

Minutes of the Midwest Region Board of Directors Meeting
Joplin, Missouri
October 28, 2005

Presiding: Charles Greenlief, "Chair"

Attending: Jason Telford (Iowa), Gary Clapp (Kansas City, Treasurer), Mark Moore (Mark Twain), Dawood Afzal (Mark Twain), Mike Mosher (Nebraska), James Wood (Omaha), Reza Herati (Ozark), Jetty Duffy-Matzner (Sioux Valley), Ruth Hathaway (Southern Illinois), John Adams (University of Missouri, Webmaster), Michael Greenlief (University of Missouri), Art Landis (Wichita), and Margie Wickham St. Germain (Kansas City, Secretary)

Agenda: (Attached, 17 items)

Charles Greenlief opened the luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. He presented several topics that did not warrant much discussion.

- a. The teacher assistance program was initiated several years ago, yet few teachers take advantage of the \$100 grant to attend the Midwest Regional Meeting. Only one teacher requested this grant for this year's meeting. It is important that each Board member share with their Local Section that this grant is available to assist high school teachers.
- b. The current officers of the Board are Charles Greenlief (Chair), Chris Spelling (Vice-Chair), and Margie St. Germain (Secretary). Next year, Chris Spelling will be the Chair, and Margie St. Germain will be the Vice-Chair. Therefore, Charles Greenlief presented two possible candidates for Secretary: Jetty Duffy-Matzner, Sioux Valley, and Mike Greenlief, University of Missouri. He opened the floor for additional candidates, and none were presented. He asked the candidates to leave the room for the informal vote. By a majority vote, Mike Greenlief will be next year's secretary.
- c. Ruth Hathaway is currently serving as the Historian with a 10 year commitment.
- d. The Midwest Region has a number of awards which it presents. In the past, some of the awards are not properly carried out. An Awards Committee will be set up. Jetty Duffy-Matzner and Art Landis will form this committee with resource members including John Adams and Malonne Davies. Art Landis will be the chair of the Awards Committee. This committee will oversee the processes for the awards. The awards include the John Bauman High School Teaching Award, the St. Louis Teacher Award, the Regional Volunteer, the Industrial Innovation, and any other awards that are developed in the future.
- e. The correct list with all the awardees should be identified and used for all future awards. This list has all the High School Teachers and all the meeting sites.
- f. Charles Greenlief has retired and now lives in Austin.

Michael Ashby provided a presentation that describes the recent activities of the Regional Activities Coordination Team (ReACT). This team's charge was to implement activities and tools that would assist regions and regional activities. The tools presented included templates for region board budgets, regional meeting budgets, annual reports for

the region boards and regional meetings, and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the hosting local section(s) and the region. The hope of ReACT is that all regions will become very active partners in the Society at all levels, and that the regions will expand their activities beyond the regional meeting while maintaining their individuality. Margie St. Germain is a member of this appointed team and will assist the region.

Gary Clapp presented the treasurer's report. KU paid \$2700 to the region; their profit from the meeting. The region paid out \$1000 for the John Bauman High School Award, \$100 for a teacher to attend the meeting, and \$5000 to Kansas City as seed money for the 2007 MWRM. Gary then provided copies of the historical profits and losses for the MWRM. (See attached.) The treasurer's report was approved.

Robert Carlson presented the final report on the 37th meeting in Lawrence, Kansas. The meeting had a profit of \$5400 after repayment of the advance. \$2700 was provided the treasurer of MWRM for the region's portion of the profit.

Mel Mosher presented the preliminary report on the current MWRM hosted by the MO-Kan-Ok Section. To date, there were 523 registrants for the meeting. There were only 15 exhibitors, most of which were academics. Mel recommended that only one complementary registration be provided to academic booths because the academic booth fees are only half the industrial booth fees, and because the academic booths do not sell physical products. The Board concurred with this observation and decision.

Mark Moore presented the meeting plans for the 41st meeting in Quincy, Illinois. The meeting will be held on October 25-27, 2006. Mark described the program (see attached flyer). The program will include five different awards, four socials, two workshops, and a designated student affiliate program in addition to the technical and special symposia. Of special note, the St. Louis Award will be presented on the Mark Twain Mississippi Riverboat. The section is working on a workshop for teachers, and are hoping to develop college earned units (CEUs) and/or in-service day credits. Mike Greenlief moved to approve the meeting plans, and Jim Carroll seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next major discussion topic was the Articles of Incorporation. Charles Greenlief presented the current status of the Articles of Incorporation. He noted that several people approached him with corrections, comments, and questions. Three major areas of discussion followed. The first discussion topic was the wording for maintaining the fund and how to describe the limits without providing specific dollar values. The low end should be no less than 50% of the expenses for the last three meetings or approximately \$20,000. The upper end should be by board review, and in general no more than significantly above the cost of the most recent most expensive meeting. The second topic focused on the description of the officers and their term lengths. Andy Graf provided verbiage that describes the intent of the Board. Basically, one officer will be elected each year to serve a three year term beginning January 1 following the meeting. The first year will be as the secretary, the second year as the vice-chair, and the third year

as the chair of the board. Art Landis was concerned with how an office would be filled if it is ended prematurely. This still needs to be resolved. The third topic was the approval of the articles of incorporation. The board agreed to separate the bylaws from the articles for now. The articles of incorporation were approved with the discussed corrections. The bylaws were approved now with the intent to revise and approve with a 2/3 vote at the next meeting.

Margie Wickham St. Germain presented the plans for the 42nd MWRM in Kansas City on November 7-10, 2007. A draft budget and brief description were provided (see attached). Several key members of the committee have been identified. The contracts have been signed. Ideas for special events are being planned.

Mike Mosher presented the plans for the 43rd MWRM in Kearney, Nebraska in 2008. They are planning an attendance of 500 chemists and are working on a contract with the Ramada Inn in Kearney. Essentially, the MWRM would be the only meeting within the hotel. They have incurred expenses already and have requested an advance of \$1200.

No plans were presented for the 44th meeting (2009) hosted by the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

Art Landis presented the plans for the 45th MWRM in Wichita in 2010. They plan on locking the site at the end of 2006. Art will be the general chair and Jim Roach will be the Program Chair.

There were no additional proposals for future meetings.

Charles Greenlief presented the results of the e-mail proposal to not increase registration fees. The proposal was approved.

John Sophos presented the ACS report. This region is in wonderful condition as compared to other regions. The awards at the regional level will help feed the national awards as well as provide recognition at the regional level. There is a plaque available for volunteers. John will continue to help the region plan its meetings.

A motion was presented: "The board will provide monetary funds, in the form of registration and two banquet meals (\$160), to an outstanding volunteer." The motion was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Minutes approved at the October 27, 2006 Board Meeting.