

*Panhandle Plains Executive Committee  
Meeting – January, 8, 2015*

*Revised Minutes*

*A meeting of the executive committee of the Panhandle Plains section of the American Chemical Society was held at Barnes and Noble Café on January 8, 2015. Members present were Nick Flynn – Chair, Paul Baumgardner – Chair-elect, Amy Graff – Immediate past chair, Mary Graff – Secretary and Councilor, and Wayne Hardin – Treasurer. Each member gave a brief introductory statement and the history of the section was discussed. Primary information concerned the decline in membership and some leadership problems that had occurred several years ago.*

*Nick and Paul talked about their concerns and goals for the future of the section. They expressed a desire to increase membership and participation of that membership in the activities of the section. Some ideas presented were to establish a regular meeting time (third Thursday of alternating months), work toward having a minimum of four meetings per year, and to survey membership for ideas and interest in topics for meeting programs. February 19, April 16, and June 18 were set as dates for the first three meetings. The use of the section website was also discussed. We would like to make it more visible to the membership by posting meeting information, job opportunities and other items of interest. Amy Graff agreed to continue as webmaster.*

*Paul is working on arranging speakers or tours for the first two meetings. The June meeting may be a social for the membership. The Math and Science Conference at WT, August 4-5, 2015, was discussed as an opportunity for ACS members to participate as speakers or volunteers. Nick is the chair for this event and we will have an opportunity to network with public school math and science teachers. This was left open with no decision as to our specific participation.*

*Amy Graff volunteered to be the coordinator for both Earth Day activities and National Chemistry Week. Both of these could possibly be worked in conjunction with the Discovery Center – to be explored further. Nick will visit with the Discovery Center and has students who work there who can assist with any scheduled activities.*

*No future meeting was scheduled at this time.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*/signed/ Mary Graff, Secretary*

*NOTE: Following the meeting, it was decided that Rita Smith, Nick Flynn's secretary, will manage the section website.*