

Minutes of the HIST Executive Committee meeting
March 27, 2011
Disneyland Hotel

Present: Vera Mainz, Ned Heindel, Carmen Giunta, Joe Jeffers, Mary Virginia Orna, Roger Egolf, Tom Strom, Jan Hayes, Seth Rasmussen

The meeting started 5:05pm

1. **Welcome and announcements**, Tom Strom
Jan Hayes will be late, ~6:30pm, so her reports will be moved until when she arrives.
2. **Secretary-Treasurer Report**, Vera Mainz
 - a) Minutes from the Fall 2010 Executive Committee meeting were approved via email Feb. 11, 2011.
 - b) Vera discussed some of the problems encountered using the ACS FORMS interface, specifically the many problems with the Treasurer's Report form. There are several problems with this form that won't be corrected soon. Treasurers were instructed that even though the form reports incorrect data, it will stand. Treasurers can send in the report via an Excel spreadsheet (which Vera did) and that will take precedence over the FORMS report if the Division believes there are still errors. There was additional discussion of the problems with the FORMS report. Problems also include printing from the FORMS pages. Vera did participate in the survey sent out by FORMS support staff. Roger also noted, via the DAC, that since the FORMS data is not a legal report, it shouldn't matter what is on it. So, the decision was made that ACS staff enter data from a spreadsheet into FORMS reports. However there was no way given for corrections to be made to these FORMS. And if it is still incorrect we would still not sign off and approve these reports.
 - c) Treasurer's Report. Also see Appendix for Quicken summary of income/expense.

Balance, Money Market Account, 2/28/2011	\$ 112,583.73
Total Checks not cleared	\$ (3,097.80)
Deposits not cleared	\$ 394.00
Total in Money Market Account 3/23/2011	\$ 109,879.93

TOTAL OBLIGATED FUNDS as of 3/23/2011

Citations*	\$4,004.49
MVO Nat Inv IPGA	\$991.15
Archives IPGA	\$3,087.17
StopGap Funding	\$3,800.00
Citations Travel	\$4,928.16
Past Pres IPGA	\$3,698.86

Study Tour IPGA	\$1,182.66
SERMACS IPGA	\$2,222.30
Baekeland Symp	\$119.49
Edelstein Travel Fund	\$8,180.44
HIST Investment Fund	\$20,525.06
HIST Award**	\$3,000.00
	\$55,739.78

Total Not Obligated as of 3/23/2011	\$ 54,140.15
ACS Allocation 4/15/2011	\$ 10,037.83
	\$ 64,177.98

*Includes HIST \$600 for 2011 but not JIS \$1200

**Includes 2010 and 2011 contributions

CHF contributions to the Edelstein Award is not pulled into the obligated category. The money needed for the Bulletin is not showing as an obligation, nor do I show the dues that should arrive in April.

Note the Edelstein Travel Fund and HIST Investment Fund monies are listed as obligations. This money will be moved to a Vanguard Fund as we apparently can't set up two separate accounts. The amounts will be tracked and when dividends are paid out, they will be separated accordingly. The Exec. Committee reiterated their approval for this investment. The Vanguard Funds the money will be invested into are those recommended by the Investment Pool as similar to their own investing philosophy. Roger Egolf will be the second signatory on the account in case of anything happening to Vera.

We agreed at the last meeting to match Jeff Seeman's contribution to the CCB award, and that is noted in the table.

- d) Vera showed a report on the Stocker Symposium, see Appendix 2. Jan Hayes had sent her own spreadsheet to Vera about the expenses for the Stocker Symposium and asked for an explanation of why her spreadsheet doesn't match Vera's records. Vera found several expenses paid by the Ticker Fund, which Vera had no records on. There is either \$600 or \$800 difference in the amounts. Mary Virginia reported that the Ticker Fund indicates a personal payment from a fund set up by Jan. Vera noted the problems that developed with this symposium is that some pledges never came in and the expenses were higher than anticipated. The motion was made and carried that HIST should cover any remaining expenses for the Stocker Symposium. The policy for future receptions is that money must be in hand before HIST approves and orders via ACS.
- e) At a previous Exec. Committee meeting we had approved a HIST contribution of \$500 to the Boston symposium on Anna Jane Harrison. No one ever contacted Vera

so this money was never paid out. The consensus was that if they didn't ask the money goes back into the pool. Another graduate symposium (students from Austin) contacted HIST for support. We told them they needed to have at least one historical talk. Seth reported that he didn't approve of the talk they submitted as fulfilling that request, so no money.

- f) The Division is in very good shape in terms of available unobligated money. Membership is static in terms of numbers. More members are reporting email addresses.
- g) In terms of the website, Vera noted that she relies on members and Exec. Committee members to send me corrections or additions.

3. Reports from Councilors

- a) Mary Virginia Orna is a member of CPC and beginning her 2nd three year term this year. Therefore she can't sit on any other committee, but she does sit on subcommittees. One of her subcommittees is the long-range planning committee and assesses issues such as 1) moving the date of the Council meeting and 2) running the orientation for new councilors. This orientation is every spring meeting and includes an invitation to newly elected councilors and doing things in different ways. The orientation starts with discussions on particular topic (say 5 minute synopsis) then ask those attending questions. The orientation will occur on the Saturday afternoon of the spring meeting. The third thing Mary Virginia was involved with was setting the divisor that sets the number of councilors for a given division and local section. The decision was to keep the number of councilors the same and the hope is that they have impacted the divisions and local sections the least. They do this blindly, that is, without knowledge of which divisions and local sections will be affected negatively. The other subcommittee is on Constitution and Bylaws. They do most of their work between meetings and will meet tomorrow. There was a suggestion that Roger Egolf and Mary Virginia bring the Council agenda to the HIST Executive Committee meeting so items of interest can be discussed. One Agenda item for this meeting is that position statements that expresses the position of the Society as a whole require approval of Board of Directors by any Society bodies, Divisions, local sections and committees. The Bylaws committee felt the proposal was ambiguous, so it may be remanded to the proposer.
- b) Roger Egolf remains on DAC. He was on this committee via his Councilor status for his Local Section. He resigned his Local Section Councilor position upon election as HIST Councilor and continued his work on DAC and on the annual report subcommittee; DAC received a copy of the Young Chemist Survey and shows division membership by young chemists. There are seven young chemists in HIST, which is close to the same percentage as in ACS in general. Roger has seen the survey report on FORMS to DAC. It was marked confidential but it can be discussed with Exec. Committees. One of the important questions was "did you find the event forms useful and intuitive?" 31% neutral, 13% not at all useful. The overall rate satisfaction ratings were 4.5% very satisfied, 29% satisfied, 16% very dissatisfied. On this

question the rating of neutral to very dissatisfied ran ~65%. There were complaints and some sample comments such as “won’t accept changes,” “won’t work with several browsers,” and “can’t print.” There is an upcoming meeting at Anaheim on FORMS where this report will be discussed.

4. **Report from Program Chair**, Seth Rasmussen

- a) Seth passed out a list of current and future HIST symposia. The Anaheim meeting is going well so far. Tuesday afternoon will have two undergrad speakers and we will continue to try to grow that interest. The Denver meeting is looking incredibly strong with 3-4 days of programming. There is no Edelstein/HIST Award winner in place, so no programming for this won’t be until Philadelphia, at the earliest. The new PACS system only allows Seth to put in abstracts after the deadline. He has some work-arounds for this problem. There are currently no symposia planned for San Diego. Mary Virginia noted we could use the Springer Brief volumes as symposia topics. Seth is the editor for the series, so could easily contact authors. Currently all the authors are HIST members. For the Philadelphia meeting a symposium on Chemistry books edited by Edgar Fahs Smith is suggested by Jim Bohning.
- b) Mary Virginia mentioned Judy Summers Gates (present chair of Chemists with Disabilities) who showed her a periodic table with missing elements, where those missing were discovered by chemists with disabilities. That would make a good topic for a symposium in San Diego.
- c) There will be two one-hour shows on the periodic table funded by NSF and McArthur Foundation called the “Mystery of Matter: Stories from the Periodic Table.” The first hour should be out by the next national meeting, highlighting elements that Marie Curie discovered or her science allowed others to discover. The project will have web pages, teacher’s guides, downloadable film loops, etc. Alan Rocke, Ned Heindel, and Mary Jo Nye are some of those on the panel reviewing the scripts.
- d) The session this afternoon had the first HIST Tutorial. Seth hopes to keep this going as it is important to general education and ACS is happy to see HIST doing thematic programming. For Denver, Carmen volunteered to do the Tutorial.
- e) Seth reported that he ran into the problem that he used to be able to do multiple one-day registrations for non-ACS members. Now staff told him he can’t do it anymore. There was a discussion on how to handle this situation as if we can’t do it through normal system and the staff won’t do it, we’ll have an “illegal” person on site.
- f) Seth reminded the Committee that we still have to invite Solito Sumulong as an assistant program chair. Members of YCC are looking for ways to contribute in a leadership position, so Seth could possibly find someone from their ranks for an assistant program chair if Solito is not interested. P2C2 is pushing hard for us to use social networking. They would like all divisions to have a facebook page and an ACS network page. Seth agreed to set up a facebook page.
- g) Roger is submitting an IPG proposal on the Morrill Act anniversary for the Philadelphia meeting. He is setting up this symposium for BCCE just before the Philadelphia meeting, and will use some of those speakers for the ACS symposium. A motion was made to grant \$500 for support for each meeting and passed unanimously.

5. **Report from Bulletin Editor**, Carmen Giunta

- a) *Bulletin* v36(1) is almost at the printers. Carmen is using the same graphics designer as Paul used for this issue, but printing and mailing will be done at LeMoyne. There is no change to look of the *Bulletin* this year, except book reviews will be listed in the table of contents. Articles in this issue are mostly from Paul's pipeline. The letter of appreciation to Paul for his work is in this issue.
- b) Seth will show a publication propaganda slide for the *Bulletin* and the Springer Briefs. suggested that we think of designing a masthead for the *Bulletin* – maybe a contest to HIST members?

6. **Report from Chair-Elect**, Ned Heindel

- a) Ned discussed Jim Bohning's request for a symposium above, and updated up on the upcoming PBS/NOVA show.
- b) Lydia Hines got in touch with Ned about the Citation for Chemical Breakthroughs (CCB) program and has a "personal" agenda on the CCB's as she is involved in a nomination. Jan also talked to Lydia and Jeff. Jan asked Jeff if we can get a process in writing for how the CCB Committee works. Jan had discussions with committee members indicates that they do work with Jeff. The proposal that Lydia is concerned about just hasn't made it to the top as a winner. Jan said she personally assured her that there is a process and many nominees.

7. **Report from Past Chair**, Jan Hayes

- a) Follow-up to Stocker Symposium report. At the Spring 2013 National meeting in New Orleans, the Stocker sons and the Louisiana local section at New Orleans will be trying to figure out what to do with Jack Stocker's books. Al Bopp (Councilor from that section) wanted to know if HIST wanted to participate in some type of activity around establishment of a Univ. of New Orleans Library – Stocker Collection? One suggestion was to give a *Bulletin* subscription to Univ. of New Orleans in memory of Jack Stocker. Jan offered to follow up and see if the Univ. of New Orleans Library would take the *Bulletin* collection that HIST replaced after Jack lost his collection during Katrina.
- b) Joe Francisco is taking a significant part of his money as a past ACS President and using it to put up information about past presidents. One project is to add information on past presidents back to acs.oracs.org. The first page would be a list of all past presidents, then a page with basic information and a picture. The next page would have increasing information from more research. In addition, the symposium on Past Presidents in Denver will be supported by Joe's funds. Jan hopes there will be a transfer of some of this money to HIST, if we want to accept, for continued support for the webpage. A motion was made to these accept funds and passed unanimously. The symposia on the Science and Legacy of Past ACS Presidents suggested are: 2013 - New Orleans "Mary Good", 2014 - SFO "Atilla Pavlath", and 2015 - Boston "Henry Hill." The motion was made and passed unanimously to accept these symposia topics.

8. **Report from Chair**, Tom Strom

From MPPG, Joe Jeffers reported there was a huge outcry on having the deadline for Denver during this meeting. Themes for upcoming meetings are: 2013 Spring - New Orleans, Chemistry of Energy and Food, 2013 Fall – Indianapolis, Energy in Motion; 2014 Spring – Dallas, Energy:

Advanced Materials for New Opportunities; 2014 Fall – San Francisco, Chemistry and Stewardship of the World.

9. **Report from Historian**, Jim Bohning -- No report.

10. **Report from Archivist**, John Sharkey – No report.

11. Other Business

- a) HIST was asked to be a nominal sponsor of a Science Cafe on Madame Curie, Denver. We would not be asked to provide personnel or money. Motion made and passed.
- b) There is a May 2nd deadline for new nominees for ACS Fellows from HIST. The questions include how to choose the nominees. There would be a maximum of four from HIST. The chair of the Division can delegate nomination to suitable person and needs to send a letter saying they are HIST nominee. Ned agrees to work with Tom.
- c) Tom presented a request from the Graduate Student Symposium Planning Committee, Denver for support. Vera thought if there isn't any historical programming then HIST shouldn't support. There was a consensus that this should not be supported by HIST. They were also looking for support for the ACS Graduate Student and Postdoc Reception in Denver. The request was turned down.
- d) Citation for Chemical Breakthroughs coming up at Staudinger at Univ. of Strassburg. Tom will circulate later.
- e) Bulletin Outstanding Paper. Jan has organized a committee, chaired by Harold Goldwhite, Gary Patterson and Kathleen Thompson, for the 2009 award. As soon as they complete that work, either Gary or Kathleen will chair, pick up another member, and go to work on the 2010 award.
- f) HIST Award. Tom and Jan need to work on setting up the jury for this award. Vera recommended they have a conference call with Jim Bohning about this. She also noted that previous SOP's for the Edelstein Award is on the Exec. Committee part of the HIST website. Vera recommended that Roger not speak to CHF about this until the arrangements for this award are further along.
- g) There is a book published in Italy on Tracing the Lost Elements. The book was published by Italian Chemical Society about elements that never made it into the periodic table. Mary Virginia is in the process of translating the book. There is funding available from the Savings Bank of Florence to publish the translation. 9600 euros is available for publishing, translation, and editing. Marco Fontani, one of the authors, is asking for sponsorship for publishing the book in the US. We would want to publish it in a way that will give HIST good publicity, keep it within HIST (not necessarily as an ACS book) and publish with a reasonable cost. The consensus was that Vera will work with Mary Virginia on a letter of agreement concerning the transfer of money that will circulate for approval via email.
- h) A possible future Symposium topic: Cultural Heritage Objects proposed by Nicholas Zumdubiatis. Carmen thought it would be something the ANYL and HIST would be interested in, maybe via Archeological subdivision. Carmen said it would take money and expertise. Vera will check back and see who asked for the roster.

i) Appendices

Appendix 1: Quicken Summary, 2011 Income/Expense

Appendix 2: Stocker Symposium Income/Expense Summary

Appendix 3: Councilors' Report

2011 Itemized Categories Report - YTD

1/1/2011 through 3/23/2011

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Clr	Amount
INCOME							3,915.83
Bulletin - Lib							680.00
1/14/2011	CMA...	DEP	...Swets - Ck#00898...	2011 Wellcome Library		R	40.00
				2011 Zentralbibliothek Zu...		R	40.00
				2011 Deutsches Museum		R	40.00
				2011 Univ. Trondheim		R	40.00
				2011 Swets 88564886		R	36.00
1/14/2011	CMA...	DEP	Swets - Ck#00937...	2011 Inst. Hist. Med. Val...		R	40.00
1/14/2011	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#104...	2011 Univ. Wisc. Madison		R	36.00
1/14/2011	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#006...	2011 Swets 39267710		R	36.00
1/14/2011	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#006...	2011 Swets 35651795		R	36.00
1/14/2011	CMA...	DEP	Cornell University ...	2011 Cornell		R	36.00
1/14/2011	CMA...	DEP	...EBSCO - Ck#902...	2011 Texas Austin		R	36.00
				2011 Northwestern		R	36.00
				2011 Indiana U		R	36.00
				2011 Science Museum		R	40.00
2/11/2011	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#054...	2011 CSI		R	40.00
2/11/2011	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#107...	2011 New Hampshire		R	36.00
2/11/2011	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#109...	2011 SUNY Buffalo		R	36.00
3/7/2011	CMA...	DEP	EBSCO - Ck#108...	2011 Royal Soc Chem			40.00
Donations							1,500.00
HIST Award							1,500.00
1/25/2011	CMA...	DEP	Vera Mainz - Ck#3...	2011		R	1,500.00
Dues Income							100.00
ACS							40.00
1/25/2011	CMA...	DEP	American Chemica...	Ian Rae membership credit		R	40.00
Direct from Members							60.00
3/15/2011	CMA...	DEP	Alexander Kraft Vi...	2010 and 2011			60.00
Grants & Awards							1,377.70
Citation ChemBreakthroughs							877.70
1/25/2011	CMA...	DEP	Imperial College C...	Barton duplicate plaque r...		R	563.70
2/11/2011	CMA...	DEP	Dudley Herschbach	duplicate Purcell plaque f...		R	314.00
Stocker Symposium							500.00
1/14/2011	CMA...	DEP	Janan Hayes			R	500.00
Int Inc							8.13
1/31/2011	CMA...	DEP	Interest			R	4.22
2/28/2011	CMA...	DEP	Interest			R	3.91
Other Inc							250.00
1/18/2011	CMA...	EFT	ACS/EFT Remittan...			R	250.00
EXPENSES							-3,756.10
Award							-1,520.00
Citation ChemBreakthroughs							-20.00
1/24/2011	CMA...	1901	Stellar Kent - Invoi...	Purcell duplicate plaque f...		R	-314.00
3/15/2011	CMA...	DEP	CalTech Via ACS ...	duplicate Roberts plaque ...			294.00
MVO WCNIHoF							-1,500.00
3/15/2011	CMA...	1905	GroundWork Design	audio-visual work			-1,500.00
Bulletin							-500.00
3/1/2011	CMA...	1903	Le Moyne College	Bulletin expenses			-500.00
Division Admin							-1,578.60

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Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Tag	Clr	Amount
DLC-P2C2							-1,578.60
1/24/2011	CMA...	1902	Seth Rasmussen	P2C2 travel		R	-480.80
3/7/2011	CMA...	1904	Ned Heindel				-347.80
3/23/2011	CMA...	1906	American Chemica...	ACS Leadership Institute ...			-750.00
Invest Exp							-157.50
1/5/2011	CMA...	EFT	WCMA Annual Fee	Annual fee		R	-150.00
1/19/2011	CMA...	EFT	Merrill Lynch Banki...	checks		R	-7.50
OVERALL TOTAL							159.73

COUNCILOR REPORT – DIVISION OF THE HISTORY OF CHEMISTRY
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY NATIONAL MEETING
ANAHEIM, CA; MARCH 27-31, 2011

Both HIST Councilors attended this meeting. Here is a summary of their attendance.

ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Election Results

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections presented to the Council the following nominees for selection as candidates for President-Elect, 2012: Judith L. Benham, Dennis Chamot, Diane Grob Schmidt, and Marinda Li Wu. By electronic ballot, the Council selected Dennis Chamot and Marinda Li Wu as candidates for 2012 President-Elect. These two candidates, along with any candidates selected via petitions, will stand for election in the Fall National Election.
- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the results of the election to select candidates from the list of nominees to represent District III and District VI on the Board of Directors for the term 2012-2014. Nominees for District III included Susan B. Butts, Pat N. Confalone, David J. Lohse, and Judith A. Summers-Gates. Nominees for District VI included G. Bryan Balazs, Bonnie A. Charpentier, Carlos G. Gutierrez, and Victor J. Hruby. By mail ballot, the Councilors from these districts selected Pat N. Confalone and David J. Lohse as District III candidates; and Bonnie A. Charpentier and Carlos G. Gutierrez as District VI candidates. Ballots will be mailed on or before October 10 to all members in District III and District VI for election of a Director from each District.

Candidates for Directors-at-Large

- The Committee on Nominations and Elections announced the selection of the following candidates for Directors-at-Large for a 2012-2014 term: Ken B. Anderson, William F. Carroll, Jr., Charles E. Kolb, and Barbara A. Sawrey. The election of two Directors-at-Large will be conducted in the fall. Ballots will be mailed to the Council on or before October 10.

Reports of the Presidential Succession

The President, Nancy B. Jackson, reported on her activities which seemed to consist almost entirely of interfacing the ACS with the International Year of Chemistry 2011. Among the many international issues that she, and ACS, are dealing with are the global challenges of population growth, availability of food and water, and climate change. One of the IYC events took place at the Chemical Heritage Foundation featuring the CEOs of Dow and DuPont and the former Director of the NSF. A webcast of the event can be viewed at <http://www.chemheritage.org/visit/events/international-year-of-chemistry-2011.aspx>.

The Immediate Past-President, Joseph S. Francisco, reported on a task force that he created that was charged with ensuring that the U.S. remains the most innovative and entrepreneurial country in the world.

The President-Elect, Bassam Z. Shakhashiri, reiterated his focus on an agenda dealing with policy and programmatic matters related to education at all levels. He also encouraged ACS members who no longer have to pay dues because of length of service in ACS to consider contributing what they would have paid in dues to Project SEED – and he followed up his exhortation by example: he delivered such a check to Madeleine Jacobs on the spot.

Meeting Registration Report

As of March 30, 2011, the ACS spring national meeting had attracted 14,047 registrants as follows: Regular attendees, 7,336; Students, 4,682; Exhibitors, 1,097; Exposition only, 599; and Guests, 333.

Membership Activity

Membership recruitment efforts were exceptionally successful in 2010. It is particularly impressive that due to efficiencies in recruiting efforts, the net cost to recruit the more than 25,000 new members decreased from \$122 per member in 2008 to \$67 in 2010 despite increases in costs for postage and printing. The official membership number for 2011 stands at 163,111. [Note: Not in the report was the fact that the number of members who withdrew from ACS was almost equal to the number of new members recruited, a statistic that draws our attention not so much to recruitment but to retention of members.]

The Executive Director/CEO Report

The Executive Director/CEO, Madeleine Jacobs, reported among other things that for the seventh consecutive year in a row, the ACS ended the year financially sound and with improved reserves due to vigilant expense management.

Activities of HIST Councilors

Roger Egolf continued as a member of the Divisional Activities Committee (DAC), on which he was previously serving in his former capacity as a local section councilor for the Lehigh Valley Section. He also serves on the Annual Reports subcommittee of DAC.

Mary Virginia Orna began her second three-year term on the Council Policy Committee (CPC) (2011-2013). She continues to serve on the Long-Range Planning and the Constitution and Bylaws Subcommittees of CPC and will work on developing a policy on alternative methods of taking recorded votes in Council, and also on overall national meeting planning and efficiency. She has also been a member on the Subcommittee that

sets the Divisor every four years in order to maintain the balance of Council numbers for both Local Sections and Divisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Egolf
Mary Virginia Orna