

## ACS Orlando Section Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Meeting called by Brian Mosby

Meeting Attendees: Brian Mosby, DK, Darlene, Laura Sessions, Van Quach, Stephen Smith, Denisia Popolan-Vaida, Toufiq Reza, Duy Le, Meghan McGreal

- Brian Called meeting to order
- Brian made a motion to approve minutes from November 9th, 2024, approved
- Brian made a motion to approve minutes from January 18, 2025, approved with following change
  - Laura made a motion to add specific amounts to graduate and undergraduate award (\$████ per award per fall and spring meeting) - Approved
- Updates from Executive Committee's members
  - Councilor – Darlene
    - Met with publisher from C&EN news – once a month beginning in August, make sure gets added to website and Facebook page to inform members
  - Councilor – Laura
    - Ask: Michel serving as FB/social media poster, Meghan will take on social media posting since Michel is doing SERMACs
  - Treasurer – Van
    - █████ mailing certificates and stamps
    - 2 travel awards given
    - █████ from southern section for Avogadro award, two more sections voting on donations for award
  - Chair – Brian
- Appointment of committees
  - Awards – Laura Sessions
  - National Chemistry Week -Denisia Popolan-Vaida
  - Earth day – Stephen Smith
  - Webmaster - Duy Le
  - Chemistry Olympiad - Mary Roslonowski
  - YCC – forward names of interested students to Brian
- YCC Engagement – some kind of in person event to get people in the same room to get to know each other to get some momentum, Toufiq, Meghan, and Brian have students interested
  - Normally had general meet ups, maybe had a speaker, had social hours, had online seminars via zoom during covid, had some events at FAME, wrote a few reports
  - Brian try to get some people to talk about career pathways, etc. Propose something more concrete
  - Meghan proposed doing some kind of front porch event like the Indianapolis National Meeting
- Awards Procedures and Committee - Laura
  - Ask to approve timeline from the exec committee
  - 2 travel awards given for █████ each – grad at UCF, undergrad chem engineer FIT

- Make motion to add more grant money for SERMACs when registration is posted
- Awards chair would recruit committee members and propose committee to be approved. This year, Laura recruited:
  - Darlene and DK
  - Yulia at UCF
  - Pavi from FIT
  - Laura as Chair
- Award acceptances will be sent out for annual awards by October 31<sup>st</sup> to communicate with awardees the information about attending the banquet.
- Darlene made a motion to approve award timeline established, motion approved
- Local Section Sign for events for National Chemistry Week, rollup banner, probably less than \$150, add sign to minutes each month to keep track of where banner is or make google drive sign in document suggested by Denisia
  - Darlene made a motion to get new banner as suggested by Laura, motion approved
- Chemists Celebrate Earth Week – in April 18<sup>th</sup> at Lake Eola Park
  - Stephen – everything set up for location, getting announcement circulated
  - Poem Contest
    - Darlene made a motion to support poem contest again this year, motion approved
  - Magazine Distribution –
    - 5 bundles in English, 3 bundles in Spanish free as coordinator
    - Not yet available for 2025, will be available after spring meeting
    - Projection of cost based on prior year
    - Duy need 2500-3000 copies, cost additional [REDACTED] for shipping for last couple years
    - Darlene made a motion to approve [REDACTED] to purchase magazines to distribute to the libraries, motion approved
  - Earth Day Event
  - Need volunteers for event for any amount of time
  - Chemistry of Glaciers event theme, **Glaciers: Hot Topic, Cool Chemistry!**
  - **Need volunteers organized in advance for background check, so need sign ups at least 30 days in advance unless volunteered for NCW, will need to upload proof**
    - **Denisia used Qualtrics form & suggests using it for this event**
    - **Denisia will send names of people who completed the background check to Stephen**
- Travel and presentation awards – see above
- Orlando Wetlands Event
  - 9:45am-approx 12pm next week
  - Will announce March event – boat ride March 15<sup>th</sup>, 11-2pm, sent to Duy and Meghan to post. Need to register on website and email Laura to get tables together
- Out of meeting business
  - If there is a need to vote on something outside of meeting, Brian will post vote link to record vote and Meghan will append it to the previous meeting minutes
  - Van made a motion to add Michel on Paypal for SERMACs, motion approved
- SERMACS 2025

- FYI Darlene sent info to Chris and Vasilius. ACS would like to do round table on industrial chemistry – leaving to ACS to handle
- Other business
  - Laura will be back-up minute taker for Meghan since she will be on a cruise
- Next meeting: March 8th, 2025 from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
- Darlene made a motion to dismiss meeting