I. Call to Order (Chris Bannochie) 8:15 AM (CST)

The meeting was called to order by SERMACS Inc. Chair, Chris Bannochie at 8:15 AM on Saturday November 13, 2021 at Sheraton, East Meeting Room N, in Birmingham, Alabama.

ATTENDANCE: Executive Committee: Jordan Poler (Carolina Piedmont, Past Chair); Will Lynch (Coastal Georgia Section, SERMACS 2019); Brent Feske (Coastal Georgia, Chair-Elect); Chris Bannochie (Savannah River, Chair); Tad Whiteside (Savannah River, Treasurer); Herman Holt, Jr. (Western Carolinas, Secretary); Tracy Hamilton (Alabama, SERMACS 2021); Ingrid Montes (Puerto Rico, SERMACS 2022)

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II. Remembrance for Prof. John Z. Larese (May 4, 1954 – November 1, 2021)

Tad Whiteside provided a reading honoring John Larese

III. Elections

a) Chair-Elect - nominations

Mary Engleman was nominated and seconded (Coastal Georgia) for Chair-Elect

Approved - Unanimously

b) Interim action of the board

Chair-Elect Feske appointed Will Lynch as Treasurer to fulfill the remainder of John Larese’s (deceased) term

The Board will elect a treasurer for a 3-year term in 2022

c) Elections for 2022

Chair-Elect (preside over SERMACS 2024), Secretary, and Treasurer

IV. Meeting Bids for 2026

a) Memphis section – William Alexander U. of Memphis

Molecules in Memphis – Bridging Chemistry and Society
Bridging healthcare, industry etc. for not silo non-academic entities

Large changeover in leadership – considered a plus

2021 Planning retreat (led by Bill Carroll; Larry Krannick)

Leadership Team – Tim Brewster (GC) and Will Alexander (co-Chair); Will Eckenhoff (co-Chair) and others were named on the leadership team

Emphasized hospitality

Upgraded venue – Renesant Convention Center

46 flexible meeting rooms

600 rooms – 450 Room block available Sheraton $175?

Crowne Plaza 150 room block $165

Loews Hotel – 500 rooms/convention center

15 rooms plus concourse at convention center

Memphis International Airport

Keynotes from Academi and outside academia

DEI Symposium

Undergraduate Program – dedicated organizer (Chuck Garner)

HS Educators/Student Program

Awards

Q&A

1) Penciled in but can't book convention center 14 months before meeting a noted concern. William indicated he could review Convention Center policy.

2) Pandemic clauses? Force majeure? This language will be included.

3) How will you decide if you need to go bigger? Likely will need to go bigger. Provided minimum specs to get the space.

4) Loews hotel in progress so have there been discussions about contracting with them?

5) Lots from academia in leadership. It would be nice to identify someone from Industry as part of the leadership team. No representation from industry/healthcare.

6) Travel grants to get sponsored by industry.
7) Projections are a bit low and inconsistent relative to previous meeting numbers was a noted comment. Previous meeting organizers stated that “this group” will not allow a projection above 900 attendees for the 2015 meeting.

b) Western Carolinas – Zachary Davis – Western Carolinas

Not bidding
Downtown convention Center not approved
Hoping to present next year for a bid
Mentioned sponsors Michelin, Millikin, Soloras lighting.

Commentary related to the bid was provided.
Eastman took van loads to Memphis
Motion – Coastal Georgia
Second – Northeast Tennessee
None opposed
Awarded 2026 to Memphis – They should also be provided the comments.

V. Meeting Reports

a) 2022 Puerto Rico (final budget approval) – Ingrid Montes (General Chair); Nestor Carballeira (Program Chair)

Exhibition and poster session moved
16 educational meeting rooms
Hotels
Sheraton $189
Hyatt Place $160
MacMillian, Wilson, Warner, and JACS editor
Chemistry festival outreach event – Festival de Quimica (Friday morning)
Puerto Rican night and luncheons for socials
24 different symposia
Need organic, biochemistry, and
Rev: $321,057 Expenses $283,100 Net: $37,957.

Need to see budget for approval

Started at 1500 but we needed to lower it.

Why no commitment to the mobile app?
Things have changed since the pandemic
Needs to have ease of access to the programming
Builds community amongst app users

What are we approving and Commitment from SERMACS?
Approving liability 10% of expenses ($28,310)

Motion – will
Second – Cheryl Trusty, GA
Approved 14 in-person; 11 Zoom

b) 2023 North Carolina – Katherine Glasgow
Meeting presentation will be provided

c) 2024 Atlanta – AJ Mallia
LOC formed; MOU signed
AJ General Chair; Mark Mitchell Program Chair
Advancie and Tranforming lives through Chemistry
October 16-19
Venue selection – work in progress working with ACS Regional Meeting
Three turn downs due to space to ratio; Looking Hyatt and Sheraton

d) 2025 Orlando (Joint Meeting with SW Region) – Chris Chouinard
Meeting presentation will be provided

VI. Officer Reports
a) Past Chair report - Polar
   Chair-elect female adds diversity
   Great awards ceremony this week

b) Chair Report
   Looking at meeting numbers
   Wanted to discuss bylaws
      Will send to steering committee
      Have two months to review
      Hope to wrap up by mid-January with fresh bylaws in 2022

c) Chair-Elect report – Brent Feske
   Chair of bylaws committee
   Discussed bylaws changes

d) Treasurer report – Tad Whiteside
   No funds output in 2021 as of date

e) Secretary
   Meeting minutes approved from 2020
   Contingency plans
   Abstracts

f) 2021 Report – Tracy Hamilton
   $187,605 revenue
   $10000 from Oakwood Chemical
   $5000 Merck sponsorship (not allowed to travel)
   Over 1400 (1422) registrations – projected 1000
   Total abstracts 1223
      Large number of undergraduates
   ACS should improve how undergraduate registrations are done
      Furman brought over 50 students
   Discussed problems leading up to SERMACS 2021
Wifi not part of the contract so had to pay extra for it.
Couldn't visit during pandemic
Restaurants closed in the hotel
Hotel/Convention center communication issues
30 grad schools, but not enough space for more.
No mobile app

\textbf{g) ACS Staff}

ACS National no longer have a mobile app
Possibly bringing back Cvent
No RMPC programming during the pandemic

Meeting adjourned 11:22PM CST