

Minutes from the ACS South Plains Section meeting at Rosa's Cafe on Wednesday, June 7 at 11:30 am.

In attendance:

Laci Alexander

John Gorden

Anne Gorden (12:00 pm)

Matt Ryan

Rohan Felton (high school student)

Jeremy Lawrence (undergraduate TTU student and president of student ACS)

Laci handed each participant an agenda:

- I. Introductions of Officers
- II. Goals for 2023 Year
- III. Outreach Ideas
  - A. Tailgating TTU game
  - B. Back to school event Coffee Careers in Chemistry
  - C. Olympiad promotion for High School involvement
- IV. Website and Facebook Group
- V. Banquet Committee
- VI. Outreach Committee

Introductions: Laci, John and Matt introduced themselves.

Laci stated that her goal for the section is to reestablish a strong membership and reorganize the organization. John mentioned that communication is lacking and is important to success of the section.

Recruiting ideas were discussed for the local section and the undergraduate section. The tailgating event was discussed and the potential dates for Tech home games in the vicinity of mole day (Oct. 23) are Oct. 14th (Kansas State) or Nov. 2 (TCU). The location would be near the chemistry building. Jeremy said the undergraduate section would like to help with this event.

Matt announced that the website: [acssouthplains.com](http://acssouthplains.com) is up and running and he is taking suggestions on what content to put on the website. One idea suggested was to have a form where members can sign up to receive emails concerning the section's activities.

John mentioned that the email list for elections was not the same email list that can be used for general communication to members. To communicate with members, a separate list must be obtained from ACS. Laci mentioned that she had tried to call ACS with no success.

Laci suggested that we recruit chairs for the banquet and outreach committees. Matt suggested that these chairs should be non-officers. Laci said she would contact some members that responded to her email about these committees.

Matt announced that the Chemistry Olympiad this past year only involved two schools. He suggested using some incentives for students and teachers to increase participation: Medals and scholarships for students, teacher recognition and grants for teachers. Other suggestions included lab coats and safety goggles for students and/or teachers. Jeremy mentioned that the undergraduate section may be able to help with scholarships for students in the Chemistry Olympiad and UIL contests.

Laci announced that we would have the next meeting in July.