

## **Minutes of AVS/New England Board Meeting Jan. 7, 2016**

### **Agenda:**

Welcome and Introductions  
 Treasurer's Report  
 Follow Up 2015 SEW in San Jose  
 Plans for Spring Hartford Event  
 Discuss 2016 Short Courses

### **Next Meeting Date: Board Meeting in Lowell in Feb. Date TBA**

- The AVS/NE board meeting was held at 6PM at the Chemistry Department of UMass Lowell, Lowell, MA. Members of the board in attendance (as indicated by the symbol \*\*) were: Cheryl Santarelli, Peter Somssich\*\*, Dick Jacobs\*\*, Jacques LaBrosse, Earl Ada\*\*, Bob Childs, Jim Whitten\*\*, Mike Connors\*\*, Steve Vitale , Bill Trotter Jr., Doug Taylor
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### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Peter S. welcomed all of the board members in attendance. There were no guests.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Dick J. reported that we currently have a bank balance of \$5242, the calculation accounts for one of our Short Course instructors cashing their check.

### **Follow Up 2015 SEW in San Jose:**

The result from discussions with various individuals at AVS National and the Education Committee, it has been agreed that the AVSNE chapter does not need to pay for the hotel stay of our SEW teacher. However, since there was some confusion about this issue this year, we have been advised to clarify with the Education Committee. The Education Committee traditionally pays for hotel expenses, AVSNE will confirm the Education Committee's commitment before we agree to send a teacher to the 2016 SEW. Earl A. has volunteered to clarify the Education Committee's agreement for 2016.

### **Plans for a Spring Hartford Event:**

Peter S. reported that despite his attempts to generate enough interest to hold some type of event in the Hartford area (preferably at UConn in Storrs), only one offer of help has been received (for an event in the New Haven area). Our contacts to date have been: Dr. E. Kurz, University of Connecticut at Storrs, Dr. M. Sarker, Natural State Research in Stamford, CT, and Prof. C. Caragianis at Southern Connecticut State University.

The board felt that an event in New Haven would require extensive travel from the Boston area and would have to include some kind of overnight accommodations. Therefore, a New Haven based event may not currently have enough support. Dick J. has offered to draft a letter to AVS members in Connecticut, asking them for their input and support regarding an AVSNE event in their state. Peter S. agreed to circulate the letter to board members, prior to asking AVS National to generate a bulk email sent to AVS' mailing list.

In the meantime, the board is planning to organize some kind of event in the April-May timeframe as our spring event. Suggestions included a dinner meeting or perhaps a collaboration event with IMAPS. Peter S. agreed to look into the possibility of an IMAPS collaboration.

**Discuss 2016 Short Courses:**

Although AVSNE is not planning a Symposium and Exhibition in 2016, we do intend to offer Short Courses. As the first step in this process, Mike C. is planning to work with AVS National to gauge interest in various course subjects. Since Earl A. is willing to hold his course again if it is held in Lowell, Mike C. will contact Bob C. to see if he is also willing to hold his General Vacuum course. Confirmation would guarantee AVSNE with 2 local instructors. At the same time Earl A. will be contacting the UMass Lowell Conference Center to gather information regarding the availability of space and catering for the proposed courses in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of June.

**Next Meeting Date: Feb.**

**Drafted by Peter Somssich: Jan. 13, 2016**

**Submitted by Bill Trotter**