

ACS Orlando Section Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

September 13th, 2025, at 9:30 AM

Meeting called by Brian Mosby

Location: *To be held digitally using Microsoft Teams*

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

- Approve minutes from August 9, 2025, ACS Orlando Section executive meeting
 - Motion to approve minutes passed
- Updates from Executive Committee members
 - Councilor – Darlene
 - Darlene sent out National Meeting caucus report – requests to post report on our website
 - ACS is offering funding for students who are impacted by lost federal funding
 - Election for ACS President opens 9/14/25 – make sure you vote
 - Announce monthly meetings on website – update upcoming events page
 - Annual Report Evaluation – look through comments and suggestions
 - Councilor – Laura
 - SERMACS Travel Awards – approve both submissions?
 - Extend submission deadlines through Friday, Sept 19th since some poster acceptance notices were not sent out until Friday, Sept 12th
 - Discuss travel award rubric requirements after SERMACs to only support Orlando Section applicants
 - Awards nomination postings/communications have gone out, will look for a venue & continue advertising
 - Treasurer – Van
 - Reimbursed Darlene and Laura for National ACS Travel – just under █████ each, paid by nationals
 - National Chemistry Week █████ supplies
 - Received █████ Local Section Dues
 - Chair Elect - Toufiq
 - Chair – Brian
- National Chemistry Week Discussion and Updates

- Orlando Science Center Event (Denisia)
 - ACS does not pay for shipping materials anymore, and charge taxes for these NCW materials. Free stuff (stickers and whatnot) – sent much less than previously so ordered more freebies. Giveaway items already secured, will need additional supplies for demos.
 - Orlando Science Center will host NCW event again, 3 tables outside and a lab space secured
 - Will do a demo, not than hands on experiment, Denisia would like to have students do the demo and explain the chemistry – put them in contact with Denisia. ~15 minute presentation, everything will be provided
 - Also looking for volunteers for the event – post announcement
 - Still has good number of tee shirts from last year, just might not get the exact correct size. Consider buying tee shirts next year
 - Allocated █████ for NCW, █████ for poem contest, extra █████ for magazines (had █████ for the spring poem contest)
 - Motion to provide Denisia with █████ for NCW – motion approved.
 - Free parking and admission
- Poem Contest (Duy)
 - █████ budget for Poem contest - Awards given: █████ for winner, █████ for runner up
 - Magazine distribution – ordered and ready to go
- Local Section Elections (Toufiq)
 - Election process
 - Positions to fill: Chair-elect & a councilor position; secretary and treasurer as well are 1 year appointment
 - Van will run as treasurer again, nominate Meghan as Chair-elect (wants to be involved in board in some way), find new secretary, Denisia recommended to run for counselor position, recommend Duy run for a position as well
 - Need to email entire section regarding elections & nominations, Brian did online form for nominations
 - Toufiq will send out official email communication – call for nomination ends October 15th. Ballot will go out, November 15th ballots will be counted. (*last year, call went out Oct. 2nd, nominations closed Nov. 1, voting opened Nov. 8th*)
 - Duy will run election; Need to find new teller to confirm election results (external)
- SERMACS 2025 Discussion and Updates
 - Volunteers – Meghan is in the process of applying to do volunteer coordination
 - Local Section Support
 - Florida Local Section Breakfast – October 26th at 8 AM
 - YCC Luncheon – October 27th – share with students
 - General
 - Just over 1000 abstracts accepted
 - Hotel block might be full – Nicole will reach out to Chris; have people book directly with hotel then send confirmation number to Bree to be added to block. (869 room nights in contract)

- 290 registrants currently with goal of 1900
 - Expo & grad fair surpassed target number
 - Parking – complementary parking if staying on site, \$37 per day if not staying on site
- Other business
 - Next meeting: October 11th, 2025, from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Additional note:

Motion was made via email on 9/25 to add [REDACTED] to the already-approved budget for SERMACS student travel awards to pay for parking. It was voted on via online poll. The motion was approved.