

ACS Division of Biological Chemistry  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Jan 31, 2024  
5:00-6:00 pm, EDT

**Attendees:**

Jen Heemstra, Chair	Igor Dikiy, Councilor
Jay Schneekloth, Chair-Elec	Catherine Eichhorn, Alternate Councilor
David Giedroc, Immediate Past-Chair	Amy Weeks, Alternate Councilor
Barbara Golden, Treasurer	Aaron Smith, Alternate Councilor
Chris Whitman, Secretary	Cindy Burrows, Advisory Committee
Michael Knapp, Nominations	Loren Williams, Advisory Committee
Sierra Williams, Nominations	Deb Rothman, Advisory Committee
Jimmy Houglund, Program	Ann Valentine, MPPG representative
Amanda Hargrove, Councilor	Eric Kohn, Communication

Approved and accepted the minutes of the two previous meetings (Nov 8, 2023 and Dec 6, 2023)

1) Chair's report (Jen)

Jen opened the meeting by noting that at the last meeting David offered words of thanks to outgoing ExComm members and that now was the time to offer same thanks to David as he moves into the immediate past Chair role. David led DBC thorough a fantastic year – bylaws and name change proposal, new BMS award, undergrad award, YIA, and many other advancements to help us engage and serve our members (think of more committees to get more buy-in from the community). “Let’s thank him for his vision and leadership!”

Bylaws have been approved and are on the website. The awards and communications committees have been added. Name change has been scheduled for the Council meeting in March. Upcoming undergraduate award and BMS award

Report to ACS – David (due Feb 15, 2024) will be done in the background

Exec Comm meetings set for 2024 – use the invites from Kate

2) Treasurer's report (Barbara/Christy)

Christy is working on taxes and financial report

Budget talk forthcoming (Next meeting)

Still operating in deficit spending - some discussion about cost of award (see below)

A general question about how long ACS lets you go before they shut you down?

3) Secretary's report (Chris)

Councilors really important to go to this one

Reimbursement has changed

Michelle, Amanda, Amy, and Igor (virtual)

The Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel is the governance hotel for the ACS Spring 2024 Meeting. The Hybrid Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 8:00 a.m. CT, with the in-person portion being held in the Grand Ballroom.

All attendees must be registered for the meeting. However, if you are only attending the governance events and will not be attending technical sessions or ticketed social events, the governance code SGOV2024 may be used for complimentary registration.

The new approach (effective Jan 1, 2024) will provide a single payment of \$2,000 per Councilor, per meeting, directly to Local Sections and Divisions that opt into the program provided the Councilor attends in-person or remotely. This will streamline and simplify the process for Local Sections and Divisions. Elected Councilors will still be reimbursed directly from their Local Section or Division. The opt-in notice will be sent from [secretary@acs.org](mailto:secretary@acs.org) to all Local Section and Division Treasurers by February 1, and must be returned no later than March 1.

4) Program committee report: (Kate)  
SP24 programming March 17-21  
Kate still needs session chairs  
Mixer is Monday night  
Travel Awards -Jan 15 deadline – up to 11

Future Meetings Workshop – Jimmy (more details available next meeting)  
SP25 stays the same but FA23 4.5 days to 3.5 days (experimental)  
This might affect our fall programming  
Move away from hotels and everything is in convention center

5) Nominations committee report (Mike)

Welcome back (new and former member)  
Sarah was a genius (spreadsheet with last 10 years)  
Quiet now

6) Awards committee report (David)

BMS March 1, 2024 on website (email Blast?)  
UG award = March 1, 2024 (Regina and Andrea ) sent letters to all Chairs of Biochem asking for top candidate. Get a pin and a certificate. Maybe a chord would have more appeal  
DBC YIA – Due March 15 (4 @ \$1000 with \$250 for travel) motion approved a pilot for 1 year.  
Potential candidates are Chairs of GRS  
Eli Lilly June 15  
Abeles-Jencks Aug 1

7) Communications committee report discussion (Jen/David))  
Update from Jen/Jade/Eric – newsletter and website (went live in late Jan)  
Lots of excitement about the newsletter and website

Great job communication team

Revisit the ideas we brainstormed at the start of the year (2023) and discuss priorities for 2024.

8) Strategic Plan

DBC YIA

UG Award – Donations so recipients can get DBC membership