



**243st ACS National Meeting
San Diego, CA**

**Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry
Executive Committee Meeting**



**Sunday March 25th, 2012
Omni Hotel Gaslamp 2 Meeting Room**

Minutes

Present: Dev Arya, Xi Chen, Alexei Demchenko, Gillian Eggleston (guest), Alfred French (guest), Xuefei Huang, Todd Lowary (Chair), Nicola Pohl, John Vercellotti, Lai-xi Wang, Zbigniew Witczak.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Todd Lowary.

1. Approval of Minutes From Spring 2011 Meeting

Xuefei Huang will distribute the minutes via e-mail for final approval.

2. Officer's reports

a. Chair's report

Chair (Todd Lowary) thanked Xuefei Huang for putting together an excellent program for the San Diego meeting.

Chair indicated that the awards committee historically has not been giving reason for selection of the candidates. Lack of reason was a complication when this year's award was given to Jeff Gildersleeve, who is a government (NIH) employee. NIH wanted to know why Jeff was selected over other candidates. The bylaws were also not clear on selection procedures and criteria. A brief discussion followed on the exact name (young vs. new investigator), eligibility conditions (currently limited to an individual in the first seven years of his or her independent career) and whether "tenured" or "tenure track" should be specified in eligibility. It was noted that the official name for the New Investigator Award is David Y. Gin New Investigator Award. The final decisions on eligibility were deferred to discussion of Modified Bylaws.

b. Secretary's report

Eriks Rozners reported on the new layout of the Divisional Newsletter and noted that the next major task is to improve the content of the Newsletter. A brief discussion followed

on news items that could be included in the Newsletter. It was noted that in addition to news on upcoming meetings, kudos and member achievements, the Newsletter could announce postdoctoral positions available and, perhaps, advertise postdocs seeking positions. An idea to feature notable publications by members was briefly discussed, but there was some reservations about how to select such news.

c. Treasurer's report

Zbigniew Witczak presented the Treasurer's report (attached). Zbigniew Witczak expressed concern that only the Host-Pathogen Symposium has received donations. It was noted that David Y. Gin symposium has also received \$15,000 that currently is not listed on the Treasurer's Report. The amount of funds that can be used to support speakers was discussed. Currently, the Division supports up to eight speakers per symposium. Zbigniew Witczak noted that the Division might not be able to sustain support at this level. Zbigniew Witczak reported that the Division will receive \$14,170.30 in ACS allocation this year, which is substantially less than the last years' \$23,510.45 allocation. Chair noticed that the lower allocation should be compensated by lower expenses, because the Division is attending one meeting per year only. Gillian Eggleston noted that except the lower allocation due to attending one meeting only, the budget otherwise adds up to expected numbers.

d. Councilor's report

John Vercellotti presented the Councilor's report (attached). The agenda of Councilors' meeting in Anaheim did not have much relevance to the Division. At Councilors' meeting in Denver relevant matters were discussed but were not voted on. In particular the question of weather or not to raise the annual dues and registration fees for meetings was discussed but did not go to vote. John Vercellotti noted that ACS has asked the members to provide input on the ACS web site on climate change. John Vercellotti also brought to Committee's attention that Marinda Li Wu, the current President Elect is a former Derek Horton's student and has proposed a great presidential platform. John Vercellotti urged the committee members to check out her web site.

e. Nomenclature Committee's report

John Vercellotti presented the Report on Biochemical and Carbohydrate Nomenclature (attached).

3. Old Business

a. Revision of Bylaws

The Committee discussed the revised bylaws. The eligibility for the Horace S. Isbell Award and David Y. Gin New Investigator Award was discussed. It was decided (unanimously) that the age limit for the Horace S. Isbell Award will be 45 years and David Y. Gin New Investigator Award will be limited to an individual in the first seven years of his or her independent career.

The Committee unanimously approved the revised bylaws.

4. New Business

a. Support for Other Symposia

The Committee discussed supporting other symposia. Zbigniew Witczak expressed concern that the Division is in critical financial situation and cannot afford supporting other symposia.

The Chair moved that the Division supports the \$1000 request by 2012 ACS Graduate Student Symposium (Philadelphia). The Committee unanimously denied the motion.

Chair moved that the Division supports the \$500 request by 2012 New Orleans Carbohydrate Symposium. The motion passed with 10 voting for and one opposed.

Lai-xi Wang presented a \$500 request to support the Carbohydrate Symposium at the Middle Atlantic Regional meeting. John Vercellotti noticed that supporting this meeting would be a very good outreach by the Division. The request was discussed, moved and passed with 9 voting for, one opposed and one abstained.

b. ACS Fellow Nominations

Chair has received three nominations for ACS Fellows: James BeMiller, David Baker and Robert Linhardt. The Committee unanimously approved all three nominations.

c. Future Division programming (one or both national meetings?)

Xuefei Huang noted that the Division typically had 130-133 abstracts for each meeting before it was decided to have only one meeting per year. This year we had 136 abstracts, so the number of abstracts has stayed the same. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of having one meeting per year only. It was noted that the members typically do not have enough funds to attend two meetings per year. On the other hand, geographic location of the meetings plays role in members' decisions and going to one meeting only the members will miss some opportunities. A model was discussed where the Division would have symposia at both meetings, but Awards symposia, Executive Committee meeting and other official business would be conducted once a year only.

Zbigniew Witczak noticed that the Division needs to increase the number of members and, especially, the number of poster presentations at national meetings. The following options were discussed: (1) having poster session next to a larger division (organic) has been historically successful and (2) poster awards may be a good investment.

It was moved to have two programs per year at both National Meetings with a major program and the Executive Committee meeting at the spring meeting and with limited programming at the fall meeting. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

d. 2013 Hudson Award

The Committee discussed the Hudson Award. It was moved that Hudson Award will be \$2000 cash award plus reimbursement of travel (up to \$1000) and registration. The Committee unanimously approved the motion.

e. Division Award Endowment

Chair presented a plan to establish the Divisional Awards Endowment fund (attached). The Committee was enthusiastic about the proposed plan. Zbigniew Witczak proposed that the Committee elects an administrator of the Endowment Fund. John Vercellotti expressed support for using the Vanguard fund to match contributions to the Endowment fund. Xuefei Huang noted that we would need to allow for specific donations, e.g., specifically to Gin Award. Todd Lowary and Zbigniew Witczak will work further on this proposal.

5. Any Other Business

John Vercellotti noted that ACS publications have added useful new benefits.

Xi Chen asked the Committee members to register and update the profiles on CARB website.

Xuefei Huang noted that conducting the last elections via Survey Monkey was a good saving for Division, but some members are blocking e-mails from Survey Monkey. Eriks Rozners will send out e-mail announcing the elections and asking members to allow e-mails from Survey Monkey.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Rozners', is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Eriks Rozners
Secretary