

The

Omaha Section

of the

American Chemical

Society

2014 Annual Report



This is the annual report of the Omaha Section of the American Chemical Society for the calendar year of 2014. The Omaha Section, section number 517, is in District V encompassing Burt, Dodge, Washington, Douglas, Sarpy and Cass counties of eastern Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in western Iowa. The focus of its activities and the base of its membership are in the metropolitan area of Omaha. In 2014, the total number of members in the Section was 190. The breakdown of the membership was as follows:

Regular Members.....	135
Emeritus Members.....	17
Retired Members	4
Society Affiliates.....	4
Regular Student Members	11
Undergraduate Student Members.....	19
Total	190

In 2014 the leadership of the Omaha Section was composed of the following officers and councilors that made up the Executive Committee.

Chair	D. David Smith, Ph.D.
Chair-Elect	Joseph A. Vetro, Ph.D.
Secretary.....	James Fletcher, Ph.D.
Treasurer.....	Jan W. Dunker, Ph.D.
Councilor	Richard Lomneth, Ph.D.
Alternate Councilor.....	James A. Carroll, Ph.D.

GOALS

As listed in the 2013 Annual Report, three goals were presented for 2014.

(i) ***Creating a website.*** The Omaha Section is one of 39 local sections that don't have a website. A website would be a source of information about the history and ongoing activities of the Omaha Section, provide a new means of communication to members and provide an opportunity for promoting chemistry in the local community.

(ii) ***Updating bylaws.*** At the start of 2014 the existing bylaws of the Omaha Section were written and approved in 1977. Consequently, the bylaws needed to be updated to remove membership categories and procedures that no longer exist in the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Chemical Society and to revise the procedure for the election of officers to allow electronic balloting and voting.

(iii) ***Converting election to online balloting.*** Up until 2014, the Omaha Section used the United States Postal Service to solicit candidates for the annual elections and send and receive paper ballots to elect officers. All ballots were counted by hand. This is a slow, tedious and expensive process to identify the leadership of the section. Converting to electronic balloting would be a more efficient and flexible use of time and resources, and reduce the paper waste associated with the use of paper mailings and ballots.

ACTIVITIES

The Executive Committee

Governance of the Omaha Section is performed entirely by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Bylaws. In 2014, the Executive Committee met three times on February 27, April 4 and September 10. The agendas and minutes of these meetings are included at the end of this report (Appendix A and Appendix B respectively). In brief, the Executive Committee discussed extensively ways to increase member participation within the Section. To this end, the Executive Committee organized two tours of local industry, one wine tasting evening and an end of year function and award ceremony. In addition, the Executive Committee amended the bylaws of the Section, presented the amended bylaws to the membership for their review and input, in accordance with the existing bylaws at that time, and held a special meeting of the Section to vote on accepting the amended bylaws. In the subsequent elections in October, officers for 2015 were elected using electronic balloting for the first time in the history of the Omaha Section.

Tour of the Omaha Syngenta Production Facility: - April 11, 2014.

The first Section meeting of the year occurred on April 11, 2014 when 12 members attended a tour of a Syngenta production facility located on the Missouri riverbank. Syngenta is a major, international manufacturer of agrichemicals headquartered in Switzerland. The tour started with a short presentation on the company before touring the manufacturing sites where herbicides and pesticides are formulated into finished products, for use by farmers. The Omaha facility generates approximately \$1.4 billion annually, accounting for ~10% of Syngenta's worldwide revenues. The tour finished, appropriately, in the analytical chemistry lab where company chemists gave a great presentation showing how high performance liquid chromatography and gas chromatography is used in support of the manufacturing operations. The Section is indebted to Sarah Beigh of Syngenta in Omaha for organizing this tour.

D. David Smith
Chair
Joseph Vetro
Chair-Elect
Richard J. Meyer
Past Chair



Rick Lomeneth
Councilor
Jim Carroll
Rick Crencher
James Fletcher
Secretary
Jan Dinkler
Treasurer

April Meeting Announcement

Friday, April 11, 2014
3:30 PM – our start (~ 90 minutes)

Please RSVP to James Fletcher (james.fletcher@creighton.edu) before Monday, April 7th.

Tour of Syngenta

4111 Gibson Road
Omaha, NE

Please join us after the tour for a short business meeting.

Wine Tasting at *Morning, Noon & Night*: - May 20, 2014.



Old world or New World? Members finished conducting experiments to determine for themselves.

The next meeting of the year was south of Omaha in Papillion in Sarpy County at a wine bar called Morning, Noon & Night. Seven members and friends were the guests of the owner, Diana Connolly, who together with her wine distributor gave a well-received presentation on the differences between “Old World” wines from Europe and “New World” wines primarily from California. After the formal lecture part of the evening was over much experimenting ensued to confirm the

differences. This was the first meeting for a new member who had recently moved to the Omaha area, namely John Kyndt, Ph.D. of Bellevue University, the current Chair-Elect of the Omaha Section.

Also the announcement of this meeting served as the occasion when amendments to the bylaws, approved by the Executive Committee, were furnished to the members of The Section in accordance with Bylaw XI, Amendments, Section 1 of the existing Bylaws at that time.

A Meeting of the Omaha Section of the ACS: - August 21, 2014.

A second meeting of the Section was announced to hold a vote on whether to accept the amendments to the bylaws proposed and approved by the Executive Committee. The meeting was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the Upstream Brewing Company in west Omaha with 12 members and two witnesses in attendance.

Following welcoming remarks from the Chair, a motion was moved and seconded from the floor to accept the proposed amendments without modifications. After a short discussion, the motion was voted on and approved unanimously. The amended bylaws were forwarded to Barbara Polansky, Chair of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws for certification and became effective on September 15, 2014.



Presentation of the amended bylaws prior to the vote.

National Historic Chemical Landmark Rachel Lloyd, Ph.D.: - October 1, 2014



Rachel Holloway Lloyd, Ph.D.
(1839-1900).
Courtesy University of
Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries.

On October 1, 2014 “The American Chemical Society designated the research and professional contributions of Rachel Holloway Lloyd, Ph.D. (1839-1900) as a National Historic Chemical Landmark at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln...”{<http://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/whatischemistry/landmarks/rachel-holloway-lloyd.html> (accessed February 10, 2015)}. Dr. Lloyd was a remarkable woman who became the first American woman to earn a doctoral degree in chemistry and one of the first women to serve on the faculty of a co-educational university. In

support of the efforts of the Nebraska Section to secure this designation, the Omaha Section provided \$1000 in funding from the proceeds of the 47th Midwest Regional Meeting of the ACS hosted by the Omaha Section in 2012. As Chair, it was a privilege to represent the members of the Omaha Section at the Rachel Lloyd Banquet at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

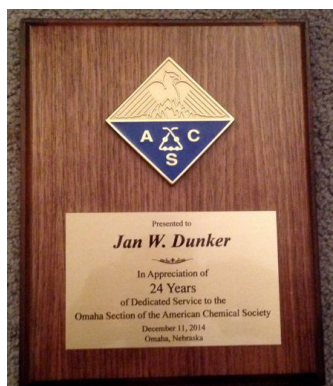


David Smith and Marinda Wu, Past President of the ACS, at the Rachel Lloyd banquet.

Tour of the Teledyne CETAC Technologies: - October 10, 2014

Teledyne CETAC Technologies (CETAC) is a scientific instrument manufacturer with worldwide sales of specialized autosamplers that, when coupled to ICP mass spectrometers, permit for the rapid and accurate determination of elemental trace levels in semiconductor manufacturing, environmental analysis, and petrochemical analysis. The center of CETAC's worldwide operations is at its headquarters and manufacturing facilities in Omaha, NE. On Friday, October 10, 2014 seven members of the Omaha Section attended a short presentation and tour of the facilities and laboratories in Omaha. Only after attending this tour did we truly appreciate the scale of CETAC's operations around the world. Many thanks to David Clarke for arranging the tour and being a gracious host to the Omaha Section.

End of Year Reception: - December 11, 2014



Presentation Plaque

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to Jan W. Dunker, Ph.D. in recognition of his dedicated service to the Omaha Section. Jan has been a constant in the Omaha Section and 2015 will be the first time in 24 years when he won't be listed as an officer of the Section. We all are truly grateful for everything he has done for the Section.

The evening ended with the introduction of the new officers for 2015 and a few comments from the incoming Chair Joe Vetro.

The December meeting served as the final gathering of the Section for 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for fellowship amongst Omaha area chemists in a relaxed, informal environment. Twenty members, our largest turnout of the year, enjoyed a buffet of hot and cold food, desserts and an open bar in the Harper Center on the campus of Creighton University, compliments of the Omaha Section.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to Jan W. Dunker, Ph.D. in recognition



David Smith and service award recipient Jan Dunker.



Much food and fellowship was had by all.



The Chair's Remarks.

The Omaha Section successfully accomplished all three goals listed in the 2013 annual report. Indeed, 2014 was a time of change and much activity for the Section. It started with myself attending the ACS Leadership Institute in Dallas, TX on the weekend of January 24 – 26, 2014, a wonderful resource for local sections that not only gives new officers lots of ideas but also provides the means to carry them out. One of the most useful outcomes is meeting the people that make the ACS function, namely the staff members from the National office. At this point, I would especially like to thank Barbara Polansky for helping me through the process of amending our very old, outdated bylaws and Cheryl Brown for helping me find solutions to a whole host of insurmountable, unanticipated problems that always seemed like they needed to be addressed yesterday.

The Omaha Section had six meetings in 2014, touring local chemical companies, at a wine bar and an extraordinary meeting to take care of Section business. The locations of the meetings were geographically diverse around the Omaha area and the Section provided food and beverages, where possible. Of note from these meetings is that the average attendance was around 10 individuals but encouragingly there was a trend of increasing attendance from summer through to the end of 2014 culminating in 20 members at the end of year meeting. Also, three new members to the area attended their first Omaha Section meeting in 2014. Nevertheless, for a section that has 135 Regular Members and a total of 190 members it is disappointing that on average less than 10% of the membership attends Omaha Section meetings. Apathy amongst the membership continues to be a problem for the Section. One possible solution that is currently being considered for 2015 is to arrange for speakers from outside of Omaha to give lectures, something we were not able to do in 2014.

Representatives of the Section attended both meetings of the Council in 2014. The Section's Councillor, Richard Lomneth, Ph.D., attended the Council meeting in Dallas, TX at the spring national meeting of the ACS and I was a Temporary Substitute Councillor at the Council meeting in San Francisco, CA at the fall national meeting. It was truly a privilege to participate in the governance of the ACS. Never having been to a Council meeting before, I was impressed with the efficiency with which business was conducted and I intend to seek other opportunities to participate in the future.

The major success of 2014, which will serve the Section well for many years to come, was the revision of the Bylaws. The initial reason for updating the bylaws was to allow for electronic voting of officers and councillors but after reviewing the bylaws the Executive Committee was forced to learn how the Omaha Section was supposed to function from a written, legally binding document rather than the spoken word. Now while an argument could be made that all officers of a local section should do this at least annually to perform their duties as an officer of the section, I am here to tell you this had not been done in the Omaha Section for quite some time. The Executive Committee also went through a process of inward reflection and at one point even questioned whether the Omaha Section should exist, which we unanimously agreed that it should. Fortunately, the process was simplified by using the expedited process set up by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Most changes were "housekeeping" amendments to bring the bylaws up to date with the

constitution and bylaws of the ACS but nevertheless, the Omaha Section is a better local section for having gone through this process.

In October a call for nominations went out to the membership by email and a ballot was set up on SurveyMonkey to enable members to vote electronically. Three positions were on the ballot, Chair-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The process of seeking nominations and setting up the ballot went smoothly and was much easier than in past years when paper ballots were posted to all members. Unfortunately, for many members the email from SurveyMonkey inviting them to vote in the election of officers was automatically diverted to spam folders, often without the knowledge of the recipient, which might account for the low number of members who participated in the election (38 in 2014 versus 63 in 2013). Steps to address this issue will be undertaken in 2015 including looking for an alternative platform to hold elections electronically.

Apparently, the Omaha Section has had a website for several years, unbeknownst to the membership or the Executive Committee. I discovered the website when I enquired with the national office about creating a new website. I am now the "Webmaster" for the site and have sent the url address to all members in the Section. Once my final duties as the 2014 Chair are complete, I will be updating the website regularly to make it a resource for the membership of the Omaha Section. Future plans are to post the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings, advertise upcoming meetings of the Section including tour speakers and set up a page for local industry and academia to advertise job vacancies for chemists.

Finally, it was an honor to recognize Jan Dunker for his long service to the Omaha Section. No one in recent memory has done so much for the Section for so long. The importance of recognizing the work of members such as Jan was brought home to me in a workshop on volunteerism at the Leadership Institute in January, 2014 and so it is my hope that recognition of Jan's efforts in public will inspire others to step up to volunteer for the Section. Indeed, elected officers for 2015 include two members, the Chair-Elect John Kyndt and the Secretary Harsh Chauhan, who only recently moved to Omaha in the past two years.

In summary, I believe the changes made to the bylaws of the Omaha Section in 2014 together with new faces that occupy the officer positions in 2015 will provide a foundation for growth and prosperity in the future.

Submitted on this twelfth day of February in the year of two thousand and fifteen
by:

D. David Smith, Ph.D.,
2014 Chair,
Omaha Section of the American Chemical Society

Appendix A

Meeting Agendas

American Chemical Society – Omaha Section Executive Committee Meeting

February 27, 2014

Room 310, Criss II, Creighton University, Omaha, NE

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Dallas Leadership Workshop
3. Financial Report
3. Bylaws of the Omaha Section (see attached documents)
4. Website for the Omaha Section
5. Speakers for the Omaha Section
6. Old business
7. New business
8. Adjourn

American Chemical Society – Omaha Section Executive Committee Meeting

April 4, 2014

Room 310, Criss II, Creighton University, Omaha,NE

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of the minutes
3. Financial Report
3. Bylaws of the Omaha Section
4. Syngenta Visit
5. Old business - Emailing service
- Email communication with members
- Website
6. New business
7. Adjourn

**The Omaha Section
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Executive Committee Meeting

September 10, 2014

Room 310, Criss II, Creighton University

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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| 1. | Welcome | Chair |
| 2. | Approval of the minutes | |
| 3. | The Omaha Section revised bylaws - Update | Chair |
| 4. | Election of officers | Chair |
| 5. | Report of the Council meeting at the National meeting in San Francisco. | Chair |
| 6. | The Dr. Rachel Lloyd Memorial Conference on Women in Science | Chair |
| 7. | Old business | |
| 8. | New business | |
| 9. | Adjourn | |

Appendix B

Minutes

American Chemical Society – Omaha Section Executive Committee Meeting

February 20, 2014

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Meeting started at 5:40 PM.

1. Introductions

Present: David Smith, Joe Vetro, Rich Lomneth, James Fletcher

Excused: Jan Dunker

Absent: Rich Meyer

2. Dallas Leadership Workshop

Reported by David Smith:

DS attended two 4h ACS workshops, Communication Strategy and How to Motivate Volunteers. DS noted there is a workshop in Dallas was for all ACS volunteers (variety of roles, not just local section officers) if anyone is planning to attend the meeting they should consider participating in a workshop. ACS will provide discount for course fees and Omaha section would be willing to pay remainder.

3. Financial Report

Treasurer Jan Dunker was in Brazil and not present to make a report. It was discussed that the Omaha ACS local section currently has approximately \$58K, which includes the local ACS regional meeting profits. It was believed that the local section additionally gets approx \$8K per year annually from ACS.

3. Bylaws of the Omaha Section (see attached documents)

DS announced that we have some of the oldest bylaws among local ACS sections (established in 1977). At his leadership meeting it was recommended that they be updated. Approval of new bylaws could take as long as 18 months due to ACS lawyers needing to look over any non-standard items. The section can get approved by an expedited process due to us not being a nonprofit incorporated organization. DS distributed generic bylaws provided by ACS, where six questions requiring answers allow our bylaws to be customized

while still getting quick approval by ACS. The proposed bylaw changes will need to be presented at two local section meetings.

Answers to distributed questions as agreed upon by members present at the meeting:

- 1-should need to be ACS member to be committee chair
- 2-should not allow students to be officers, but they could serve on committees
- 3-currently we have no standing committees, seems logical that for now we leave out the bold text
- 4-none
- 5-quorum is currently defined as 12% of members at a meeting; majority of executive board members at an executive board meeting; new bylaws change to 10%
- 6- at least 15 members of 10% or the members to amend bylaws; at least 2/3 of votes cast shall be required to approve the amendment
- 7-choosing first option e (most similar to old bylaws)

DS will take these answers to bylaws person, get back a draft and distribute to executive committee. The committee agreed to announce these proposed changes at the April section meeting (tour of Syngenta), then call for a special meeting in May where a vote to approve these changes will be conducted, each in accordance with the requirements for changing bylaws.

4. Website for the Omaha Section

DS showed ACS local section website, where the Omaha section does not have an active link to a website. He showed the Nebraska section as an example. Sites can be rather simple and can be hosted by national ACS. Sites are mainly used to share useful information about the local section for both members and to the outside world. ACS offers a "free-to-you" webhosting service that DS will inquire about. DS had a goal of having our website up by 2014 election time.

Question: who will be in charge of creating this? Answer: David will initiate things.

Suggestions: we should consider posting local job openings on our site as we did several years ago, but should find out if there a way to automatically remove old postings to simplify this action.

5. Speakers for the Omaha Section

The current way to select speakers is to go to the online speaker directory of ACS. DS will look at who is available and will report back. It is likely that the section will not get anyone arranged until the second half of the year. Speakers typically will tour several location sections in succession and their expenses are shared by those sections. It is not required that the section select speakers from this list. DS suggested a speaker on the topic of the Keystone XL pipeline. He spoke with a Nebraska section representative about a joint effort in hosting such a speaker. DS will explore potential speaker options on this topic and try to find someone with a balanced perspective. An alternative would be to get one speaker

from both sides of the issue. JV: A George Whitesides student who is now an independent faculty member is speaking at UNMC in the near future, this should be announced to the local section. RL: The section should consider Skype talks to expand speaker possibilities for our meetings. The ACS will help facilitate use of such technology. Also, ACS officers could do virtual visits with the section this way.

6. Old business

None.

7. New business

RL: Still need to get annual report done, waiting for some info from 2013 president Rich Meyer. DS will help to get information and resolve delay to complete report.

DS: ACS needs names of newly elected by Dec 1 for insurance purposes the next year; therefore, we need to push up election date to Nov and finish the election by Dec 1. Also, if the annual report is not submitted on time then the section is not able to seek any awards.

DS: There is an April 1 deadline for nominating ACS fellows from local section; we need to announce this to the section.

DS: ACS leadership workshops will be offered in Dallas if anyone is interested and is attending; local section willing to pay \$150 fee for a local rep to take workshops.

JF: Would like to move towards as much electronic correspondence and as little paper correspondence with the local section as possible. Plan to ask members if "electronic only" is an acceptable option to get their announcements and information, or whether members would like to continue getting announcements on paper by traditional mail. It was suggested that this is something to work towards due to it being green, but the transition should not be instant. An email service can be used to facilitate this, so that the personal email of secretary need not be used for electronic communication. It was noted some members do not have email addresses listed in the roster, so they would need to continue paper announcements until an email address could be obtained.

JF: The section should consider moving to an electronic election. It was noted that the new bylaws make electronic balloting possible, so long as members who request paper ballots are accommodated.

DS: Suggest the executive committee meet in 4-6 weeks, at a time when Treasurer Jan Dunker can be present. Possible dates: 4/3 or 3/27. DS will check dates and get in touch with members.

DS: Need to send announcement and get RSVPs for the Syngenta tour April meeting.

8. Adjourn

Approximately 6:30 PM.

American Chemical Society – Omaha Section Executive Committee Meeting

April 4, 2014

Room 310, Criss II, Creighton University, Omaha, NE

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Introductions

Meeting started at 5:30 PM.

Present: David Smith, Rich Lomneth, James Fletcher, Jan Dunker

Excused: Joe Vetro, Rich Meyer

Absent: none

2. Approval of the minutes

Two minor amendments made

Approved as amended

3. Financial Report

Omaha section has \$32,253 currently in its bank account. This is a money market account (interest bearing) with Bank of the West. Account can make six withdrawals per month, three can be checks. Each year ACS contributes money to the section (\$6,188 in 2013), typically paid in late spring. Biggest annual expenses are councilor travel expenses, national ACS reimburses for some of those expenses. Also support local activities such as Metro Science and Engineering fair (\$100 for awards), Chem Field Day (approx \$750), National Chemistry Week (\$370), other like postage and printing. DS requested a list of annual expenses from JD the section has historically supported, so that these can be approved by the executive committee more efficiently. JD will prepare this list and present it at the next committee meeting.

47th ACS Midwest Regional meeting in 2012 also has an account with funds. This account has all expenses paid and will return \$18,280 (\$5,000 was a loan from the section, the rest was revenue from the meeting). The account will be closed after this transfer of funds. JD will do this before the next executive committee meeting.

3. Bylaws of the Omaha Section

Barbara Polansky from National ACS provided a draft of new bylaws based on the EC answers to questions last meeting. These must be approved by 2/3 of members present at the meeting where the vote is held. Secretary will provide copies to all members at the time of the announcement for the next meeting is given. Then the next meeting the item can be voted on. Then DS or JF must notify ACS within 18 months of the EC approval of the draft that the

section has approved it. EC members will look at revised bylaws and will communicate comments by email before announcement of next meeting.

4. Syngenta Visit

RL: All set up for Friday visit, will have approx 12 visitors for the tour.

DS: Do we plan to have any gathering after the tour? Announcement included notice of a short business meeting after the tour. Could meet at an eating/drinking establishment after for those interested. Upstream in old market was chosen as the location.

- #### 5. Old business - Emailing service
- Email communication with members
 - Website

JF: Paper mailed out announcement only to those 18 members without an email address listed in the ACS directory. Included with this announcement was the announcement that the section is moving to electronic notifications unless otherwise requested. Enclosed in the mailing was an address form and return envelope for requesting continued paper mailings of announcements. So far three forms were returned.

JF: Completed training and gained access to the ACS Email Management Service Pilot Program. This is a mass email system sponsored by ACS and run by Magnet Mail. Usage of this service is supposed to decrease the number of emails being identified as junk mail, make section emails look more professional and standardized with other ACS emails, follow CAN-SPAM rules for bulk emails (by giving people an unsubscribe option on any mass email), and allow one to monitor the views and link clicks from the emails to monitor their effectiveness. JF will move from his own Creighton email account to this system for future correspondence with the section. After the pilot period expires, ACS will pay the costs of local sections to use this service.

DS: Local section already has a website, but it has not been activated or uploaded to. This is hosted by ACS. DS will be in charge of uploading info to this and plans to present a trial run to the Executive Committee, then get feedback and plan to activate in June/July (definitely before elections). Can discuss ideas for content at the May EC meeting. JD: different content will be needed depending on what our target audience is (HS students/teachers, college students, professionals).

DS: How does the local section want to be announced? "Omaha Section of the American Chemical Society" is on the bylaws and that should be our official phrasing for website and emails.

6. New business

Next meeting ideas:

Choose an activity where attendance will be high, a more social based meeting. The meeting where the vote will be held should be more formal (combine with a speaker) to allow for discussion.

RL: proposed Morning, Noon and Night for wine tasting (in Papillion). RL will contact person to get logistical info for a potential May meeting (explore week of 12th).

JD: wine tasting in the past at Spirit World, had 20-30 in attendance.

RL: What happens to ACS checking account if something happens to JD? Should secretary do it as it is a more consistent position than annual chair positions.

RL: Move that Secretary of Omaha ACS be a signatory on the section financial accounts. JD: seconded. Carried by voice vote.

RL: Was the report about the last ACS meeting he emailed acceptable? Yes.

RL: ACS is creating an American Association of Chemistry Teachers. \$50 dues, active in September 2014. Some info is available on ACS website about this. RL proposed local section should offer to help pay dues for HS teachers, at least initially. We could pay \$25 for the first year for any HS teacher, and the entire fee for any HS teacher that is an ACS member. DS was concerned that teachers may choose new group over ACS so we may lose them as members. RL says we should help ACS promote this with local teachers. Local teachers may try to restart group of HS teachers. We should try to contact HS teachers to help get the word out. There are approximately 70 HS in our section area. JF suggested making an announcement in the NAS newsletter. RL: shoot for August or September mailing to announce this.

DS: NE ACS section has requested financial support for its Rachel Lloyd project. The committee agreed that this is a project worthy of support, but the amount to contribute should be considered further. DS will contact Mark Griep to get more information regarding what is being supported.

JD: any progress on speakers for 2014? Could consider contacting local chairs of chemistry departments to ask whether any speakers who are interested in giving a general talk could piggy back to us, we could cover expenses connection.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

**The Omaha Section
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Executive Committee Meeting

September 10, 2014

Room 310, Criss II, Creighton University

5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome Chair
Meeting started at 5:35 PM
Present: David Smith, James Fletcher, Rich Lomneth, Jim Carroll
Excused: Joe Vetro, Rich Meyer, Jan Dunker
Absent: none
2. Approval of the minutes
-Minutes from last time not yet distributed by JF, he will email out and approve next time
3. The Omaha Section revised bylaws - Update Chair
-ACS has been notified about our vote to approve bylaws
-ACS asked what procedure we followed, DS described
-Scheduled to be certified by ACS next week
4. Election of officers Chair
-Election should be carried out by forming nominating committee.
Question: who comprises the nominating committee?

Read new bylaws carefully, no mention of how to form this committee. In general, executive committee forms all committees and there is no specific requirement for who comprises this.

DS suggested a committee of 3 be formed, or just have executive committee serve as the nominating committee this year.

RL suggested next year plan to ask three members to be assigned to serve as nominating committee, one should be from executive committee to make sure bylaws are followed.

Q: Any candidates for chair elect in mind? A few new members have been attending recent events. DS will contact them personally to gauge interest. We also need to contact all members to ask for them to run for all possible positions: Secretary, Treasurer and Chair Elect are annually open. JF will email out section to ask for nominations or self-nominations for each of these positions ASAP. In this email prompt members to contact current officers (give contact info) to ask what position entails. Deadline for initial list of nominees should be 9/25. DS will contact those nominated and ask if people accept nomination by then. The list of nominees that have accepted their nomination soon will be announced 9/29 (must be "in September" to follow bylaws). Then members will have until 10/15 to add more nominees to the ballot (this will be described in the call for nominations email). Ballots will then be distributed "by Nov 1" as per the bylaws. Tabulation of ballots will be completed by Nov 15 as per the bylaws. Nominating committee counts ballots. Chair officially announces at Nov or Feb meeting what the results are, and the info can be posted elsewhere and at other time as well.

DS: suggest an end of year meeting be held to announce new officers and thank old ones.

RL: What else can we do at the meeting where the election winners are announced? Guest speaker? Then social?

Q: What online software to use to administer electronic vote? This needs to be identified ASAP.

5. Report of the Council meeting at the National meeting in San Francisco.

Chair

DS: Meeting he attended covered 118 pages of business. Omaha was mentioned as a section that was in the process of revising its bylaws. It was announced that one local section was dissolved due to lack of activity (absorbed into Philadelphia). DS noted the substitute councilor role he played was an educational experience.

6. The Dr. Rachel Lloyd Memorial Conference on
Women in Science

Chair

DS: Nebraska section chair discussed with DS Omaha section support for the conference. Omaha section will donate \$1,000. NE chair proposed to hold a joint section meeting once per year, rotating between locations. Meeting at the conference 10/2 is too short notice, but we will consider this for future years. NE chair thankful for support. DS is organizing Omaha section member RSVP's to attend luncheon (Omaha section will pay for any member to attend conference lunch for \$18 each). RL: suggest Mahoney as a location to meet in the middle geographically in future. JC: fall is not an ideal time to schedule joint meeting due to election business, pick not at year end. JC: SAC museum might be a good location.

7. Old business

JF: has not yet been added as cosigner to section checking account, still needs to coordinate with Jan Dunker so that the section has more than one member with access to the section account.

DS: We do not know if the money transfer from the MWRM account to Omaha section account has been completed yet. (Later JC noted that Jan Dunker told him the MWRM account has been closed out. We need to confirm this with Jan Dunker.)

8. New business

DS: The new bylaws describe a process for auditing finances of the section. A report should be submitted by Jan 1, which should be audited by two disinterested members with no authority to disperse funds. Chair elect should do the selecting, as they should have knowledge of the activities of that previous year. Two members should be selected, members not being from previous leadership would be ideal, and one academic and one industry representative would be ideal. DS will distribute the current ERoster to committee to help identify potential names for these roles.

RL: Local section activity grants information was emailed out by ACS. We should think about ideas for this and apply. A joint meeting with the NE section might be a possibility.

RL: Tour of CETAC technologies will take place on Oct 10, with a 3 PM start. The contact is David Clarke, (dclarke@cetac.com). A group of 20

can be accommodated, and we need to submit list of names to him at least 24h in advance so they can screen names. The will not allow a late start. There will be some restrictions on clothing (pants, closed toe non-canvas shoes are required) for attendees. JF will get info out to members ASAP via email, will email reminder one week before event. JF will compile names and send to David Clarke.

DS: Still need a list of student activities (requested from Jan Dunker) that the section has supported in past years to help plan expenditures. DS notes he has not been contacted for any money requests this calendar year, which is surprising because all requests should be approved by the chair. (Metropolitan Engineering and Science Fair? Chem Field Day?) Is this being automatically approved (by treasurer?) because David has not been included in the process so far this year.

Group discussed future possible locations for tour/meeting next year: MUD, plants in Blair, Douglas County Crime Lab, City of Omaha Sewage facility, Streck, Transgenomic.

9. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned approximately 6:30 PM.

Appendix C

Meeting Notifications

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April Meeting Announcement

Friday, April 11, 2014
3:30 PM – tour starts (~ 90 minutes)

Please RSVP to James Fletcher [jamesfletcher@creighton.edu] before Monday, April 7th.

Tour of Syngenta

4111 Gibson Road
Omaha, NE

Please join us after the tour for a short business meeting.

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May Meeting Announcement

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
6:00 PM

Wine Tasting (and Bylaws!)

at

Morning, Noon & Night
7474 Towne Center Parkway
Shadow Lake Towne Center
Papillion, NE 68046

Please join us for an evening of themed wine tasting (including palate cleansers) and fellowship.

This will also be an opportunity to **discuss the proposed ACS Omaha Section bylaw changes** proposed by the executive committee. (Documents were attached to the email announcement of this meeting and are also available to members upon request from jamesfletcher@creighton.edu.)

Please RSVP to James Fletcher [jamesfletcher@creighton.edu] to help us coordinate the wine tasting with the establishment. There is no charge for this activity. Members are welcome to bring one guest.

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August Meeting Announcement

Thursday, August 21, 2014
7:00 PM

Vote to Approve New Bylaws

at
Upstream Brewing Company
17070 Wright Plaza
Legacy Shopping Center
Omaha, NE 68130

Please join us for an evening of important section business and fellowship.

At this meeting **the proposed ACS Omaha Section bylaw changes** will be put for a vote of approval by the section. (Documents have been distributed with past meeting announcements, copies can be re-sent upon request from jamesfletcher@creighton.edu.)

Please RSVP to James Fletcher [jamesfletcher@creighton.edu]

Food at this meeting is complimentary, plan to purchase your own beverages.

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October Meeting Announcement

Friday, October 3, 2014
3:00 PM – tour starts (tour will start on time!)

Please RSVP to James Fletcher [jamesfletcher@creighton.edu] by Tuesday September 30.

Tour of CETAC Technologies

14306 Industrial Road
Omaha, NE 68144

Note this tour requires those attending to wear long pants and closed-toe, non-canvas shoes.

This tour can accommodate up to 20 visitors.

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December Meeting Announcement

Thursday, December 11, 2014
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Please RSVP to James Fletcher [jamesfletcher@creighton.edu] by Monday December 8th.

End of Year Reception

Creighton University
Harper Center
20th and California Streets
Room 3023

This event will include a review of 2014 section events, an introduction of the newly elected 2015 section officers, and networking/socializing/holiday merriment amongst ACS members.

All members are encouraged to invite a significant other and/or past section members to attend this event as guests.

Finger food appetizers will be provided, along with a cash bar.

Parking is available adjacent to the Harper Center building.