September 10, 2006

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of HIST -- San Francisco, CA

Attending: Mary Virginia Orna, Carmen Giunta, Paul R. Jones, Joe Jeffers, Vera Mainz, Roger Egolf, Jeff Seeman, Ben Chastain

The meeting started at approximately 5:15pm.

1. Minutes of March 26, 2006, were approved as written via email on May 12, 2006.

2. Secretary/Treasurer Reports: Vera Mainz

   a. Presentation of Finances (see Attachment 1 – 2006 Budget Summary. Also attached are the details of the 2006 Income and Expenses.). The Division has not yet received the second dues payment for 2006. The second issue of the Bulletin for 2006 will be mailed soon, and the costs are expected to be within budget.

   There are substantial reserves in the budget, but the majority of our resources are committed to upcoming programming or awards (Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs). Jeff Seeman gave an update on the status of a possible endowment of the Edelstein Award. He also noted that he is continuing to have conversations with Ruth and Sam Barish individually and together regarding the Edelstein Award.

   b. Website update – As per the previous meeting, the website has been updated in terms of appearance and format. Jim Bohning completed all the Dexter and Edelstein winner biographies just prior to this meeting, and they all been posted. The first set of winners of the Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs have also been posted.

   c. HIST Elections update – Vera reported that she had not heard from the Nominating Committee since late July. She had hoped that the ballots could be mailed out in mid-September, but now hoped to have them mailed out by mid-October. There was some discussion as to whether the Exec. Committee needed to approve the slate. The bylaws pertaining to election of officers are given below. The section relevant to approval by the Exec. Committee is underlined. The Exec. Committee does need to review the proposed slate and accept it or refer it back to the Nominating Committee. Vera will inform the Chair of the Nominating Committee of this requirement.

Section 4. Election of officers. At the first general mailing after January 1 in a year in which an election is required, the Secretary shall send to each member a ballot soliciting nominations for the officers who are to be elected for the following year.

   By April 15, the Chairman shall appoint from active members of the Division a Nominating Committee of two or three members whose duty it shall be to solicit candidates for the offices becoming vacant the following year.

   Nomination ballots to be valid must be signed by the member and mailed so as to be received by the Secretary not later than May 1, and shall be transmitted immediately to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
The Nominating Committee shall review the nominating ballots and develop a list of potential candidates who are members of the Division. After obtaining the permission of persons to be proposed as candidates, the Nominating Committee shall prepare an election slate consisting of at least two candidates for each position to be filled, except, under certain circumstances, those of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall forward the slate to the Secretary. The Chairman-Elect shall automatically advance to the Chairmanship. The slate shall include two candidates for the position of Chairman if the Chairman-Elect is unable to accept the Chairmanship. The Committee may renominate an incumbent Secretary or Treasurer for a subsequent term, without a second candidate being listed for that office. If the incumbent is renominated for a third term, a second candidate for that office shall be included also.

The Executive Committee shall review the proposed election slate and accept it or refer it back to the Nominating Committee for amendment. After the Executive Committee has accepted the election slate, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall mail to each member an election ballot with the names of candidates arranged in an order arrived at by lot. On the ballot there also shall be a blank line under each office for “write-in” votes. All votes received by the deadline specified in the ballot shall be counted. The Nominating Committee shall act as tellers unless other tellers are appointed by the Chairman. Election shall be by plurality.

In the event of a tie vote for an office, a second ballot for that office shall be sent to the members.

3. Reports from Councilors – see Attachment 2.

   a. Ben Chastain – Ben is still serving on the Divisional Activities Committee (DAC). He noted that the Innovation Grant proposals from HIST were both funded at a slightly increased level than expected: Archives at $5000 and Mary Virginia PRES symposium series at $7500. Thematic programming is receiving more and more attention. There is one theme for the San Francisco meeting, there will be three themes for Boston, and three for in Chicago. HIST should continue to look at the themes and make proposals for money for programming to support them.

   b. Mary Virginia Orna – Mary Virginia is still serving on CONC. She is in her second year of a two year term on that committee. She serves as liaison to the Committee on Technician Affairs and the Committee on Publications. Paul Jones is now on PUBS as a non-voting associate member. Both Paul and Mary Virginia are on the copyright subcommittee of PUBS, too. This should continue to be useful for issues involving the Bulletin and other material covered on the agendas is useful. PUBS is discussing marketing strategies for journals and open access. The ACS is toying with the idea of having each author pay in order to be published. Option for ACS author is that he/she has the option of distributing to 50 people through a link. Or they can pay and have option of unlimited option to distribute. This discussion is in reaction to NIH policy requirements for open access to journal articles. The policy only applies to authors who have funding from agencies with >$100,000,000. Pricing structure would indicate membership has privileges. Peer review process is expensive.

4. HIST Programming: Joe Jeffers – see Attachment 3.

    a) Regional Meetings – Carmen Giunta and Joe need to meet about this. They believe the best option would be to organize and look for regional meetings to target in next few years. Roger agreed to check with Tom Strom and see if he is interested in being a regional program coordinator for HIST - this is meant to be a proactive facilitator to give good advice concerning
programming. We acknowledged that the question most likely to be asked is how much money can they (the regional meeting programmers) expect from HIST. This is a question that can’t be answered easily except by saying "it depends." Discussion centered on focusing our programming at two regional meetings/year. The Treasurer needs to keep track of money such as that for the See and Be Seen program so we can ask for another Innovative Program Grant for regional programming.


c. Presidential symposia – Mary Virginia Orna

**Presidential Symposium San Francisco** – Mary Virginia was disappointed by the turnout today, most likely because of the Sunday morning scheduling. This was well-publicized, 1500 posters distributed to all the meeting rooms. Symposium speakers were not too disappointed because Mike Woods showed up and said the newsest notes from the symposium would be up on a meeting web blog. This is hopefully a tool for those who can’t go to sessions because of scheduling conflicts. Symposium speakers and guests were taken to dinner on Sat. night, and went to lunch at noon. Speakers exemplified everything chemistry should be today - collaborative and multidisciplinary to the nth degree.

**2007** – Symposium for Chicago is “Going with the Flow: Water Sustainability: Past, Present, Future” Two-thirds of the schedule is set up and Mary Virginia hopes to get final abstracts in soon. Chuck Casey – Keynote speaker.

Mary Virginia needs to talk with Katie Hunt about further symposia, especially whether she has specific topics, etc. she would like covered.

Problem is Boston – the original proposal included working with CAS for 100th Anniversary Celebration. She has heard nothing back from CAS and plans to contact them again and see what the options are. If this doesn’t go forward, then Mary Virginia will get back to Katie and see if she has a program for Boston. If they can’t find a topic, then put the money back to ACS.

c. 50th Anniversary Celebration of Edelstein/Dexter awards – Jeff Seeman

A full slate of speakers is scheduled for the sessions on Monday. Two people can’t stay around for panel discussion and Jeff plans to find two more – Carmen volunteered. Exec. Comm. members were requested think about questions for the panel discussion. Hamburg and Jensen will not attend.

d. Concert Program – Jeff Seeman reported that everything is on track for Tuesday.

5. Report from the Bulletin Editor: Paul Jones

Copyright permissions – Leo Slater has been contacting authors for OPA and Edelstein/Dexter papers to get permissions and has gotten responses from almost all. All the authors in papers coming out in current issues have already returned their copyright forms. V31(2) is in press, 48 pages long, containing five full papers and five book reviews. Of the five papers, two turned
around in << 1 year, one was originally received in 2000. Next issue will feature Peter Morris’s Edelstein Award paper.

Demographics – fairly large proportion of manuscripts come from non-US affiliates/members. There is an Editorial challenge with language when content is fine but the grammar is not. Editor can’t rewrite the paper, so sometimes a fairly subjective decision is made whether to print or not.

Serving on PUBS as associate has put Paul in touch with Grace Baysinger (librarian at Stanford) and she sent an email to all her science librarian colleagues encouraging them to look at the Bulletin as a premier journal in the area.

Jack Stocker does want back issues of the Bulletin, and Paul has delivered them.


Vera reported that all Dexter/Edelstein biographies are now posted. Jim is now working on the Officer biographies.

7. Awards and related programs – Jeff Seeman

   a. Edelstein Award - Jeff is planning to put together a letter to the Edelstein Foundation to request funding for award endowment. Vera noted that her investigation of the Edelstein Foundation website showed that their endowment may not be sufficient to support our request. Jeff will continue to investigate this possibility.

   b. Outstanding Paper Award – Lyman Caswell is the winner for 2006. Do we have enough OPA winners to put together a symposium of past winners?

   c. Citations for Chemical Breakthroughs – Ed Wasserman set up conference call several weeks ago. Ed is sensitive to issues with respect to how the Citations program might impact the Landmarks program. Clarification for Jeff 1) fundamental scientific accomplishments (papers, patents, books) and 2) adaptive science (things that have made real impacts on society in some way). Ed is specifically concerned having two awards given for the same thing, eg, Rockefeller Univ. for proteins and DNA, Beckman pH meter, Gomberg free radical science. Jeff needs to emphasize to his committee that the Citations need to be made for true breakthrough science. Jeff was pleased that the ACS Landmarks program has acknowledged HIST on equal terms in this process.

      Landmarks designated Sy Mauskopf as a liaison from Landmarks to Citations committee, and we should designate a liaison from HIST to Landmarks. Jeff suggested Paul Jones be the liaison from HIST to Landmarks.

      Recipients have been very excited. David Rockefeller will be attending symposium for the award.

      Jeff has been asked as to who makes nominations for citations, esp. for those from outside the US. We need a process to identify places to send announcements, nominations for requests, etc.
d. **Certificate of Appreciation** – none in pipeline.

8. **Report from Chair: Jeff Seeman – No report**

9. **Report from Chair Elect: Roger Egolf.**

Roger said he had a possible contact at the Delaware Science Museum that he would follow up on. He also agreed to approach Gary Patterson and Arthur Daemmerick from CHF as possible symposium organizers.

10. **Report from Immediate Past Chair: No report.**

11. **Old Business**

   a. **Bylaw modifications**: Discussion focused on the process. We need to first review HIST bylaws with respect to ACS bylaws. Then we decide on other additions/suggestions we want, such as addition of Bulletin Editor as a member of the Exec. Committee. Jeff appointed Carmen Giunta as chair of a bylaws committee, with Ben Chastain as the other member. Carmen will check with Jim Traynham and see if he will agree to serve. Mary Virginia offered the general advice that the less specific the bylaws, the better. So we should work toward streamlining the bylaws and creating SOPs.

   b. **Chem Luminary** on Tuesday night. Poster needs to go up at 8pm, Mary Virginia volunteered to put up the poster.

12. **New Business**

   a. **ACS Innovative Grant proposals** – July 1 is deadline. Think about submissions to Corporate Associates program for additional funding when appropriate.

   b. Jan Hayes brought up topic about surveying HIST members to help determine the type of programming and other services they want. Jeff is suggested that Jan work with John Katz and cohort to pursue this.

Meeting ended at ~ 7:15pm
Attachments

**Attachment 1**: 2006 Budget Summary plus Income/Expense Details
**Attachment 2**: Reports from Councilors
**Attachment 3**: Programming for San Francisco and Beyond
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ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Election Results


- The Council Policy Committee presented to the Council the following slate of nominees for membership on the Committee on Nominations and Elections: V. Dean Adams, G. Bryan Balazs, Merle I. Eiss, Marie G. Hankins, Charles P. Rader, Barbara A. Sawrey, Sharon P. Shoemaker, Herbert B. Silber, Ellen B. Stechel and Don B. Weser. By written ballot the Council elected Merle I. Eiss, Barbara A. Sawrey, Sharon P. Shoemaker, Herbert B. Silber and Ellen B. Stechel.

Candidates for President-Elect and Board of Directors

- The candidates for the fall 2007 ACS national election were announced as follows:

**President-Elect 2007**
Bruce E. Bursten, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Yorke E. Rhodes, Retired - New York University, New York
Bassam Z. Shakhashiri, University of Wisconsin, Madison
James A. Walsh, Retired - John Carroll University, Florida

**Directors-at-Large – 2007-2009**
William H. (Jack) Breazeale, Jr. College of Charleston, South Carolina
Dennis Chamot, National Research Council, Washington, D.C.
Peter K. Dorhout, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins
Paul R. Jones, University of North Texas, Denton
Valerie J. Kuck, Retired - Bell Labs, New Jersey
Dorothy J. Phillips, Waters Corporation, Massachusetts
Petitions for Consideration

- The Council received three petitions for consideration: Petition on Election Procedures 2006; Petition on Multi-Year Dues; and a Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of Nominations and Elections for National Offices. A brief discussion ensued on the Petition on Rules for Nominating Members of Nominations and Elections for National Offices. Action is expected on these petitions at the 2007 spring national meeting in Chicago.

Committee Review and Committee Change in Status

- As part of a regular review, the Council VOTED to continue the Committee on Public Relations and Communication, the Committee on Environmental Improvement, and the Committee on International Activities subject to concurrence by the Board of Directors. The Council also VOTED to support the request of the Committee on Community Activities that its status be changed from an “other committee” of the Board to a joint Board-Council Committee. The purpose of the Committee on Community Activities is to improve the public perception of chemistry by providing programs to connect chemists with their communities.

Governance Review

- The Council received a report from the Council Policy Committee on activities related to Governance Review. The Board-CPC Governance Review Task Force generated 23 ideas following initial interaction with the Board, Council, Committees and other interested members. A joint meeting of the Board of Directors and CPC was held at this meeting to prioritize the 23 ideas into three categories: to advance the idea as worthy of further consideration by the cognizant committee and/or interested groups; to refine the idea which will be sent back to the Governance Review Task Force for further consideration; or to place the idea in a “stop” category as an idea that will receive no further consideration as part of the governance review. Councilors received a listing of the 23 ideas organized into the three categories as prioritized jointly by the Board and CPC.

Registration Report and 2007 National Meeting Registration Fee
• As of September 12, 2006, the ACS fall national meeting had attracted 15,603 registrants. Totals in select categories are as follows: Regular attendees 9,373; Students 3,350; Guests 510; Exhibit Only 504; and Exhibitors 1,666. The Committee on Meetings and Expositions reported that national meeting financial targets continue to be met, and therefore recommended to the Board of Directors that there be no increase in national meeting registration fees for 2007.

The Society’s Membership

• The Committee on Membership Affairs reported that through August 2006, a record 12,137 new applicants have been added to the Society’s membership, and that the Member-Get-A-Member campaign is well on its way to the goal of 1,000 new members in this year.

Special Discussion Item

• A special discussion item was again put on the Council agenda. The discussion focused on ensuring the American Chemical Society’s future by engaging younger members throughout the Society’s volunteer leadership. ACS President E. Ann Nalley framed the discussion by presenting the results of a councilor survey on the topic and many councilors offered useful comments and suggestions.

Review of the Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct

• The Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs submitted its latest version of the Chemical Professional’s Code of Conduct for Council review. This document offers guidance for Society members in various professional dealings, especially those involving conflicts of interest.

Of Special Interest to HIST Members

It was announced at the meeting that a special two-hour NOVA presentation, “Forgotten Genius,” documenting the life and accomplishments of Percy Lavon Julian, will premier nationally in February, 2007. For a program preview and more, visit pbs.org/nova/julian.

ACTIVITIES OF HIST COUNCILORS

Ben Chastain - continues to serve on the Divisional Activities Committee and to co-chair the Divisional Enhancement Subcommittee. Also continues as liaison to the Committee on Public Relations and Communication.

Mary Virginia Orna – continues her second term on the Committee on Committees. She serves as committee liaison to the Joint Board-Council Committee on Publications and to the Committee on Technician Affairs.
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| Sept 10-14, 2006        | San Francisco | (1) Edelstein Award Symposium Honoring Peter Morris (Martin Saltzman), Tues am  
(2) Celebrating a Legacy: Fifty years of the Dexter and Edelstein Awards (Tony Travis, Jeff Seeman) Monday am pm  
(3) Health Materials and Techniques: Research and Development over the Past 25 Years: Investment in Basic Research Leading to Benefits for Society. (Mary Virginia Orna) [co-sponsor: PRES, CHED, MEDI, POLY, PMSE] Sunday am  
(5) History of the FDA in its Hundredth year. (Kim Morehouse). [co-sponsor: Chemical Society of Washington] Tuesday pm | (1) Great Technicians in History (Daphne Eggers, TECH)  
(2) Lives in Science as Illustrations of Scientific Practice (John Theibault, CHED)  
(3) Dr. Percy L. Julian: Scientist, Humanist, Educator, Entrepreneur, and Inspirational Trailblazer (James Shoffner, CMA)  
(4) Fifty Years of Electron Transfer and RRKM Theories(Alexei Stuchebrukhov, Stephen Klippenstein, PHYS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| March 25-29, 2007       | Chicago      | (1) The Landmarks Program: Celebrating the History of Chemistry. (Judah Ginsberg)  
(2) Landmark Stable Free Radicals of the 20th Century. (Tom Strom) [cosponsor: ORGN] not Sun am or Mon pm  
(3) HIST at 85: Looking Back and Looking Ahead (Jim Bohning, Jeff Seeman)  
(4) Going with the Flow: Water Sustainability: Past, Present, Future (Mary Virginia Orna) [co-sponsor: PRES]  
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