



Richland Section
American Chemical Society

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West 247, WSU Tri-Cities Campus
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- A. Discuss Project SEED: Last fall Anna was contacted by Kathy Feaster of PNNL (Science and Engineering Education) asking that she submit a request for a student position to be housed with Dr. Denis Strachan at PNNL. The proposed project was entitled "Glasses for the immobilization of advanced nuclear fuel cycle waste". On April 1st Anna received word from Kathy that she was unable to identify a student that could work with Dr. Strachan. Today Anna was notified by Project SEED that the student position for the Richland Section has been funded. So now we have an award but no student to fill the position. Anna will try to find a student to fill this position at EOU (8 weeks). The board should consider how to make this program work better next year.
- B. Minutes from 01/11/2010 for previous Board Meeting reviewed but not approved yet. The minutes were accepted with minor modification. The motion was proposed by the Treasurer to accept the minutes was seconded by the Chair, and was passed unanimously.
- C. Treasurer reported the minutes from the general meeting held on 16 March 2010, where the modified Budget was approved by the membership. The membership voted to defeat the Budget proposed by the Executive Committee. The membership also voted to change the budget item allocated for the Councilor's travel to Council Meetings to a total of \$3000.00. The membership also voted to reduce the number of days spent by the councilor at the meeting as well as NOT to pay the ACS National Meeting registration fee for the Councilor. The Treasurer also informed the Board that the Councilor does not have to register for the national meeting to attend the Council Meeting. The Chair motioned to the Board to Accept these changes to the Budget, with the caveat that the Executive Committee still retain the right to modify the Budget with a valid reason as allowed by the By laws, the motion was seconded by the Treasurer and passed unanimously with no abstains. .
- D. Treasurer moves to reimburse the Councilor an amount of \$2023.61 which has already been spent. This amount does include the Spring National Meeting the registration. This is a modification to the budget of \$523.61, which still gives us a balanced budget. This modification is allowed by Article 7 section 5 of the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Chair, approved by the board members unanimously with no abstains.
- E. The budget for the Fall Council meeting is at \$1500.00 and will not be used to pay for the meeting registration.
- F. Last segment for the ACS seminar series will be held on May 13th Thursday in La Grande. The guest speaker John J. Fortman will talk on "Energy from Chemistry through the Ages".



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- G. The Chair informed the Board that the seminar on Chemistry of Wine was a success, with 30 people in attendance. Most of the attendees were non-chemists.
- H. The Education Chair, Karen Grant informed the Board that she intend to take students to the NORM in Pullman, WA. She has already informed Dick Hermens about this, as the money would come form the grant administered by him. The tentative plan is to take 8 students to the meeting. She will require registration fees (\$10-\$30/student) + \$45/student to attend the banquet along with overnight accommodation cost (4 rooms at \$90/room) and tarvel assistance. The Chair informed her to submit a written request to the Treasurer by the next meeting. .
- I. Aruna talked about the National LAB Day (NLD) program. Although May 23rd is designated as NLD, this is an all year -round program. She mentioned that she has volunteered to act as a mentor on Energy Revolution project at a local high school. Members are encouraged to volunteer their time to help area schools by with science projects. Visit NLD website, <<http://www.nationallab.day.com>> for details and signup information. Also, area high schools need support and resources for participation in problem solving competition (May 21-23, annual event) on alternative energy ideas, “Imagine Tomorrow” at WSU, Pullman campus. Checkout <http://imagine.wsu.edu/> for details. .
- J. Aruna is reviewing the ACS speakers for next year. She recommended one speaker who would speak on “The Chemistry behind the food we eat”. Karen suggested a local speaker Jim Campbell who would speak on Melamine issues in China.
- K. ACS is getting rid of the investment pool, by August 31, 2010. We need to find someone who knows about investing money, and keeping it somewhat liquid.
- L. Asanga will propose a date for our next meeting
- M. Reviewed the Thank you letter from Vic Smith
- N. Include the Picnic in the agenda budget \$250.
- O. Adjournment 6:20 PM