

**Central PA Local Section
American Chemical Society**

**Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.**

RSVPs: Lori Stepan Van Der Sluys, Dan Sykes, Will Ames, Kyle Root, Joe Houck, Mary Carol Frier, Scott Schrieber (Lockhaven Affiliate), Kayla, James McGettigan (Juniata affiliate), Howard Eckstut (PNC financial advisor), Emma (NCS Affiliate), Laura, Laine, Mark Maroncelli

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from the January 2, 2018 ExComm Meeting; moved, seconded and approved.
3. General Business

A. Investment update (Howard from PNC investments)

\$10,000 investment commitment is needed to lower the fee

Presentation folders distributed, Eaton Vance Balance Funds explained as a fund that performs well and balances risk and return. We have little over 6% return total since we invested last June. We have \$40,450 in the fund right now, 4.75 fee, has increased by approximately 6%. Saving 1% of 40,000, which is \$400, so it's OK if we do not invest the additional \$10,000. Fee to manage fund is 0.98% yearly.

B. Chemistry of Wine Fundraiser, April 24, 6:30 PM.

Catered food, wine, speaker will be included in ticket. Facebook event. Say that you're going and it will show up in your feed; get the word out.

Bio for Peter Baran on website; link to facebook page. capacity wait list 50 max.

Details are on facebook, Lori must write directions to include. Text must pop. Must rsvp with email, not just facebook. Caterer Country Café Catering; need to pick meal options. \$25 per person but discounted. Taste 5 wines, includes one glass. We pay at the end for how much was consumed. \$3 for tasting. We could negotiate adding a dollar to each bottle. 50-50 drawing? Use a premium bottle as a silent auction? What is the fundraiser for on the poster? Projector and screen available? Carrots, roasted redskin potato, stuffed chicken breast, pasta with zucchini, dessert bar. Cheese tray as an appetizer. Joe will price the cheese trays at Wegmans, Sam's crackers. Winery has cheese. Lori will check Sam's prices. Other beverages will be available for purchase. Celebration for 50th and 60th year members.

4. New Business

A. Student Affiliate Activities.

- a. NCS/PSU took 15 people to the ACS meeting, 16th person was fully funded by her research lab, 3 presented their own research at both Sci-Mix and chapter poster. Expo was awesome; future job opportunities. Grad school fair, at least one talk per member. ACS Commendable award was accepted, want to win green chemistry award next year. Bonding experience created a community. Last events this year include Women in stem expo, and So You Think you can Demo April 14 at 2 pm. They want to make it bigger by adding Juniata and Lockhaven; divide into 2 teams per school. They will talk to grad students to ask for judges, or exec committee can judge. Prize is a coaster that glows in the dark. Last even is Bellewood Antis school district stem night (Carrie Clippard is former student) on April 24. Phil will help with demos. They will make a flyer and send to Lori for lectures, they will post on Facebook.
 - b. Lockhaven Chem Club had 6 students for ACS meeting, 3 presented research, and they reconnected with alumni. This weekend they have seed trip and backyard barbecue with faculty and alumni, and then on 14th they will participate in SYTYCD. Chemistry camp on the 28th involves hands-on demos for kids. Charge is \$20 per student and they get pizza and activities for 5 hours.
 - c. Juniata sent 7 people to ACS meeting, many fantastic talks, will recommend that juniors go in the future, many recruited for grad school. In Feb. did Chemcamp, which is outreach where they host 50-70 elementary kids from 8-2 pm, and at the end put on a big demonstration (luminol, volcano). At the end of the semester they do a stress buster event with liq N₂ ice cream etc. They want more interaction between faculty and students and want to host small events.
- B. Summer event: potluck picnic and/or pub trivia? Collaborate with a local business. Have a tournament? Need commitment of people to do so, such as monthly. Can get a percentage of the profits. June date as a starter, then if it goes well, do more. Not during last week of June (break from summer session). Second week of June? Not June 9 (HS graduation). **June 14 tentative date?** Federal Taphouse, Big Springs, Hiway Pizza, Liberty Crafthouse, Happy Valley Brewing Co., The Field; need to be sure under 21 is allowed at night.
- C. Undergraduate Research Symposium Sept. 4, Willaman bridge. Chemistry has easels, coordinate with Larry Johns. Invite anyone science-related. 30 posters last year, previous year 40 posters. They submit abstracts to the gmail account. Have 301A or D reserved also for setup or takedown. Larry comes at 6:30 AM to take it all out of the room.
- D. Other
- a. Big Springs has first Wed. of every month science night (Dan). This coming April, science of guitars in two days. Good to get a chemistry focused night, invite members. Starts at 7?

- b. Councilor's report; councilor talking points posted on website for spring ACS conference.
 - c. Joe reports on other committees, and encourages people to apply to be a committee member. Some committees reimburse some costs.
 - d. Local section dues are optional for our section. This would be in addition to our allotment. Good idea to have voluntary dues? Write a paragraph for each affiliate and let the membership know about the student experience that they are funding; post with pictures? When you renew, it goes to support students. Thank you for supporting these events. \$10 moved and voted and supported.
5. Date of next Ex Comm meeting; April 24th is the wine fundraiser. June 14th will be trivia night. June 4th will be next exec committee meeting at 6:30 PM.
6. Closing