

TO: Midwest Region Board, Midwest Region of American Chemical Society

**FROM: Dan Higgins, Chair
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Subject: Agenda for 2009 Midwest Region Board Meeting, Iowa City, Iowa

The Board of Directors will meet at 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Hotel Vetro Boardroom on Friday October 23, 2009. Dan Higgins will preside over the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes from the 43rd MWRM Region Board Meeting of the American Chemical Society. (Dan Higgins)
2. Treasurer's report. (Gary Clapp)
3. Vote for new secretary. (Dan Higgins)
4. Final Report for the 41st meeting (2006) in Quincy (Dawood Afzal and Mark Moore)— need final document
5. Final Report for the 42nd meeting (2007) in Kansas City (Keith Buszek) - need final document
6. Final Report for the 43rd meeting (2008) in Kearney, (Mike Mosher and Scott Darveau)
7. Preliminary Report on the 44th meeting (2009) hosted by the University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA. (Greg Friestad)
8. Report on plans and budget for the 45th meeting (2010) hosted by the Wichita Section in Wichita, KS. (Art Landis) Discussion, board vote of loan request.
9. Report on plans for the 46th meeting (2011) hosted by the St. Louis Section in St. Louis, MO. (Leah O'Brien)
10. Report on plans for the 47th meeting (2012) hosted by the Omaha Section in Omaha, NE. (Jim Carroll)
11. Report on plans for the 48th meeting (2013) hosted by the Ozark Section in Springfield, MO.
12. Report on plans for the 49th meeting (2014) hosted by the University of Missouri Section in Columbia, MO. (Mike Greenlief)

13. Report on plans for the 50th meeting (2015) hosted by the Kansas City Section in Kansas City. (Margie St. Germain)
14. Proposals for future meetings
 Kansas State University Section, 51st meeting (2016) (Dan Higgins)
15. Awards Committee Report (Jetty Duffy-Matzner)
16. MWRM Web page update (John Adams)
17. Proposed Revision to Bylaws, Bylaw Vin, Section 7. (Mike Greenlief)
18. Other New Business
19. ACS Report (John Michael Sophos)

ACS Midwest Region
Awards Committee Report
October 23, 2009
Jetty Duffy-Matzner, committee chair

1. Concerns: In the past, and this year, there has been some tension between the Board's Chair for the Award's Committee and the hosting local section of the MWRM Award's chair. This year the MWRM Awards chair even posted nomination forms that were different from our nominations forms on the MWRM website on our board website and caused quite the confusion. Jetty Duffy tried to do contact the hosting section Award's chair in Feb. through email to Wanda Kintz but it seemed that the distinction between us seemed to fall on deaf ears. Part of the problem is that the local section hosting the meeting (when they appoint an award's chair) should have a good idea about the relationship between these two award's chairs (Region and host section). The Region Board Award's chair is ultimately responsible for how the elections are run and making sure that the appropriate guidelines are followed for each of the award's criteria.

So action item would be to explain to the Wichita section (2010 meeting) about the role of these award chairs. Our Regional Board Award Chair will have the forms ready to go. If they want to change the point of contact to themselves (instead of Jetty) that is fine but they have to let us know (so we can change the forms that John Adams posts as well) and they have to make sure that we receive an electronic copy of all submissions. They may add to a committee selection list, but the regional Awards Chair oversees the committee list for each award to keep it consistent from year to year.

2. Greg Friestad raised some issues about the Awards Symposia. The St. Louis Local Section is responsible for the Midwest Award. This includes publicizing the call for nominations, selecting recipient, submitting info to C&E News about awardee, paying for the honorarium, partially subsidizing expenses for the awardee (only), and reporting honorarium to IRS. The Award Symposium is rather new, started in 2003. Before the Award Symposium was initiated, the awardee gave an after-dinner talk at the banquet about his/her research. The St. Louis Section does not financially support the symposium. For 2004 and 2005, St Louis was able to get a small amount of funds from the awardee's ACS division. This is problematic because the recipient is announced during the summer, and there is not enough time to prepare the request and for the division to meet, discuss, and send funds.

If the Award Symposium is continued, the St. Louis section would like the awardee and symposium speakers (2 or 3) to receive complimentary registration (from the general chair or program chair) and the speakers will be asked to pay their own travel expenses.

In other words, the planner for the 2010 MWRM should either plan to give the complimentary registration for the Awards Symposia or let St. Louis local section know that there are not funds available to cover this. BUT Greg would like to see that MWRM Planners aren't surprised by this request.

Is this something that the regional board can help out with?

3. We need to improve how we handle the industrial innovation award. I think we only send out the award info to local section officers, it might be helpful if we could send the materials to regional industries. We could work with national ACS staff to develop a "mailing" list. For some reason we don't seem to get nominations for that award.
4. Jetty Duffy will be on sabbatical next year. Does the Board want her to continue on as Awards chair while away? This would not be too problematic since it is mainly covered by e-mail.

Proposed revision of Bylaw VTII, Section 7:

Section 7:

The permanent chief financial officer ("CFO") for the Regional Board shall be the treasurer of the Kansas City Section of the SOCIETY ("Kansas City Section"). If the Kansas City Section elects a different voting representative to the Regional Board, then the CFO shall serve as a non-voting member of the Regional Board.

The CFO shall keep or cause to be kept, in books belonging to the Corporation, complete and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements, resources and liabilities, and shall deposit all monies and funds and other valuable effects of the Corporation, in the name of and to the credit of the Corporation, in such depository or depositories as may be designated by the Board. The CFO shall disburse funds of the Corporation in payment of its obligations, taking proper vouchers and receipts for such disbursements. **No funds can be disbursed to a local section from the Sinking Fund to cover costs associated with a Midwest Regional Meeting without prior approval of the Board.** The CFO shall render to the Chair and to the Board Members at Regional Board meetings, or whenever otherwise requested, correct statements and reports showing the financial condition of the Corporation. The CFO may sign corporate documents and instruments as necessary. The CFO shall arrange for the performance of an audit and for the preparation of audited financial statements by a certified public accountant on behalf of the Corporation, whenever directed to do so by the Regional Board.

Proposed revision of Bylaw IX, Section 2b:

Section 2. The operating and reserve funds (hereinafter referred to as the "Sinking Fund") of the Region shall be properly invested by the Treasurer with the advice of the Executive Committee.

- a. The former shall be used to offset the expenses of running the Region.
- b. The latter shall be used to **help** offset costs in the event a Regional Meeting incurs a deficit. **If a Regional Meeting incurs a deficit, the Local Section hosting the Meeting in question and the Corporation shall share the deficit cost equally, unless other arrangements are approved by the Regional Board.**

Additional remarks: I think we also need to address (if the occasion should arise) how we assess sections for additional funds.

2014 Midwest Regional Meeting
University of Missouri Section

Location: MU Memorial Union - Columbia, MO

Dates: October 22-24, 2014 (first choice)
November 12-14, 2014 (second choice) October
29-31, 2014 (third choice)

General Chair: Michael Greenlief
Program Chair: Tim Glass Exhibits Chair:
Treasurer:

Symposia:
Theoretical chemistry topic - organized by John Adams, Carol Deakyne, and Tommy Sewell
Radiochemistry topic - organized by Silvia Jurisson and Susan Lever
Synthetic organic topic - organized by Michael Harmata