

Minutes of the ACS Midwest Regional Board meeting at the 2014 MWRM in Columbia, MO, held on
Friday, November 14, 2014

Present: Khamis Siam (Chair), Dan Higgins (Chair Elect), Paul Rillema (Secretary), Gary Clapp (Treasurer), Kimberly Savage (ACS Liaison), John Adams, Jim Carroll, Mike Ducey, Jetty Duffy-Matzner, James Fletcher, Michael Greenlief, Joe Heppert, Gary Meints, Leah O'Brian, Thomas Schuman

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Khamis Siam, at 8:00 am

- The first order of business was to introduce the members present.
- The second order of business was to approve the agenda. The one forwarded to the committee by Khamis Siam was modified and then approved.
- Tom Schuman was elected as Secretary for 2015.
- Joe Heppert reported that the 52nd MWRM (2016) would be held on the campus of KU at the Memorial Union building.
- The MWR Board's minutes of the 48th MWRM were approved.
- The treasurer report was accepted. The Region's sales tax exempt number is available from the treasurer for those planning Regional meetings.
- Jim Carroll gave a "final" report on the 47th MWRM held in Omaha, NE. There were over 700 attendees at the meeting. There is a discrepancy between his calculations and the ones he was reimbursed for from ACS. His calculations indicate ACS owes the local section \$6,365. Kim Savage will check into this problem and report her findings to Jim and the Board. Jim gave the board a check for ½ the current profit from the meeting of \$6,390.47. The Board expressed its thanks for a successful meeting.
- Gary Meints gave a preliminary report on the 48th MWRM held in Springfield, MO. Over 500 people attended the meeting. Gary gave the Board a check for ½ the profit from the meeting of \$6149.08. The Board expressed its thanks for a successful meeting.
- Mike Greenlief reported the 49th MWRM had over 700 attendees and it looked as if attendance would reach 800. The number of parallel sessions had reached saturation and hosting the MWRM in the future would likely require moving off the campus of the University of Missouri. He was thanked by the Board for his teams' work in putting together another successful MWRM.
- Mike Ducey and Gary Clapp reported that the 50th MWRM would be held October 21-24, 2015 on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University in St Joseph, MO. Parking would be adjacent to the university; some housing was secured and additional hotels were available for the event. A proposed budget was distributed.
- According to Dan Higgins, the 51st MWRM would be held in Manhattan, KS from October 26 to October 28, 2016 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center. 70 rooms were blocked for the meeting. In addition to filling the rooms, the hotel requires a \$2000 meeting room fee and ~15K for food and beverages.. The meeting would begin on Wednesday at noon and continue until Friday noon. Symposia are planned along with a Graduate Student Awards Symposium.

- The South-Central Missouri Local Section was awarded the bid for hosting the 2018 MWRM in Rolla, MO.
- The Sioux Valley Section was awarded the bid for hosting the 2020 MWRM in Sioux Fall, SD.
- The 2021 bid will be awarded to the St. Louis Section pending a discussion by Khamis Siam with the Ames Local Section to determine their interest in hosting it since they indicated a desire to host a meeting at the 2013 Board meeting. If so, the St. Louis Local Section will be awarded the bid to host the 2022 meeting.
- The rubrics for selecting awardees for the ACS Division of Chemical Education Midwest Regional Award for Excellence in High School Teaching. In Honor of John E. Bauman, Jr., the Ann Nalley Midwest Regional Award for Volunteer Service and the Stanley C. Israel Regional Award for Advancing Diversity in the Chemical Sciences continue to be upgraded according to Jetty Duffy-Matzner, the chair of the Awards Committee. She encouraged Board members to nominate individuals for these awards in order to comply with rules set by the Chemical Education Division of having at least three nominees and two for the other awards.
- According to Mike Greenlief, John E. Bauman, Jr. recently passed away necessitating a change of wording in the bylaws for the High School Teaching Award from the ACS Division of Chemical Education Midwest Regional Award for Excellence in High School Teaching. In Honor of John E. Bauman, Jr. to the ACS Division of Chemical Education Midwest Regional Award for Excellence in High School Teaching. In Memory of John E. Bauman, Jr. The Board recommended that an email message be sent to all Board members recommending the wording change and giving Board members 15 days to respond if they have an objection. If none, a second email message be sent for member's to vote on the matter. Khamis Siam volunteered to send out the email messages.
- Attention then turned to Marinda Wu's opportunity for the Midwest Region to participate in a newly created Partners for Progress and Prosperity (P3) award. A motion was made for Jetty to investigate the award and opt in if appropriate.
- John Adams will provide links to MWRMs on the MWRM Board's Website. In his visits to other regional meetings as required of ACS Board members, he found we were very well organized. He indicated the ACS Board was close to hiring a new executive director and the results on the ACS presidential election would be known soon.
- Kim Savage was welcomed as John Michael Sophos' replacement.
- The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.