

ACS Orlando Section Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

July 12th, 2025, at 9:30 AM

Meeting called by Brian Mosby

Location: *To be held digitally using Microsoft Teams*

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Attendees: Van Quach, Duy Le, DK Weersinghe, Toufiq Reza, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Laura Sessions, Denisia Popolan-Vaida, Meghan McGreal, Julia Dasque, Brian Mosby

- Approve minutes from May 10, 2025, ACS Orlando Section executive meeting – minutes approved
- National Chemistry Week update – Denisia
 - Date set with Orlando Science Center – October 25th
 - Theme: Chemistry of Spices
 - Any experiment ideas, let Denisia know (end of August for suggestions)
 - Student representation at the event from all central FL institutions
 - For next year, apply for ACS innovation grant to provide funds for travel to people who are far away or purchase tickets to the center
 - Apply for ACS Student Communities engagement grant to cover cost of travel/tickets
- Updates from Executive Committee members
 - Councilor – Darlene – not present
 - Councilor – Laura
 - Community action – policy renewal. Members can communicate with the committee on policies – see Laura’s email to comment on the policies
 - Last council meeting concern that ACS isn’t doing more to promote science and federal funding currently. Collecting data from membership with anonymous survey - data returned by Fall 2025 National ACS Meeting. Will hold for now and plan to do survey during the fall.
 - Laura and Darlene will both be at the national meeting in August
 - Treasurer – Van
 - Reimbursement for leadership institute for Meghan
 - Travel award for students – one student communicated, the other has not
 - ██████ credit for new member commission
 - Chair Elect - Toufiq

- Chair – Brian
- Survey of Federal Funding Changes – see notes above in Laura’s update
- ACS Fall 25 Travel Awards
 - Funded one graduate and one undergraduate award for National Meeting
 - Brian in favor of providing some funding for students to attend SERMACS
 - SERMACS Scholarship options:
 - Volunteers get free registration for SERMACs as an option for a certain number of hours first offered to section members
 - Section provide a donation to pay for some registration and SERMACS will need to cover as well
 - Travel Awards to SERMACS - 4 graduate and 4 undergraduate scholarship awards [REDACTED], include parking costs?
 - Put out the call and submit by mid-August
 - Motion to provide the awards passes, will circle back around to parking cost coverage/volunteering next meeting
- Summer/Fall Event
 - Advertise the existing Local Sections breakfast at SERMACs as the Fall event
- SERMACS 2025 Updates
 - Abstract Deadline: July 21st – may become July 28th
 - Registration Rates Online – Sept 19th is early bird deadline, but will be open until the conference occurs
 - Marketing
 - FAME and SERMACs are quite close but still willing to promote SERMACS at FAME and happy to help
 - Florida Local Sections Breakfast on Sunday, October 26th at 8AM
 - Post on social media with QR code to circulate marketing materials regularly – once per week
 - SERMACS focused newsletter
 - Volunteer coordinator – add to newsletter, must be there at the meeting the entire time, consider co coordinators, one on site, one prior to meeting
 - Financial Update
 - SERMACS has [REDACTED] budget, mix of sponsorship and expo revenue. The projected expense is about [REDACTED]; and we expect to collect about [REDACTED] from registration
- Other business
- Next meeting: August 9th, 2025, from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM