

Minutes Of the Executive Board meetings, March 5, 2003 at K Fung Restaurant in Hartsdale

Board Members Present

Brian Cocolicchio, Chair
Ping Wu Chang, Immediate Past Chair
Howard Altmann, Director
Jerry Davis, Treasurer
Jack Kleinfeld, Director
Harold Weinreb, Secretary

Invited Guests

Ariel Czemerinski, Chair of the New York City AIChE Section
Katy Mayer, Treasurer of APICS Tappan Zee Chapter

Board Members absent and accounted for

Prof. Nada Assaf-Anid, Director, Manhattan College on sabbatical leave
Chris Maier, Past Chair, Director of Professional Development
Prof. Joe Reynolds, Director, Manhattan College
Maria Dolores "Lolita" Vazquez, Director

- Minutes of the January 9, 2003 Exec. Board meeting at K Fung Restaurant in Hartsdale: Minutes had been previously distributed via email to the Board and the final version was approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Jerry distributed copies of his report dated March 1, 2003. Our checking account, which is essentially our working cash account, now is at \$3518.39 vs \$3301.86 as of his last report of Jan 8, 2003, a net gain of approx. \$216. Although we had several net expenses including the last Board meeting at K Fung for \$222.20, we had a net increase mainly from \$767.00 of local section dues, at \$8.00 per member, received from National AIChE. There is still another approx. \$400 (rounded) to be received from National for a total membership of about 150 (rounded). In addition, Jerry found an uncashed 1997 National check for \$227.00 which he returned to National for probable reissue to us.
- Discussions with Invited Guests from APICS and the New York City AIChE Section:
The invitation to Katy Mayer, of the Tappan Zee chapter of APICS, was initiated by Jack. Ms. Mayer had indicated a desire to share meeting announcements and to have joint meetings where interests coincided. She explained that APICS is an "educational society for resource management" where resources include supply, inventory and production facilities. The original meaning of the APICS acronym, whatever it was, no longer applies. Their programs could be of special interest to our members who are engaged in production and management activities. A possible joint meeting will be our scheduled Nov dinner meeting on the statistical 6 Sigma methodology.
The invitation to Ariel Czemerinski, Chair of the New York City Section, is part of the on-going association between our chapters. Ariel spoke about the career fair that his section held in February at Cooper Union with students from Cooper Union, CCNY, Columbia and Poly with several industrial representatives.
Both Katy and Ariel spoke of their chapter's problems with getting active members for their boards and general meetings.
- Report on the February Dinner Meeting on "Drug Development and GMP for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients" that was held at Manhattan College on Feb. 12th.
Ping's portion of the presentation covered the costly and risky drug development phase based upon his experience at Purdue Pharma. Howard's portion covered the specific application of GMP to the manufacture of pharmaceutical ingredients based upon his experience at Schering-Plough. Presentations were made to a "sell-out" crowd of Manhattan college students and was a good introduction to industrial activities they will face.

- Report on the March 4th HVCTS meeting: Brian was our representative for the meeting that was held the previous evening at Baker Engineering in Elmsford. The main issues were active new leadership, a familiar problem, and whether they should disband. For now, they will continue to function. A general dinner meeting is being planned, possibly in Sept. on the environmental and economic consequences of shutting down the Indian Point Nuclear Power facility. The exact date is not firm. Want to avoid the Jewish High Holy days which occur during the last week in Sept to the first week of Oct.
- Upcoming Program For 2003
 - March 19,2003 at Mitty's Restaurant in Hartsdale. Talk by member Marc Karell, P.E., Senior Project Engineer at Malcolm Pernie, "*Keeping Up with the News: Changes in Air Quality Rules Affecting the Chemical Industry*". 5:45 PM net working arrival time. 6:15PM dinner. 7:00PM presentation. Brian will contact local technical societies and the Fairfield section to invite them to this talk.
 - March 28,2003 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. The Tappan Zee section is co-hosting with the New Jersey and North Jersey sections an all day seminar on "*Advances in Chemical Synthesis Methods for Manufacturing Biologically Active Compounds*". This symposium has had an on-off history but as of today (March 21, 2003) is still on.
 - April 23, 2003 at Mitty's Restaurant in Hartsdale. Manhattan College student poster contest..
 - May: Tentative. Talk by speaker that Howard or Brian and Howard will secure on electro-chemical applications.
 - Late Sept or early Oct. Tentative panel program together with the HVCTS on the environmental and economic consequences of the shut down of the Indian Point nuclear power facility. Currently in the planning stage with HVCTS.
 - Fall: Joint meeting with Westchester ACS on Radon testing. Their speaker, site and date TBA.
 - October 15,2003. Manhattan College Senior Career Night.
 - November 2003. Tentative talk on 6 Sigma statistical manufacturing control system. Current plan is to jointly arrange program with the APICS Tappan Zee chapter.
- Other Business:
 - Survey of Membership. Jack has prepared a questionnaire to determine preferred method of communication to the membership of meetings announcements, etc. via email or surface mail. Hal will prepare a 2-part reply post card to query members and also serve to announce the April 23rd Manhattan College poster contest. Also, will serve to update the membership email list.
 - Alternative Board meeting places. We have not been able to come up with an alternative Bd meeting place where we could have a less expensive dinner or bring in pizzas or subs. The Jan Bd. meeting at K Fung cost \$222.20, including grat., for 10 attendees.
- Next Board Meeting: Wednesday April 30 at a site to be determined.

Respectively submitted,
 Hal Weinreb, secretary, Tappan Zee AIChE section
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