

ACS Orlando Section Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

February 21, 2026 at 9:30 AM

Meeting called by Toufiq Reza

Location: *To be held digitally using Zoom*

Meeting URL: <https://fit.zoom.us/j/99402799781?from=addon>

Meeting ID: 994 0279 9781

Attendees: Toufiq Reza, DK Weerasinghe, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Stephen Smith, Pavithra Pathirathna, Stephen Smith, Van Quach, Meghan McGreal, Laura Sessions, Duy Le, Brian Mosby

- Approve minutes from January 17, 2026, of the ACS Orlando Section executive meeting – minutes approved
- Updates from Executive Committee’s members
 - Councilor – Laura
 - Will be attending council meetings at ACS Atlanta
 - Councilor – Nicole
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 - Treasurer – Van
 - Reimbursed ██████ for Pavi for leadership institute
 - ██████ Earth Day Registration
 - ██████ Pensacola Section for Avogadro Award donation
 - Chair-elect – Pavi
 - New logo
 - ACS celebrations and put word out for 150th anniversary this year
 - Cake at annual banquet or something over the summer that says Happy 150th, has customary logos
 - IPG/LSG Grants – not many applicants so try to apply and get money to use for various events, money allocated can then be used for student awards, some deadlines in May and June
 - Chair – Toufiq
- 2025 Annual report
 - Everything has been submitted and luminary award has been submitted.
- 2026 Earth Day
 - Registered and set up – Lake Eola Park
 - Promotional Items already arrived, just need final vendor placements (ask for location under the tree)
 - April 25th – any amount of time will be helpful

- Send a call for volunteers – general call, other board members can ask other student groups
- Call to announce the event to affiliates
- Something hands on to do? Ideas and volunteers are welcome but think about risk
- Motion to provide funds to support outreach demos
- Background checks required for volunteer capacity
- Luminary Award Nomination
 - Area inside annual report – create events and nominate them for an award. Choose from list.
 - Regional meeting awards handled separately, communicated separately. Emails received. Chris is applying for it
- ACS Student Travel Award
 - [REDACTED]
 - New award committee members
 - 3 graduates, 1 undergraduate awardee
 - Darlene’s award will keep rolling over until it is used for the appropriate group of students
- Collaboration between ACS Orlando Section and Florida Section
 - Florida Section Chair Elect – suggested collaboration related to industry.
 - Use summer social for this – Michel recruited ACS Incubator would be a great speaker. Consider a social networking event, tall tables & hors d’oeuvres, but tables around the room for visibility and networking
 - Apply for grant
 - “Reuse a poster!” event, booths and networking
 - Leverage institution connections (career center, etc.)
 - June for the event, but will also evaluate timeline
 - Laura, Nicole, Toufiq interested in working on this
 - Will probably do this with or without the Florida section
- Other business
 - Dues paid for website hosting 2026 - [REDACTED]. Receipt will be sent to Van
 - Have committee chair send a report after each event, used for annual report and also can be used in a newsletter for the members
- Next meeting: March 14, 2026, from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
 - Rescheduled for 1 week prior from initial scheduled meeting on March 21st

Additional Notes:

- February 27th – A motion was made via email to sponsor the Florida Tech A. H. Blatt Distinguished lecture [REDACTED] with the following requirements: the event is advertised to all members of the Orlando section and the Orlando section logo be displayed on the flyer and welcome presentation. The motion was approved.
- March 5th: Email discussion on FDACS license renewal. A motion was made to approve the funds to renew this license, but the fee for the license renewal was not communicated, so a vote has not yet been administered