

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Penn Ohio Border Section, January 22, 2011
Held at Downtown Coffee Café in Hubbard, Ohio.

The Executive Committee of the Penn Ohio Border Sections was called to order by Tim Sherwood at 9:10 am. Breakfast was ordered. Members present were Tim Sherwood, Chair; Fred Koknat, Treasurer; Doris Zimmerman, Councilor; Pete Smith, Alternate Councilor; Mike Serra, Past Chair; Members at Large – Susan Cramer, Kathy Frantz and Sherri Lovelace Cameron; invited guest – Jill DeRamo, webmaster. Absent were Doug Motry and Joelle Wells.

Secretary Report: Secretary was not present. There was a discussion to separate newsletter editor from the secretary position. Some members only want newsletters by regular mail. Mike Serra and Pete Smith will try to resolve this position as soon as possible since we have a section meeting on February 18th. Nikki, a graduate student at YSU might be willing.

Treasurer Report: A proposed 2011 Budget (attached) was amended (italized). The Professional Day at YSU in December had to be cancelled because of weather conditions. If it is rescheduled for March, there will be two allocations for this to total \$1000. The ChemMatters and Journal of Chemical Education program will be continued with new subscription solicitation and renewal of those already subscribing. In the awards are 2 - \$50 poster awards, one for undergraduate and one for graduate. Also the college awards are \$75 for 4-year institutions(4) and \$50 for 2-year institutions (3). We have received two grants from National: \$500 for IYC coordinated event in October and \$300 for having two students attend speaker's dinner at each meeting (Kent State Trumbull and Thiel attended 60th Anniversary Celebration). It was proposed to write an Innovative Grant for sponsoring an award for Chemistry/Biochemistry science project at the Lake-to-River Science Fair (15th District). In this Grant would also be provisions for paying registration fees and travel expenses to the State of Ohio Competition. We want to spend money on education ideas to promote Chemistry. No one will be attending the Leadership Conference in 2011, but Kathryn Frantz and Susan Cramer would like to attend in 2012. It was proposed that we re-initiate the Travel Grants for students to CERMACS for up to \$200/student. Tim Sherwood moved and it was seconded that we can spend up to \$1600. A motion was table for considering Chemistry Scholarships for high school students.

Councilor Report: Meeting is in Anaheim, California, in March. There were 9 section affiliates last year. Dr. Linkous has taken over the activities of affiliates and high school student awards. Our website is up and running – www.pennohioacs.org Dr. Motry nominated for Distinguished Teaching Award. He was one of only nine individuals nominated for Kent State University Distinguished Teaching Awards. Thirteen schools participated in high school student award program with twenty-three certificates being presented.

Annual Report was approved with three corrections, as follows: There were 12 posters at the Awards Banquet, the National Chemistry Olympiads exam was held April 23rd, and the Professional Day at YSU was cancelled due to weather.

2011 Programming was discussed as follows: We are following the suggested programs for IYC.

February 18th - YSU – Dr. John Stolz, Duquesne University, “The Environmental Impacts of Shale Gas Extraction”.

April 29th - Westminster College – Energy Impact of Shale Gas Extraction.

September 16th – Thiel College – Program on Materials “Nanocomposites with Rubber Matrices”.

October 14th – Grove City – Dr. Robert Bates, University of Florida, Gainesville, “What You Always Wanted To Know about Chemicals in Foods but Were Afraid To Eat”.

Mike Serra will get rid of the YSU website for POBS. The jobs part of the website is to be removed.

Kathy Frantz announced that she received an inquiry regarding NCW poster. It was decided that we do not want to do this contest and will forward the requests to the Pittsburgh Section.

A discussion was held on the electronic balloting by the section. It was decided that the Immediate Past Chair would be in charge of the election tabulations. Pete Smith will look into using Survey Monkey for future elections.

Doris Zimmerman was thanked for all her work on the nomination for our winning a Chemiluminary Award.

Susan Cramer announced that she still has speaker presents. We will continue this tradition.

Mike announced that the Olympiads test is in two parts – one in March and the second with lab component in April. He will try to reschedule the Professional Day in March if possible.

It was suggested that the student affiliates use the NCW theme to give shows at local schools. It was also suggested that we expand further into the Middle Schools with NCW newspaper deliveries.

Regarding the Poster Session at the Awards Banquet, the judges need to be chosen in advance and the winners need to be recognized and presented that night.

Old Business:

Executive Meetings schedule for this year: April 29 at 5 pm at Westminster College; September 18 after meeting at Thiel College, November 12 at Downtown Coffee Café in Hubbard, Ohio.

Students to attend dinner with speaker at each meeting. Host campus coordinate this. (Paid by Grant).

New Business:

Pete Smith will work on getting the Secretary for our newsletter.

The website has links to the college websites.

Jill DeRamo asked about information on the Chem Club. She was referred to ACS.

A compilation of our activities with the high school teachers was handed out for information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Zimmerman, acting secretary

Attachments will be in files along with the 2009 and 2010 year activities.

