

Minutes from the 2004 Annual Meeting of the ACS Midwest Regional Meeting Steering Committee

The Steering Committee met in the Kanza Room of the Holiday Inn at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 22, 2004. Charles Greenlief presided.

Each individual was asked to introduce themselves. There was a brief discussion identifying who the official representative is for each section. John Adams was announced as the webmaster for the Midwest Regional website.

AGENDA

1. Treasurer's Report (William Gutheil)

The sinking fund has a balance of \$58,197.52. As a reminder, receipts are needed prior to reimbursement of attendees to the Regional Meeting Planning Conference. The cost to the Steering Committee is \$275 for registration plus travel expenses for each attendee.

2. Final report on the 37th meeting (2002) in Lawrence, KS (Robert Carlson)

No report was available – Robert Carlson did not attend. John Michael Sophos will try to get a copy of the report and send it to us electronically.

3. Final report on the 38th meeting (2003) in Columbia, MO (John Adams)

A final report was submitted by the University of Missouri section. A check for \$5,531.10 was also presented. \$5,000 was to repay the Steering Committee loan and the remaining \$531.10 represented half of the profits from the meeting.

4. Initial report for the 39th meeting hosted by the Kansas State University Section (Dan Higgins and Vince Ortiz)

Higgins reported 554 total attendees for the meeting. The program featured 13 symposia with a total of 360 abstracts (186 oral presentations and 174 posters). The exhibition had a total of 18 booths; 6 commercial and 12 academic. An initial evaluation of the budget for the meeting looks good.

5. Report on plans for the 40th meeting, October 26-29, 2005, hosted by the Mo-Kan-Ok Section (Mel Mosher and Michael Garoutte are co-Chairs)

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Joplin, MO. An overview of the program was given. Seven featured symposia are planned, along with the general sessions. The Mo-Kan-Ok Section requested and received approval for a \$5000 Steering Committee loan for the meeting. Michael Garoutte moved to have the registration fees for the meeting raised. Mark Moore seconded the motion. After approval of a friendly amendment, the fee structure was approved by a vote of 8 to 5 as follows:

\$70.00 member, advanced registration

\$90.00 non-member, advanced registration

*\$85.00 member, on-site registration
\$105.00 non-member, on-site registration*

The Steering Committee felt that these registration fees should be maintained for as long as possible. A motion establishing this policy will be sent electronically prior to the next Steering Committee meeting.

6. Report on plans for the 41st meeting October 25-27, 2006 or November 1-3, 2006 in Quincy, hosted by the Mark Twain Section (Dawood Afzal and Mark Moore are co-Chairs).

The meeting will be held October 25-27, 2006 at the Convention Center in Quincy, IL. The section requested a \$5000 loan from the Steering Committee for the Convention Center deposit. The loan request was approved.

7. Report on plans for the 42nd meeting in late October 2007 in Kansas City, MO, hosted by the Kansas City Section (Margie St. Germain and/or Andy Holder will be general chair

Four possible meeting sites were discussed. The Fairmont Hotel (on the Plaza) proposal looks the best with free parking. A possible meeting date of October 31-November 2, 2007 was discussed. The local section will also check out about the second week of November in order to avoid Halloween.

8. Report on plans for the 43rd meeting (2008) by the Nebraska Local Section. The location is likely to be Kearney. Mike Mosher will be General Chair, Program Chair will be Scott Darveau and Printing and Publications Chair will be Christopher Exstrom.

The meeting will probably be late October 2008 in Kearney, NE.

9. Proposals for subsequent meetings

- *Proposal accepted for the 44th (2009) meeting to be held in Iowa City, IA.*
- *Proposal accepted for the 45th (2010) meeting to be held in Wichita, KS. Art Landis will be General Chair and Jim Roach will be the Exhibits Chair.*

10. Progress on incorporation (Charles Greenlief)

Should be completed prior to our next meeting. A 2/3 majority will be needed for changes in bylaws will be added to the document. The term 'Board' will be used instead of Steering Committee. Incorporation documents are now being handled through the ACS general counsel.

11. ACS Report (John Michael Sophos)

ACS will offer guidelines to Steering Committees for planning Regional Meetings. The Office of Chemical Education will be funding the High School Teacher Award by next year. The ACS Office is currently undergoing reorganization.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.