

ACS Orlando Section Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 18th, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Location: *To be held digitally using Microsoft Teams*

Attendees: "Brian Mosby" BMOSBY@Rollins.edu; "Van Quach" <quachv@seminolestate.edu>; "Meghan McGreal" <mmcgreal@stetson.edu>; "Laura Sessions" <lsessions@valenciacollege.edu>; "Nicole Lapeyrouse" <Nicole.Lapeyrouse@ucf.edu>; "Stephen Smith" <stephensmith@fit.edu>; "Toufiq Reza" <treza@fit.edu>; "Darlene Slattery" dslattery1@cfl.rr.com; "dk" <01dkweerasinghe@gmail.com>

- Approve minutes from November 9th, 2024 of the ACS Orlando Section executive meeting
 - Delayed until February meeting
- Updates from Executive Committee's members
 - Councilor – Darlene
 - Motion to send Meghan to Leadership Institute
 - Will virtually attend Spring ACS meeting
 - Avogadro Award at State Science and Engineering Fair – DK will step in
 - Councilor – Laura
 - Will attend Spring ACS Meeting in Person
 - Budget approved at start and annual report filled out before February
 - Treasurer – Van
 - Spent money on Banquet – [REDACTED] awards, [REDACTED] poem contest, lunch [REDACTED] collected [REDACTED] from attendees, some spent on décor
 - Add Brian to bank account and remove previous inactive users
 - Chair – Brian
- Appointment of committees
 - Awards - Laura
 - National Chemistry Week
 - Earth day
 - Webmaster - Duy
 - Chemistry Olympiad – Mary – deadline reached?
 - YCC – Young Chemists Committee Participation and Appointment
- Travel and presentation awards
 - Students to travel to national ACS Meeting and present research
 - In proposed budget
 - Motion proposed by Darlene and passed to reserve one Undergraduate award for Spring and one for Fall

- Amounts for awards █████ each per meeting – Fall meeting two █████ awards, one graduate and one undergraduate, Spring meeting two █████ awards, one graduate and one undergraduate, █████ leftover for SERMACs
- Local Section Social Events
 - Regular schedule of events laid out from the beginning
 - Disney sustainability program
 - Laura proposed many events listed below
- Annual report
 - Submitted – Steven will handle that, due February
- Luminary Award Nomination
 - Deadline – follows with submitting annual report
- 2025 Budget
 - Changes outlined by Brian and approved
- SERMACS 2025
 - Deadline for annual award submissions quicky so don't spend all sept and oct trying to contact them
- Other business
- Next meeting: February 8th, 2025 from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Additional Documents

Spring 2025 Elemental Encounters – Tentative Plan

Casual gatherings for members to connect with a touch of scientific flair.

Saturday January 18, 2025

10am-12pm

Orlando Wetlands

(drop-in for the 10am or 11am tour)

The Orlando Wetlands offers public tram tours to highlight the creation, operation, management, and wildlife of the facility. Our volunteer program runs tram cart tours for groups of less than 10 people on Saturdays, lasting 45 - 60 minutes. In Christmas, FL

Cost: Free Admission

Location: 25155 Wheeler Road, Christmas, FL 32709

More information: <https://www.orlando.gov/Our-Government/Departments-Offices/Public-Works/Water-Reclamation-Division/Orlando-Wetlands>

Other notes: Reserved group tours are not available on weekends, so if more than 10 people show up at a time, they will have to wait for the next tour in an hour. We can have an activity or food at the pavilion to entertain people while they wait?

Sunday February 16, 2025
12-3pm

St. Johns Rivership Co. Lunch Cruise

Embark on an unforgettable luncheon aboard our rivership, the Barbara Lee, departing from Historic Sanford, FL. Indulge in a delectable dining experience featuring a diverse array of entrees cooked onboard. Choose from seven different entrees, showcasing culinary excellence with options to suit every taste. Tickets include food, entertainment, and cruise. Coffee, tea, and water are provided. Soda and alcoholic beverages as well as gratuities are not included.

As you savor your meal, enjoy live entertainment, adding a touch of glamour to your cruise. Our live entertainment will serenade you with music, creating a festive atmosphere as you cruise along the scenic waters of the St. Johns River. Nature enthusiasts will enjoy watching the local wildlife, which includes birds, manatees and alligators at various times throughout the year. During the lunch tours, our cruise guide will point out wildlife, areas of interest and share the history of steamships that sailed the St. Johns River.

Location: [433 N. Palmetto Ave. Sanford, Florida 32771](#)

More information: <https://www.stjohnsrivershipco.com/cruises-fares/lunch-cruise/?date=02/16/2025&timeld=14274331&departure=0&destination=0>

Other notes: We can ask people to RSVP so that we can get a group of tables together.

Saturday March 15, 2025
Morning?

Seminole County Recycling Center

Seminole County's Solid Waste Management Division is available for education and outreach events to encourage the community to "Keep Seminole County Beautiful." Groups of up to 30 guests may request a presentation and tour of the Central Transfer Station facility. Guests must be ages 10 and up and able to walk up and down stairs.

Cost: Free Admission

Location: 1950 State Road 419 Longwood, FL 32750

More information: <https://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/departments-services/environmental-services/solid-waste-management/education-and-outreach.stml>

Other notes: I have a request in for a tour. Brevard may also do a tour of their Cocoa facility (<https://www.recyclebrevard.org/p/programs.html>).

Saturday April 26, 2025
11am??

(will need to reserve a time for > 15 people)

Lakeridge Winery Tour

Tours usually run every 30-40 minutes and begin with a 10 minute video presentation, which guides you through the entire wine making process and the history of Florida wine. Your personal Tour Guide will then show you the winemaking area and the spectacular view of the vineyards where the grapes are grown and harvested. The guided Wine tasting offers a selection of award winning wines ranging from dry to sweet, and also sparkling. The winery tour and wine tasting lasts approximately 45 minutes and is educational for the whole family!

Cost: free

Location: 19239 U.S. 27 North, Clermont, Florida 34715

More information: <https://www.lakeridgewinery.com/>

Other notes: We request that reservations be made for groups of 15 or more ahead of time by e-mailing info@lakeridgewinery.com with the following information: name of event or tour group, number of people, date, time of arrival, arrival by bus or cars.

Proposed Budget

