Technician Affairs* (CTA) to be amended to the *Committee on Chemical Technical Professionals* (CTP) to better recognize the diverse variety of positions titles used in the broader chemical enterprise.

- Academic Professional Guidelines were approved as amended by the ACS Council to reflect both shared responsibility and accountability between academic institutions, faculty, and other mentors in fostering a safe environment in accordance with the Chemical Professional's Code of Conduct. Details of this revision are available on the national website <https://www.acs.org/careers/career-services/ethics/academic-professional-guidelines.html>
- The petition for Global Representation on Council was amended on the Council floor and approved to allow for the creation of Global Electoral Zones which will permit the election of Councilors by ACS members living outside the territories of existing Local Sections.
- The ACS Council approved charters for creation of *Bangladesh, East and Northeast India*, and *West India* International Chemical Sciences Chapters, subject to approval by the ACS Board of Directors.
- ACS Fall 2024 Meeting attendance information was reported to have had 10,245 in-person and 1,324 online registrations as of August 22, 2024.
- Update from Treasurer (Van)
 - ACS-Orlando loaned SERMACS 2025 [REDACTED] for website contractor
 - Reimbursements were processed for councilor travel ([REDACTED])
 - A donation of [REDACTED] was awarded to 2nd Harvest Food Bank on behalf of guest speaker Bill Easter
- Update from Chair-elect (Brian)
 - The announcement for officer nominations has been updated for the coming election cycle
- Miscellaneous
 - Laura's motion to allocate \$1000 for the purchase of new ACS-Orlando shirts to use during the upcoming NCW event and other local section activities was seconded by Nicole and passed unanimously.
 - Nasri announced the call for award nominations. The ACS-Orlando 2024 Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday December 7th (time and location TBD)
 - A deadline of late October was discussed for entries in the NCW poem contest. Award amounts for the contest will be \$100 and \$50 for the teachers and students, respectively, with four (4) total categories.
 - Darlene's motion to increase the NCW event budget from \$375 to \$500 to support student demos was seconded by Laura and approved unanimously.
 - Nicole's motion to allocate \$200 to support the distribution of ACS magazines (both English and Spanish translations) in local library systems was seconded by Darlene and approved unanimously.

- Michel announced invitations for the nomination of employer awards.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.