

Minutes of the ACS Midwest Regional Board Meeting at the 2016 MWORM in Manhattan, KS,
held on Friday, October 28, 2016.

Present: Paul Rillema (Chair and Wichita), Tom Schuman (Chair-elect and South Central Missouri), Mike Greenlief (Secretary and University of Missouri), Gary Clapp (Treasurer), John Adams (Historian/Webmaster), Gordie Miller (Ames), Mike Ducey (Kansas City), Dan Higgins (Kansas State), Khamis Siam (Mo-Kan-Ok), Martha Morton (Nebraska), James Fletcher (Omaha), Matthew DeVore (Ozark), Jetty Duffy-Matzner (Sioux Valley), Leah O'Brien (St. Louis), Joe Heppert (Wakarusa Valley), Barbara Sawrey (ACS Board of Directors), Donovan Porterfield (Rocky Mountain Regional Board), Natalie LaFranzo (St. Louis chair), Brianne Blevins (ACS Liaison).

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Paul Rillema at 8:20 a.m.

1. The first order of business was the introduction of members and guests in attendance.
2. The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and three items were added to New Business (a. Midwest award, b. Wyoming Section request, and c. Senior Committee request.) The agenda was approved unanimously after the additions. A copy of the distributed agenda is attached in the appendix to these minutes. The numbered points in the minutes follow the meeting agenda.
3. Matt DeVore of the Ozark local section was unanimously voted to be the 2017 Board Secretary.
4. The minutes from the October 23, 2015 Board meeting were approved after two changes were noted. (1) Under the treasurer's report, it was noted that \$4200 was received from the National ACS office to fund the P3 award program and a separate accounting line was put in place to reflect this. (2) Under the report of the 49th Midwest meeting in Columbia, the final report for the "48th" meeting was changed to the "49th" meeting.
5. Chair's report
 - a. Mobile APP

The mobile app will now be used for the program guide. The cost of the app to Regional meetings is \$5000. Use of the app will begin with next year's meeting. John Adams will check with Linda Hall Library about how to archive program books if the app is used for a given meeting.

- b. Regional Board DC Conference

The National ACS meeting office is offering a Regional Board Leadership Conference at the same time as the Regional Meeting Planning Conference. There was discussion about our participating in the conference that will probably be offered yearly.

Motion – That the Midwest Regional Board approves sending a person to the Regional Board Leadership Conference and approves unreimbursed costs to be paid by the Board. (Tom Schuman, motion; Joe Heppert, 2nd) The motion was approved.

- c. Great Lakes Joint Meeting Request (2023)

The Central Illinois local section of the Great Lakes Region has asked to host a joint Regional meeting with the St. Louis local section. Leah O'Brien moved that the St. Louis section be allowed to have meeting in 2023. Joe Heppert, seconded. The motion was approved. Leah will work with the Great Lakes Regional Board to develop a memorandum of understanding for the joint meeting.

d. P3 Guidelines

The Region has \$4200 available to make P3 awards (\$1000 maximum per award). We did not receive any application for the award this year. The forms for the P3 award are attached.

e. Tom Barton - \$2500 for HS Teacher Workshops, Travel Expenses and Subscription of *ChemMatters*

The Region received \$2500 for HS Teachers.

Motion – That the \$2500 be divided equally amongst the active local sections and each local section can decide how to best use the money to support local high school teachers. (Khamis Siam, motion; Jetty Duffy-Matzner, 2nd) The motion was approved.

Discussion of possible teacher support included AACT membership and support for attending local section meetings.

6. Treasurer's report. (Gary Clapp)

The treasurer discussed the issues with transferring funds due to the Patriot Act. The issues has been resolved. The treasurer's report was approved and is attached.

7. Final report – 48th MWRM, Springfield, MO, hosted by the Ozark Local Section (Eric Bosch)

The final report for the 48th meeting was accepted and is attached.

8. Report on the 50th MWRM, St. Joseph, MO hosted by the Kansas City Section (Gary Clapp and Mike Ducey)

The final report for the 50th meeting was accepted and is attached. Mike Ducey mentioned the importance of keeping the meeting funds separate from local section funds and to watch fund transfers. One transfer for the meeting went into the local section account by mistake and had to be corrected. The MRWM has a tax exemption in place for the State of Missouri and it is available to local sections in Missouri hosting regional meetings.

9. Preliminary report on the 51st meeting (2016) hosted by the Kansas State University Section (Dan Higgins and Stephan Bossmann). [\$300 match with St. Louis awards symposium.]

Dan Higgins gave the preliminary report for the 51st meeting. There were 430 abstracts and 607 attendees at the meeting. The finances for the meeting look to be ok.

10. Report on plans for the 52nd meeting (2017) hosted by the Wakarusa Section in Lawrence, KS (Joe Heppert).

A preliminary report was submitted to the Board in December 2015 and is attached. Joe Heppert presented plans for the 52nd meeting in Lawrence. He discussed the meeting location, hotel space, and planned programming. The meeting budget was also presented and submitted for final approval. The budget was approved by the Board. The meeting budget and report are attached. Joe also asked for approval of a \$5000 Board loan, if needed. The request was approved.

11. Report on plans for the 53rd meeting (2018). The Ames Section will replace South-Central Missouri Section as host (Tom Holme).
Tom Schuman presented a letter (attached) explaining why the South Central Missouri local section is not be able to host the 53rd meeting. Joe Heppert moved to accept the request to withdrawal from hosting the meeting, Dan Higgins 2nd. The motion was approved.
Gordie Miller presented plans for the Ames local section to host the 2018 meeting at the Iowa State University campus. Tom Holmes will serve as general chair, Javier Vela – program chair, Joe Burnett – exhibits chair. The theme of the meeting will be “Critical Role of Chemistry.” Possible meeting dates are October 14-16 or October 21-23, 2018. Gordie also mentioned there may be interest in having a joint meeting with the Great Lakes Region, but nothing is finalized. Some symposia organizers are in place. Joe Heppert moved to accept the bid from Ames, Jetty Duffy-Matzner 2nd. The meeting bid request was approved.
12. Report on plans for the 54th meeting (2019) hosted by the Wichita Section (Paul Rillema). Paul Rillema present the preliminary plans for the 54th meeting (attached). The meeting will be at the Wichita Marriott October 16-19, 2019. The Wichita section requested a \$5000 Board loan and the loan was approved.
13. Reports on plans for the 55th meeting (2020) hosted by the Sioux Valley Section. Jetty Duffy-Matzner presented the preliminary plans for the 2020 meeting at the downtown Sioux Falls convention center. Planning is underway and Jetty will be serving as general chair.
14. Bids for future meetings (2021), (2022), (2023)
Bids for the 2021-2023 meetings were presented and approved as follows:
2021 – Mo-Kan-Ok local section, meeting will probably be on the Pittsburg State campus.
2022 – Ozark local section, meeting to be held in Springfield, MO at the new convention center.
2023 – St. Louis section (approved earlier in the meeting)
15. Awards Committee Report (Jetty Duffy-Matzner)
Jetty Duffy-Matzner mentioned that there were 4 nominees for the HS Teacher award and 2 nominee for the Volunteer award this year. There were no nomination for the Stan Israel or P3 awards. Jetty mentioned that the P3 award should be easy to get and encouraged people to apply.
16. MWRM Website Report (John Adams)
John reported that he needs to be copied on award forms so that the forms can be either posted on the Board website or properly linked to the upcoming Regional meeting’s awards webpage.
17. Graduate Research Award Symposium (Dan Higgins)
Dan Higgins mentioned that the Graduate Research Award Symposium at this year’s meeting went well. The monetary awards were sponsored by local chapter hi Lambda Upsilon. Dan presented a proposal to have the Graduate Research Award Symposium be part of the Midwest Regional Meeting. After discussion, Dan Higgins made the following motion, Jetty Duffy-Matzner 2nd) and the motion was approved.

Motion: That the Midwest Region of the American Chemical Society establish a new, continuing awards program honoring selected graduate students from the region for their research contribution. The award winners (one per local section of the region) would be selected by a local section officer and the names and affiliations forwarded to the host section of each meeting for compilation into an awards symposium. The initial symposium will be for five years (2017-2021); the symposium will be scheduled for a half-day session; the first 10 awardee selection received by the host section will be selected for oral presentations and any additional awardees will be assigned poster presentations; the award amount will be \$200 plus the cost of registration; the symposium program maybe re-authorized by the Board.

After the motion was approved, Tom Schuman made the following motion, Khamis Siam, 2nd.

Motion: That the costs for the Midwest Graduate Research Award Symposium be paid by the meeting by deducting the cost of the symposium from Board's split of meeting profits so that the Board is covering the cost of the symposium.

18. ACS Report (Brianne Blevins) b_blevins@acs.org
Brianne Blevins mention that ACS is encouraging meetings to be more diverse. As part of this program, ACS is making meeting registration available to three scientific organizations (SACNAS, NOBCChE, and AISES) at the ACS member rate. Leah O'Brien moved and Joe Heppert 2nd the following motion that was approved.

Motion: That the members of SACNAS, NOBCChE, and AISES be considered members of the American Chemical Society for the purposes of registration at Midwest Regional Meetings.

CEI has a mini grant program (\$300) for local sections (or regional meetings through local sections). ACS publications has \$2000 in sponsorship money available to support the 2017 meeting. Publications is asking for a booth and signage for sponsorship.

Brianne mentioned that there will be a resource fair at this year's Regional Meeting Planning Conference, instead of presentations to encourage more discussion.

19. Other New Business

a. Midwest Award:

Natalie LaFranzo of the St. Louis section presented a request for her section that the Board consider the following:

- i. Increased financial support of the Midwest symposium, currently \$300 from the meeting and \$300 from the St. Louis section
- ii. Discount tickets for students to attend the awards banquet
- iii. and the St. Louis section will continue to provide the honorarium

Joe Heppert mentioned that he will try to find a sponsor to support graduate students attending the awards banquet at next year's meeting. There was also discussion about

scheduling of the Midwest Award address to avoid conflicting with other sessions. Joe Heppert then moved, Leah O'Brien 2nd the following motion that was approved.

Motion: That the Midwest Regional Board will provide \$1500 in support of the Midwest Award Symposium for a one year trial.

- b. Wyoming local section - Khamis Siam received an email request from the Wyoming local section to be a member of the Midwest Region. The Board will ask for a proposal from the Wyoming local section that can be presented to the Midwest Region's local sections for approval.
- c. Senior Chemist Committee – The senior chemist committee asked to be involve more in regional meetings. There was discussion about adding a breakfast or lunch for the committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.