

Red River Valley Section of ACS Executive Meeting – March 17, 2010 – 4:30 PM
Abbot Hall, Room 240, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D

Present – Matthew Picklo, Asoka Marasinghe, Harmon Abrahamson, William Shay, Leonard Cook

1. Matthew welcomed the members present.
2. Harmon explained the petitions under consideration at the upcoming ACS national meeting in San Francisco. The committee agreed with Harmon's intention to vote in the affirmative for the petitions dealing with the removal admission committee and modification of the election time lines. He will be voting against petition dealing with the process of candidate selection by member petition.
3. Matthew expressed his thanks to Harmon, Tom and Vicki for their assistance in the preparation of the annual report of the section.
4. Matthew suggested forming an Awards Selection Committee to decide on the procedures and the monetary amounts of awards given out by the section in future. The Awards Committee consisting of Tom Gonnella (chair), David Mork, and Matthew Picklo will be working on a policy for travel awards and anticipate having a draft policy to discuss before the end of the semester.
5. The Speaker Tour organizational arrangement has changed. David Mork would be handling the speaker tour for next year. Activities involving co-sponsoring seminar speakers with other institutions and Science Café type events will be taken up by the section.
6. We were awarded a \$3000 grant from ACS to host a Leadership Institute Course. We are awaiting feedback regarding the topics for the upcoming Leadership Development Course.
7. We were awarded a \$300 grant from ACS to host a Science Café. We are working with the EERC to develop the Café for the summer.