

NUCL Division meeting ACS Spring 2024 Meeting – 19 Mar 24 Room 338 Convention Center, NOLA

{In the future it would be nice to have an outline of agenda to make note taking easier}

Agenda:

Welcome!

Summer student awards

presented by Melissa Deri

Logo

Website

DEI&B committee updates

Vanessa Sanders and/or Tyler Spano

Finance updates

Brian Powell

Program chair updates

Tara Mastren and/or Gian Surbella

Open for additional comments

Annie Kersting – call to order (Justin – is at awards banquet)

1. Reception reminder 7-9 PM
2. Welcome! - ANNIE KERSTING
 - a. Introduce Dustin as new Vice Chair of the NUCL Division
3. NCSS summer school student awards – Melissa Deri
 - a. Introduction of what the NCSS is
 - b. Trish Baisden Award for Outstanding Student in the 2023 Nuclear Chemistry Summer School
 - i. San Jose – Andrew Hoffman
 - ii. BNL – Callie McCleary (sp???)
 - c. Took picture for newsletter of Callie
 - d. Notes: we have now sent out acceptance notifications for 2024
 - i. Thank you to the 10 people who reviewed applicants □ Vessilious A, John A., Erin B., Andy B., Ivis C., Lee S., Justin W., Alyssa G., Dustin D., and Ken C.
4. Logo Competition
 - a. Martha Dibblee was the winner, with logo shown to the group on the slide
 - b. Thanks for everyone submitting designs
 - c. Dustin made pins □ get one from Annie Kersting
 - d. Do people want to make stickers?
 - i. If you have ideas for give aways for members – email Annie Kersting
5. Website Committee
 - a. August 2023 meeting there was a loud consensus to address this issue
 - b. For summer school, they have found a fix, and fixed the website last fall
 - i. Thanks to everyone for helping with that
 - c. Money has been allocated to do the next step, we re now putting together a committee
 - i. Prioritize the list of wants – going to get estimates for this
 - ii. If interested in contributing – contact Annie Kersting
 1. We would like student involvement
 - iii. Goal is to get the website updated this year, 2024
6. DEI&B Committee
 - a. Vanessa and Tyler are co-chairing a committee for DEI&B
 - i. Open to join, email please spanotl@ornl.gov or vsanders@bnl.gov
 - ii. The energy is high and the passion is strong, it will be impactful

- b. Vanessa & Tyler came up to speak
 - i. Business meeting last year there was discussion about having an advocate for DEI&B
 - ii. V&T worked on what a committee might look like and then proposed the committee to the Executive Committee
 - iii. We have a committee started, but it is still open to new members
 - 1. Came up with a mission statement (See statement below)
 - iv. Two committee meetings have occurred already
 - 1. Current goal is to meet every-other-month
 - a. Working on survey for division about DEI&B climate
 - 2. Working on questions and minimizing length
 - 3. Hope to get survey out by next newsletter
7. Finance Updates – Brian Powell (said he would send slides with report separately)
- a. We have money - ~206k in checking + savings
 - b. Over a bit for spending this year
 - c. We paid \$17k for Seaborg Award
 - d. Budget for 2024 – Up a bit because of division requests from regional meetings
 - e. Track for what is being done
 - f. Paid fine, but Brian is working to get that money back from IRS for delayed filing (did it by paper, but needed to do it electronically)
 - g. Largest expense is the Seaborg Award
 - h. We are a 501(c)(3), we support conferences for ACS sponsored meetings, requested amounts may need approval
 - i. We do not pay for travel and registration for speakers at symposia
 - j. If you want food or speaker travel, you will need to do fundraising
 - k. Today's social event will be cheaper since it's off site
 - i. Contact Todd if you have ideas for places to have our social event for Fall meeting – toddb@lanl.gov
 - l. Coryell award - \$1k
 - m. Seaborg award - \$17k
 - i. We need to decide if we want to sustain this ACS award @17K/yr or bump it down to a division award—would cost about ½.
 - ii. Went and found financial planner to get money for the award endowment. [i don't think this is correct, I think he found a financial planner and wants to put \$140K in a conservative investment (portfolio).]
 - 1. Currently thinks ~\$140k could go toward the award
 - 2. Hoping to see the actual endowment
 - iii. Advisory group will review the investment portfolio with review with very conservative investment strategies
 - 1. Brian Powell will provide details for minutes
 - n. Please let Brian Powell know if anyone is interested in being Treasurer next, he will not run again – bpowell@clemson.edu
 - i. Annie Kersting How much overlap will be needed?
 - ii. Brian Powell 1-2 years
 - iii. Annie Kersting are you completing the investment plan?
 - iv. Yes ,this will be completed before I leave the treasurer position.
8. Program Chair updates
- a. Todd B. Remind deadline is April 1st – Error for newsletter
 - i. Elevating Chemistry

- b. NORM (Northwest Regional Meeting) ☐ abstract deadline is 25th March – we are supporting some of the symposia there
 - c. Fall meeting, we need ideas toddb@lanl.gov if you have any for the social
 - d. We are going to work on the programming for 2025, MARC conf is the same time as the San Diego Meeting – we expect that to reduce the number of attendees from NUCL
 - e. Annie Kersting ☐ Open up for ideas, put forth your ideas and we are open to that
 - i. Rory Kennedy from INL ☐ Seaborg Institutes working together suggest symposia for panel of Seaborg directors about opportunities
 - 1. Actinide science and advances – workforce development
 - ii. If there are more ideas, please contact Todd Bredeweg (toddb@lanl.gov)
 - f. Dustin Demoin ☐ We are looking to alternate years with Radiopharmaceutical chemistry in even years and Separations in odd years at Spring Meetings
 - g. Annie Kersting ☐ as we try to grow the division
 - i. We are trying to cross-promote disciplines, please reach out and co-sponsor symposia with other divisions
 - h. INORG ☐ Lanthanide/Actinide sessions (Discuss with Justin)
 - i. Donovan Porterfield ☐ Fewer sessions in spring/fall meetings So, co-sponsoring might be difficult – 3.5 days of total programming is the plan
 - j. Todd Bredeweg ☐ looking for a replacement for MAPS system, they are trying to co-locate
 - k. Annie Kersting ☐ trying to get away from Sunday programming and do M-R morning
9. Should we move the business meetings to another day?
- a. This conflicts with the ACS award dinner – so chair and Seaborg award winner are absent
 - b. We cannot have a meeting on Monday evening
 - c. Only want to have technical programming from M-R morning
 - d. Brian Powell ☐ table discussion to Denver meeting to wait and see what ACS is doing
 - e. Donovan Porterfield ☐ big changes are happening 2025
10. Silvia for counselor's report
- a. Silvia Jurisson ☐ If you have anything you want to say about ACS or suggestions, please let us know (Graham Peaslee or Silvia)
 - b. Silvia Jurisson ☐ Career Navigator Live, you can get head shots for free in the EXPO
 - c. You can get workshops, one-on-one consultations, all free for ACS membership
 - d. Check on website for “careers” and find out more information
 - i. How to write a resume
 - ii. Interviewing tips
 - iii. Retirement tips
 - e. Dues will not change next year, so same cost
 - f. 14k registered members, 13K attending ☐ back to before COVID numbers
 - g. Trying to get all sessions in the convention center, which means it will be difficult to do this
 - h. Annie Kersting - Will there be a decrease in people attending?
 - i. I don't think so – Silvia Jurisson
11. Annie Kersting – adjourned meeting, come join us at Gordon Biersch for beers and appetizers

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Drs. Vanessa Sanders and Tyler Spano- Co-Chairs