

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY & CHEMISTRY - HUDSON/DELAWARE CHAPTER
November 20, 2014 (11AM Conference Call)

ATTENDANCE

Buchanan, Butler, Cooper, Czajkowski, Ferreira, Garvey, Gneiding, Hallinger, Joslyn, Nazario, and Pensak

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Both September and October 2014 meeting minutes were approved. Previous 2014 meeting minutes are on the HDC-SETAC website for members to view.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Don Nazario

The chapter is in good financial standing. Our Vanguard account has ~\$6000 and checking has ~\$3000. Current expenses included the deposits for the evening social and the Treasurer's laptop.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Don Nazario

Corporate sponsors are current through April 2015. A corporate sponsor packet is available on the website.

The chapter needs a way to better track members. SETAC National accepts local chapter dues and send the money and member information to the chapter. Suggestions for tracking membership should be sent to Kris and Don. "BigTent.com" was suggested as a method to track members.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS – Board Members

1. 2014 SETAC Annual Meeting - Vancouver

Kris reported that SETAC National can provide the Globe journal, science fair support, and Google Drive membership tracking. It can also provide funding for short courses and keynote speakers.

2. Upcoming Meetings

HOLIDAY SOCIAL - DECEMBER 2014

The evening social is on Tuesday, December 9th from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at Earl's Bucks County Restaurant at Peddlers Village in Lahaska, PA. The speaker is Ron MacGillivray, Ph.D., Environmental Toxicologist for the DRBC presenting "Aquatic Toxicity Testing in Baseline Monitoring of Natural Gas Development."

A board meeting will occur at 4 PM before the social. A reduced student fee of \$10 was offered to increase student attendance at the social.

ANNUAL MEETING - SPRING 2015

- 2-Day meeting to be held at Rutgers University – New Brunswick (Cook Campus) in mid to late April.

- Dr. Keith Cooper to lead organizational committee. Keith needs to know how many people will attend the meeting to determine what rooms to reserve.
- Need Board member volunteers to be on committee and assist Keith – Dan M. agreed to assist Dr. Copper and will find out if there is a university fee for use of the meeting space.
- Suggestions for topics or themes are currently being solicited. We can potentially use the same topic as the cancelled fall workshop and determine if the speakers are still available. **ACTION ITEM:** Board members are asked to bring suggested meeting topics to the December 9th

3. Involvement of other regional groups – There was a suggestion to involve other regional environmental groups such as NJ Academy of Sciences, Mid Atlantic SOT, etc. in our meetings to foster collaboration and increase participants.

4. Resource Allocation Committee (Carolyn, Laurie, and Nellie) – Suggestions for ways to monetarily aid our members (website design award, hardship awards, HAZWOPER scholarships, etc.) This group has not met in a while so no new information is available. Information on the draft research grant proposal developed by Carolyn and Dibs needs to be reviewed, finalized, and voted on.

5. Membership Drive Committee (Don, James, and Dibs) – Suggestions for expanding our base from academic and corporate and government organizations. This group has not met in a while and needs to have new volunteers added as James and Dibs are no longer board members. Dan M. volunteered to assist with this committee. Need to get the university list from Don N. as a starting point for new student member solicitation. Suggestion for HDC-SETAC to attend college and university job fairs and hand out flyers with information on our student benefits.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 9th 4PM.

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