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April Minutes

□ The 748th meeting of LVACS was hosted by Northampton Community College on Tuesday, April 17, 2001. The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Bouis at 7:15 PM. The occasion for this meeting was the Student Awards Banquet for graduating seniors from colleges around the Lehigh Valley, and was jointly held with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE). Dr. Bouis thanked all of them for coming to the meeting, and congratulated the students for their achievements. A representative from each university or college presented the award to their student. No section business was conducted at this meeting.

Liz Smith introduced the speaker for the evening, Ms. Jean Parr. Ms. Parr is currently the head of the ACS Department of Career Services. The title of her talk was "Employment Trends and Marketability - ACS Career Services and You." She began the talk with a web address for individuals who wanted more information about what the ACS can do for you in career planning. The web site is <http://www.acs.org/career>. Jean then listed many ways that the ACS can help in career planning. They offer career assistance,

employment assistance, workforce assistance, workshops etc. Ms. Parr discussed the current job market and noted that chemists are experiencing more job changes, the competition for jobs is tight, and that employers are expecting applicants to apply their knowledge to broader areas than just chemical problems.

Jean went on to discuss some of the universal factors that are common in all industries, including the chemical industry. Some of these factors include international competition, production emphasis, outsourcing of jobs, contract & temporary employment and the changing nature of research & development. She went on to identify areas that will continue to employ at the current rates. These include the electronics industry, personal care industry, pharmaceutical industry and biotechnology industry.

Jean finished her talk by discussing what employers are looking for in a job candidate. She stated that employers are looking for individuals with excellent communication skills, ability to work in teams and an appreciation for applied problems. She went on to stress that interpersonal skills and leadership ability

were also important to industry. At the end of the talk, Jean answered several questions, and Dr. Bouis expressed the section's appreciation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rolf Mayrhofer
Secretary, LVACS

Editor's Note: I apologize that the Octagon did not make it out in time to notify members of the May meeting. Information for the meeting was not received in time to get out in time.

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2001 LVACS Annual Budget--Proposed at April LVACS Meeting

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INCOME CATEGORIES

1.	Annual ACS Allotment	8,550.00
2.	Local ACS Section Dues	2,375.00
3.	Donations, Contributions	0.00
4.	Octagon Income (Advertising)	0.00
5.	Meal Income	3,370.00
6.	Interest, Dividends	1,800.00
7.	Councilor Travel Rebate	2,580.00
Total Income		18,675.00

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

1.	Administrative Expenses	
	Bank Charges	0.00
	Executive Committee	0.00
	Membership Committee	0.00
	Office Supplies	25.00
	Program Committee.....	0.00
	Public Outreach	0.00
	Subtotal	25.00
2.	Subsidies to Subsections	
	TEACHEM.....	200.00
	Subtotal	200.00
3.	Continuing Education	
	Leadership Training (RE).....	200.00
	Subtotal	200.00
4.	Local Meeting Speaker Expenses	700.00
5.	Meal Expenses	6,210.00
6.	Octagon Expenses	
	Labels	45.00
	Bulk Mailing	1,275.00
	First Class Postage	225.00
	Printing	2,400.00
	Editor's Fee	2,400.00
	Miscellaneous (Ret. Postage, Ballot Env. Prep.)	25.00
	Octagon Subtotal	6,370.00
7.	Awards	
	50 year	50.00
	Distinguished Service Award	0.00
	Foundation in Chemistry Scholarship	1,000.00
	Past Chair	0.00
	Student Awards	650.00
	Subtotal	1,700.00
8.	Travel	
	Councilors	3,445.00
	Officers	0.00
	Subtotal	3,445.00
9.	Other expenses	
	Chemistry Olympiad	200.00
	PJAS	200.00
	Reading/Berks or other student program	400.00
	Miscellaneous	25.00
	Subtotal	825.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		19,675

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Kutztown University invites applications for a one-year temporary faculty position commencing August 2001. Minimum requirements are A.B.D. or M.S. with teaching experience; Ph.D. desired. Required is a commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching. Primary responsibilities will include lecture and laboratory in general chemistry or nursing chemistry (taught at an off-campus school of nursing). The teaching load consists of twenty-four contact hours per academic year. Successful interview and demonstration of teaching ability are required qualifications. Submit a letter of application describing experience with diverse populations, curriculum vitae, transcripts, a brief statement of teaching philosophy, and three current letters of recommendation to Chemistry Search, Department of Physical Sciences, PO Box 730, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown, PA 19530. Review of applications will begin on April 16, 2001 and will continue until the position is filled.

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MARM Meeting

The 34th Middle Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society will be held May 30-June 1, 2001 at the University Union, Towson University, Towson, Maryland. There will be a full program of Symposia, Contributed Papers and Special Events.

Symposium Topics

Medicinal Chemistry, Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy in Biochemistry, Mass Spectrometry in Biochemistry, Forensic Chemistry, Flavors Research, Nano-functional Materials, Environmental Sensing, Chemical Defense, Consumer Products Chemistry, Consumer Protection, Chemical Education, Chromatography, Lead Poisoning, Diversity

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Special Events

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