



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 6:12 PM at TCIC 223 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: A. Cavinato (by phone), Jann Frye, Dave Heldebrant, Janet Bryant, Richard Hermens, Frannie Skomurski, Karen Grant, Sandy Fiskum, Phillip Koech

Called to order at __6:12 pm._____

1. Review March Minutes- Janet moved that the minutes be approved, and they were with correction of Spelling of Dave's last name.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Budget Updates- Budget needs to be sent out to the roster by email and to those who need hard copies. The hard copies will be sent to those who get newsletter by US mail. Anna says we currently have over 500 members. Anna determined that 32 of the members need to have hard copies. Anna will send the addresses and names to Sandy.
 1. We are off by \$775 for the cost of sending two people to the leadership conference in the draft budget. The budget submitted with the annual report has this error. Phillip will send Sandy a new revised budget with the correction to send to the membership. We will try to get it voted on at ACS and You event, on April 27, EMSL 1077, noon to 1pm.
 2. We got the annual allotment of \$1015 for first half of year from dues. We will get a smaller check later in the year.
 - b. April News letter- Sandy has the newsletter drafted for tech editor.
 - c. Spring national meeting highlights- Richard reported that there were 16,000 plus at the meeting. Janet is on the committee on Committees (CONC), she is also chair of the chemical entrepreneur committee, a brand new committee to support chemists who want to start their own businesses. There were a number of ACS symposia that were recorded and will be available on the web, first to those who went to the meeting then to other members for free. We gain about 23,000 members a year and about 20,000 who let their memberships expire. ACS is trying to figure out how to keep these members who drop. Dave gave a talk and enjoyed the talks. Anna brought 19 students from Eastern Oregon University; travel was in part sponsored by Richland section. They received the outstanding chapter award. The students presented 7 posters at the meeting. Anna also presented a paper. The only negative anyone reported was the weather.
 - d. Earth day- Janet needs a check made out to the city of Richland for \$200 to pay for the Chemistree. I suggested that we take a picture of all of the chemistrees we have donated over the years. We will put a map of where they are in the next newsletter.
 1. La Grande has several events planned for earth day. Janet needs reports from Anna as soon as possible, to list the dates and details on line. Anna will send Janet an email.



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2. Janet will be sending a half a box of Celebrating Chemistry Booklets, celebrating Earth day to La Grande to Anna. This booklet is for elementary through high school students. They will also be at Richland public library.

3. New Business;

- a. Member retention grant- ACS and you! - April 27, EMSL 1077. noon to 1pm. We got a nano grant to hold this event. We may also be able to hold one at La Grande.
- b. Meeting schedule- Do we still want to meet to once a month at WSU. Yes all agreed, just keep meetings short and to the point.
- c. Dates and speakers for science cafes- Frannie reiterated that at a previous meeting we should have one in the spring and one in the fall. One of them could be in the Tri-Cities and the other in La Grande. Anna agreed that they could do one in May in La Grande. The October one will be in Richland. We would like to Satish Nune to give a talk on Nano technology for the science café in La Grande
- d. Leadership Course- We had a very good turn out at Fort Worth Texas from the Richland section. There was a picture of the new leaders wearing purple ribbons and a lot of older members wearing purple shirts.
- e. There was discussion of the Facebook posting that Marcie Merritt from the Portland Section made of the Eastern Oregon students. We talked about putting a Facebook link on our web page and having our own Facebook page.
- f. Karen Grant reported about her efforts to sell the Noble quilts. Aruna was trying to see if Bechtel would donate something to buy the quilts and keep them at CREHST Museum. Karen talked to someone at PNNL, but that person was not interested. Janet is interested in helping. The money from the quilts will go to fixing or replacing instruments for CBC or WSU Tri-cities. ACS has a web page that they put up to show the quilts, with pictures of both quilts.
- g. Start Planning Career Fair- The date is set for Friday October 19 from 5 to 9. Karen will try to book the Gjerde Atrium room at CBC. Karen recommends that we get snacks. She would like to get a variety of professions represented, nuclear industry, patent attorney, teachers, scientific writers, wine industry, food chemistry. Aruna and Anna are working on this. Karen has contacts with the area colleges. They need someone to contact the high schools.
- h. Sandy is invited to the ACS SPARKLE workshop. We nominated her and approved her attendance. It is in Washington DC April 27-29. It is a communication workshop put on by ACS.
- i. Awards Committee ACS Fellow Nominations- Janet is working on several nominations from the Richland section. Richard was nominated by the section. Janet nominated Anna. There are 8 total nominations. The awards are given out at the August ACS meeting. The ACS Fellow program is three years old. Fellows have to be notable chemists, and have given service to ACS.

1. The regional meeting is coming up in Boise in June. If we want to nominate any high school teachers for the outstanding teacher award nominations are



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due by May 1. Sometimes the section awards a chemist of the year. Nominations should be sent to Janet for consideration by the awards committee.

- j. We talked about posting the year's schedule on the web page.
- k. Leadership Course- We have a previous grant to hold a leadership course. Frannie has the email contact information. The \$3000 grant covers the expenses for the speaker. We could also charge for attendance, and if there is money left from the speakers we could offer scholarships for attendees. It was suggested that we ask the members what course they are most interested in. We read over the list of titles, and felt the one titled "Fostering Innovation Course" would be good. It is a half day course and would appeal to many of the members.
- l. Phillip told us he is the only board member with signature authority on the checking account. He needs another person. We nominated and approved Dave be the other person with signature authority. The secretary needs to write a letter "to whom it may concern" that Dave was elected president of the section and was selected to have signature authority.



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