

# Minutes

**Meeting of ACS Southeast Region Board for 2007**  
**The Hyatt Regency Hotel, Teal Room**  
**Greenville, South Carolina, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Approval in Nashville at SERMACS 2008**

1. Call to Order by the Chair, Greg Grant.

2. The Secretary, Paul Deck, recorded the attendance. Those who were the only attendees present from a particular local section were presumed to represent that local section. Executive Committee members did not also vote as local section representatives. Roll was called to confirm the attendee list. The Treasurer, Sol Levine, was absent with notification and did not assign proxy to another member.

<b>Steering Committee Members with Local Section Affiliations</b>			
Dick Hanley	Florida	Debra Tindall	Northeast Tennessee
Bill Switzer	North Carolina - <b>Past Chair</b>	Stuart Burris	Nashville
Keith Hollis	Ole Miss	Chris Bannochie	Savannah River - <b>GC 2006</b>
Paul Deck	VA Blue Ridge - <b>Secretary</b>	Dale Wheeler	Carolina Piedmont
Royce Woosley	Western Carolinas	John Struss	Tampa Bay - <b>Chair Elect</b>
Marc ter Horst	North Carolina	Tim Hanks	W. Carolinas – <b>GC 2007</b>
Ingrid Montes	Puerto Rico	Chris Hermann	VA Blue Ridge
Greg Grant	Chattanooga - <b>Chair</b>	Stephanie Myers	Savannah River
Ann Sullivan	Virginia	Tom Furtch	Nashville – <b>GC 2008</b>
<b>Other Attendees</b>			
Martin Stewart	Nashville	Tim Hanusa	Nashville
Peggy Smith	ACS Regional Meetings		

2. Dr. Deck reviewed the 2006 minutes. Peggy Smith asked that the section on the High School Teacher Award indicate that at least one member of the Selection Committee must be a CHED member. Subject to this revision, the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Regional Awards.

Bill Switzer made a presentation on the High School Teacher Award. The Board discussed ideas for promoting broader participation in the process, such as involving Science Olympiad Coordinators, inviting “on the spot” nominations with a SERM meeting lobby display, involving SAACS, and working with Science Teacher Associations throughout the region.

Greg Grant made a presentation on the Regional Volunteer Service Award. The Board discussed whether a Regional service award should necessarily imply service at the Regional level. Some members suggested that the term "Regional" refers only to the geographical limits of the applicant pool but should reward extraordinary service at any level. Other members suggested that the term "Regional" necessarily implies a strong regional component of service. The matter was not resolved but left to the selection committee (which is the same as the Executive Committee) to handle this matter in the normal process of administering the award.

Keith Hollis and Marc ter Horst agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Regional Service Award.

#### 4. Chair's report.

5. Treasurer's Report. The Report was provided by Dr. Levine and delivered by Dr. Grant. As of the 2006 Board meeting the balance of SERM holdings was \$55,987.05. The meeting tax from 2005 (Memphis, \$3,512.52), repayment of the SERM 2006 XB3 Loan (Augusta, \$1,000.00), and the meeting tax from 2006 (Augusta, \$12,144.61) were added as credits. Board expenses (\$877.88) and a new XB3 loan (San Juan, \$3000.00) were added as debits. The balance of SERM holdings as of the 2007 Board meetings is therefore \$68,766.30.

#### 6. Meeting Reports

Augusta 2006 – Chris Bannochie entered a final report which will be submitted formally to the Board shortly.

Greenville 2007 – A preliminary report from Tim Hanks indicates a registered attendance of around 1300, and a total of 840 abstracted papers, with a likely profit in the range of \$30,000.

Nashville 2008 – Tom Furtsch provided a tentative budget and indicated that it had been developed from ACS templates with additional consultation from Regional Meetings Staff. Ms. Smith offered the opinion that Dr. Furtsch's budget was robust. The Board approved this budget. The Bylaws specify that the Board's liability may be no more than 10% of the total anticipated expense in the approved budget (\$19,700), and no more than 25% of the Board's present balance (\$17191.58). The lower value (17191.57) therefore establishes the Board's liability for any losses incurred by SERMACS 2008. In other respects the organizers indicated that their preparations were on target.

San Juan 2009 – Ingrid Montes gave the Board a tour of the SERMACS 2009 web site.

New Orleans 2010 – Sean Hickey's report was delivered by Greg Grant. One member expressed concern that the late dates of the meeting would put pressure on the end of the semester for many academic chemists including students. However these late dates are apparently traditional for the New Orleans meetings.

Richmond 2011 – Dates have been set *tentatively* for Nov 2 - Nov 6<sup>th</sup> (Wed - Sat).

7. Proposals were invited for the 2012 meeting. None were heard. [Note – subsequent to the Board Meeting in Greenville, the Executive Committee received and accepted a bid from the North Carolina Section to host SERMACS 2012 in Raleigh-Durham]

8. New Business.

Dick Hanley raised the issue of handling no-shows in the technical program. Dr. Burris noted that PittCon places a two- or three-year ban on participation onto individuals who do not show up for their presentations. Ms. Smith indicated that ACS Meetings and Exhibitions is working on policy for no-shows. After some additional discussion, the organizers of SERMACS 2008 agreed to try asking all of the presiding officers to record no-shows in their own symposia and to include that information in their regular reports.

Dr. Switzer introduced the idea of using a private firm to handle web development, web management, and other IT matters for the SERMACS Board. Dr. Deck moved that the matter be handled by the Executive Committee, and this motion was seconded and carried.

9. Elections of Officers

Chair Elect – Paul Deck nominated Chris Bannochie. No other nominations were heard. Dr. Bannochie was elected unanimously.

Secretary – John Struss nominated Paul Deck. No other nominations were heard. Dr. Deck was elected unanimously.

Treasurer – Bill Switzer nominated Sol Levine. No other nominations were heard. Dr. Levine was elected unanimously.

10. Dr. Switzer is thanked for his long and dedicated service to the SERMACS Board. Dr. Bannochie's service on the Executive Committee continues but in a different office (Chair Elect). Dr. Montes is welcomed to the Executive Committee as General Chair of the following year (San Juan 2009). Dr. Deck and Dr. Levine continue in their respective offices.

11. Dr. Grant adjourned the meeting.