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## Its Time For Jeopardy!

We have Bobby's BarBQ reserved for Chem Jeopardy Thursday, 3/20/03, starting at 6:30 Social, 7:00 meal, 8:00 program. Bobby's closes at 9:00 so we will need to meet our times in order not to get booted out! Cost is \$7.95 per person to include the ribs with other meat selections to be buffet style. Bobby's is on the Aiken/Augusta Highway, US1, across from Satcher Ford.

This is a fun filled event for both participants and spectators. If you want to be on a "team", please contact our Chair, Tom White, via email at [thomas02.white@srs.gov](mailto:thomas02.white@srs.gov).

Please call Glenda Blystone, 725-2605, by March 18 so we can obtain a head count. See you there!

# Up Coming Events --

Pittsburgh Conference, Orlando, March 9-14.

March Meeting -Chemical Jeopardy , Bobby's Barbeque, March 20, 2003

ACS National Meeting, New Orleans, March 24-27

Girl Scouts Round-up, March 29, Aiken Jaycees Fairground, 10 am - 3 pm

April/May, Picnic with AIChE and ASME or plant tour, TBD

September/October, ACS Speaker TBD

October '03 SEED, USC-Aiken, Aiken

October '03 CSRA College Night, TBD October '03 National Chemistry Week,

November '03 Awards, Wine Tasting, North Augusta

SERMACS 2003 (November 16-19 in Atlanta, GA).

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## ...An Introduction from the Chair - Tom White

2003 promises to be a great year for the CSRA Section! I have enjoyed my involvement with ACS over the past three years (two years as Treasurer and one year as Chair-Elect) and I am looking forward to taking on the position of Chair for 2003. Aside from my involvement with ACS, I am employed as a chemist at the Savannah River Site and enjoy coaching soccer. In considering how best to make an impact this year, I have identified two main goals. First, I hope to recruit new members into our local section by identifying prospective members and actively recruiting them. Second, I plan to keep current programs such as speaker talks, Chemical Jeopardy, National Chemistry Week, and Seed Day well attended and supported. Early notification of members about upcoming events through newsletters, email, and even word of mouth will be employed to maximize participation.

However, this has to be a group effort and I would like to thank all of the volunteers who have returned this year. Among them, I would like to introduce two new members of this year's Executive Committee. Damon Click is our Public Relations Chair and is easily identified as the guy with the camera in hand at our events. Our new webmaster is Jessica Coughlin who is updating the site at <http://acs-sr.home.mindspring.com>. Other changes to the Executive Committee include the movement of Charles Crawford from Public Relations to Chair-Elect, Rob Lascola from Past Chair to Membership, and Steve Serkiz to Past Chair.

You won't want to miss March Madness with the enjoyable and entertaining Chemical Jeopardy hosted by Rob Lascola and engaging questions compiled by the one and only Past Chair, Steve Serkiz.

Once again I look forward to working with all of you to make this a great year for our chapter! I can be reached at 803-725-1963 or [thomas02.white@srs.gov](mailto:thomas02.white@srs.gov) if you have questions/suggestions about the ACS local section or need information about any of our upcoming events and activities.

## Girl Scout Round-Up - Stephannie Myers

Please add that we will be participating in the annual Girl Scout Round-Up on March 29 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Aiken Jaycees Fairgrounds. The girls will be experimenting with "Magic Inks." If you want to help, please contact Sam Myers at [smyers@aug.edu](mailto:smyers@aug.edu) or 667-4514.

## National Chemistry Olympiad

- Monty Fetterolf

The 2003 National Chemistry Olympiad screening process is underway. Eight area high schools with over three hundred and fifty chemistry students have already opted for participation. Each participating high school will again receive National Chemistry Week tee shirts for their top two students as well as participation certificates for all. The top eight students from all high schools will sit for the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam on Saturday, April 26th, at USC Aiken.

The three part, five and one-half hour exam is quite rigorous and these eight students are to be commended for this activity. The continued support of our local section has allowed the area olympiad to grow and become a standard part of chemistry courses in many high schools in the CSRA and provides a positive image of chemistry for everyone.

Monty Fetterolf

Savannah River Section -

National Chemistry Olympiad Coordinator

# Minutes from February Executive Meeting,

Attending: Linda Baker, Chris Bannochie, Charles Crawford, Tom Crute, Rob Lascola, Stephanie Myers, Bill Spencer, Tom White, Eric Zuckerman

Agenda items discussed at the Savannah River Section of the executive meeting are as follows:

Action items are highlighted in bold.

## 2002 Annual Report and Budget

The ACS Section Annual Report was distributed for review. Steve chose to complete the EZ Annual Report Form that would be submitted to National by the deadline of February 15, 2003. Eric distributed the Treasurer's Report for review. Time was spent in balancing the 2002 Annual Financial Report since it had to be included in the Annual Report.

The 2003 budget was discussed. It was requested that Eric provide a copy of the 2003 budget for publication in the next newsletter.

Additional budget discussion included approval of a loan of \$2006.00 to SERMAC2006. Also, \$300.00 was transferred to the investment account and there was a cost of \$198.00 for ASU Public Safety incurred during NCW 2002 that Stephanie will submit to Eric for payment.

Travel for officers training was discussed as a part of the 2003 budget.

## 2003 Program

The next meeting will be Chemical Jeopardy to be held on March 20, 2003. Charles had tentatively arranged for the meeting to be held at the Ruth Patrick Center, however, it was suggested that Bobby's Bar-B-Q (upstairs) be investigated as an option (Charles's action item). The format will be similar to the previous years (manager/student/chemist participants in the contest) with Rob being the host.

Other program activities discussed included Roy's wife setting up a tour of Monsanto, touring the Georgia Bureau of Investigation or Plant Vogtle. The suggested time frame for the tour was around the last week in April.

# minutes, continued

There will be 2 meetings with ACS tour speakers in September and October or the CEO from Fort Discovery. The November meeting will include the Wine and Cheese and Awards.

## NCW

It was reported that Bill Trammell wants to make the video in the fall for NCW. There was not much enthusiasm generated because of the complexity of the project.

## SERMACS 2006

Chris presented a picture of the pin that is being designed for SERMAC 2006. It was suggested that the golf ball be changed to a bucky ball.

The Savannah River Section hosting of SERMACS 2006 was published in the SRTC news

## Miscellaneous

The Girl Scout Roundup is March 29, 2003. Sam will be asking volunteers. There will be a need for two shifts of volunteers. Rob will check his list of volunteers from the Chemistry connection survey that was sent out last fall.

Discussion concerning the Chemistry Connection included increasing the scope from the original plans to include CSRA schools (phone numbers and any past Denise Creech Award winners).

The newsletter cut off date for submitting input is March 5, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Baker, Secretary

# Budget Summary for 2002 year

Income	Budgeted 02	Actual
ACS allotment	4,900.00	4,987.00
Dues		
Local Dues	1,500.00	1,527.50
Section Dues		
TAG Dues	120.00	120.00
LSAC (Directory Grant)	1,250.00	1,250.00
Interest	200.00	(1,073.16)
Meetings (Income at door)	2,000.00	1,319.00
Totals	9,970.00	8,130.34
Expenses		
Awards	350.00	174.91
Career	100.00	45.00
Chem. Olympiad	400.00	343.23
Invested	300.00	0.00
Meeting Expenses:		
Speaker Costs	1,000.00	885.00
Meeting Costs	2,500.00	2,738.87
Misc.	200.00	355.81
National Chemistry Week	600.00	0.00
Newsletter		
Postage	400.00	402.62
Printing	700.00	467.88
Public Relations	100.00	14.09
Scholarships	250.00	150.00
Service Charges	125.00	150.00
Technical Affiliate Group (TAG)	100.00	33.00
Travel	750.00	352.51
Web	100.00	488.35
Total Expenses	7,975.00	6,601.27
Investments	12/31/2000	7/31/2002
Prudential Utility Fund CL B	2,272.95	1,664.66
Prudential Jennison Growth Fund	2,080.58	1,426.37
Prudential Short Term Corp. Bond Fund	272.79	308.74
Total	4,626.32	3,399.77
Gain Since 12/31/00		(1,226.55)
Money Market Funds	12/31/2000	7/31/2002
	6,042.00	9,233.00

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