

**ACS IL-IA Section
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, May 12, 2015, 5:30 pm
Lewis Hall 314 Saint Ambrose University, Davenport

Members Present

Chair: Joshua Stratton
Past Chair: Kelly Gierlus
Chair-Elect:
Councilor: Rick Rogers
Treasurer:
Secretary/Webmaster: Amanda Wilmsmeyer

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:49 pm.

I. Discussion of recent events

- April Meeting – at Loras College; Science in Star Trek presented by Jeff Bryan
 - i. The event was well received; talk was excellent and attended by professionals and students. Many students asked questions (received candy for asking questions). Most talk attendees stayed for dinner. Parking at Loras can be difficult.
- May Meeting – Mississippi River Distilling Company
 - i. The event went well. Tour included access to the barrel room and information not provide than the typical public tours. Attendees generally enjoyed the more flexible dinner plans and paying on your own. Broke even financially for the event.
- New officers –Chair Elect
 - i. Section still needs a chair elect. Secretary will send out an email to local section members requesting volunteers.

II. Earth Day Poems

- 95+ submissions of Earth Day poems were received from 3-4 schools ranging from grades K-12. Submissions were received from teachers outside of the sciences. Committee will keep a record of which teachers' students submitted poems to ensure these teachers are contacted for next year's event. Winners within each division (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) were selected and will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card.

III. Update on finances

- Treasure could not attend meeting so full update unavailable.
- Fall events will depend on budget.

IV. Upcoming Events

- Monmouth and CCC or Ashford interested in hosting Fall meetings. Chair will contact them to check which month they would prefer.

- ACS Undergraduate Posters
- December Meeting
 - i. Considering Planetarium show at Augustana. Secretary will look into pricing and reservations for the event.
 - ii. Also considering event at Machine Shed restaurant in Davenport
- National Chemistry Week – will be coordinated by new chair elect or current chair (if no chair elect is selected). Coordinator must contact ACS for promo material.
- Future Meeting Ideas
 - i. Politics and science – town hall style meeting with local government representatives, potentially at Monmouth
 - ii. Beer talk by Brad Sturgeon at Monmouth

V. FORMS

- Updated forms on ACS website for February-May events
- Chair will link ATEEC website as supporting material for Feb event and trivia category information for March event

VI. Other business

- Kiser Scholarship
 - i. Completed scholarship applications will be reviewed by committee members.
 - ii. Recipient will be notified and their name will be posted on the website (by ~June 1)

VII. Tentative date for next executive committee meeting

- Late August or 1st week of September; to be scheduled via email

Motion to adjourn carried.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Respectively submitted,



Amanda Wilmsmeyer