

ACS Orlando Section Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 8th, 2025 at 9:36 AM – 10:06 AM

Attendees: Brian Mosby, Darlene Slattery, Van Quach, DK Weersinghe, Duy Le, Toufiq Reza, Nicole Lapeyrouse, Laura Sessions

- Minutes from February 8, 2025, ACS Orlando Section executive meeting
 - Darlene requested some corrections to add clarity and specificity to the minutes:
 - Under Awards Committee, ‘Darlene and DK approved.’ Approved what? Add: Award acceptances ‘will be’ sent out.
 - Update throughout, Darlene moved (not motioned).
 - Out of meeting business, add: ‘if there is a need to vote’.
 - Laura will update these minutes and send out to everyone after the meeting.
 - Laura moved to approve the Feb. minutes with Darlene’s updates. Nicole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Updates from Executive Committee members
 - Councilor – Darlene – no report
 - Councilor – Laura - no report
 - Treasurer – Van –
 - We had a donation of █████ for the Avogadro Award from Pensacola Section.
 - We received from Nationals █████ reimbursement for local section dues.
 - We paid █████ reimbursement to Meghan McGreal for her attendance at the Leadership Institute.
 - Van has filed our 2024 taxes
 - Brian was added to the bank account.
 - Chair – Brian – no report
- General Updates
 - YCC - Brian is still working on getting the YCC re-started. Please send him contact information for any interested students/young chemists. He has had some conversations with interested parties, so he is hoping to get it started.
 - Local Section Sign – Laura has not ordered yet as she is working on a better design. She will make sure that it is ready in time for the Earth Day event. Additionally, she located the section banner (it was with Titel). She will create a sign-out sheet for these two resources so that we may keep track of who holds them.

- Chemists Celebrate Earth Week
 - Poem Contest - Duy sent announcement on website and to school district contacts for the 7 counties in our region. Please share with your contacts as well.
 - Magazine distribution – Duy will need libraries to sign up and otherwise there is not much to do for that.
 - Earth Day Event - Brian will check in with Stephen the information and web form for recruiting volunteers. People who were checked within a calendar year are still covered this spring (for an entire year). Brian will check to make sure that we have enough time to engage the local section members and college and university campuses as volunteers. We will send out an email announcement.

- Guidelines regarding Political Activity – Darlene attended a seminar describing the policy: Nobody but the National Office can speak for ACS. We are free to speak our minds as individuals. E.g., Don't put anything on our website that implies that we are making political statements. Don't wear an ACS t-shirt at a rally. We can write a letter to editor for C&ENews. It would be good to remind volunteers at Earth Day about this policy.

- St. John's Rivership Lunch Cruise (March 15th at 11 AM) – no RSVPs yet. Laura will ask Duy and Meghan to send out a reminder on website and FB. The Orlando Wetlands event in Jan. had 8 attendees. One community member asked about our involvement since his wife was a chemistry teacher, so Laura had the opportunity to share about our outreach events and awards for high school students and teachers.

- SERMACS 2025 - no new business.

- Other business
 - Darlene asked how the Chemistry Olympiad is going. Mary Roslonowski sent an update that it occurs this month and national exam will be in April. She requests that Orlando Section buys supplies for lab practical and lunch for the students (need ████████ for 12 students). There is also the opportunity to help proctor if anyone wants to do that. 50 students taking the local exam this month. Did Mary complete background check? Did the Chemistry Olympiad inform her that? Brian will double check.
 - Darlene moved that we approve up to ██████ for the National Olympiad Practical Lab. Nicole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Darlene reports that the Annual Report was submitted on time. She extended a thank you to everyone who worked on it and got it done on time. This means that we should be able to receive our annual allotment.
 - State Science and Engineering Fair – DK will attend and award the Avogadro Award.
- Next meeting will be April 12th, 2025 from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM. Let Brian know if anything comes up for the agenda.
- Darlene moved to adjourn. Toufiq seconded.