



# American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 5/9/2012 at TWST 247 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Jann Frye, Sandy Fiskum, Dave Heldebrant, Phillip Koech, Richard Hermens, Frannie Skomurski, Steve Krogsrud

Absent: Anna Cavinato, Karen Grant, Janet Bryant, Aruna Arakali

Call to order at 6:10

1. Review April Minutes: Distributed and reviewed corrected minutes from April Meeting. Minutes were accepted as corrected.
2. Old Business:
  - a. Sparkle Workshop- Sandy Fiskum reported on the workshop she attended at ACS in Washington DC. They were well entertained, and it was very productive. She attended workshops on how to interact with reporters, how to write press releases for media, and about the ACS network. There were about 30 participants. Each section has the same problem with member participation, about 1% active participants.
  - b. ACS & You- Frannie spoke at the event. They had a good turn out. Nine members and seven non-members. Some were people who used to be members and others who were interested. She and Dave provided the attendees' links to take the ACS & You course on line, and entertained the group with humor about what ACS can do for chemistry professionals. This presentation is available to be given to others in the section. We may want to present this at the science Café in La Grande. We could use the \$100 left of the food money for ACS & You to help pay for the refreshments at the event in La Grande. Or we could take this presentation to the Walla Walla area, because there are three colleges in that area. We decided to table this decision until the next meeting.
3. New Business
  - a. Calendar- If we want to do press releases for events we need to get info from organizers well in advance.
  - b. Science Café- May 31, La Grande on Eastern Oregon Campus. Satish will talk about Preparation and properties of nano-particles. We will need to provide refreshments, up to \$300 worth. There will be no press release since Anna is handling the PR. Dave is car pooling from Richland.
  - c. Next science Café- Dave will see if his neighbor who is the head wine maker at Columbia Crest if he is willing to talk. We may want to do this on a weekend, and pole the membership to make sure we have a good turnout. We should invite Portland section.
  - d. Budget- There was a vote to approve the budget at the ACS & You event in April. The budget was approved.
  - e. Fostering Innovation Grant- We decided last meeting that we will try to bring the Fostering Innovation Event to come to the Tri-Cities. We have \$3000 in this grant. The cost of enrollment is \$50 to \$100. We can use the grant to pay for the



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speaker, his lodging, and to pay for members to attend. The money that is collected comes to the section. We might be able to get sponsorship from Battelle. We will try to do this in August or September. Frannie will find out the availability of the speaker. This will give Sandy and Steve time to do the PR for the event.

- f. Picnic- Dave is fine with AICHE picking the venue for the combined picnic. This will be in June on 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. They will let us know by the end of this week what the location will be. Aruna is helping getting the location selected. Steve will email some suggestions as to other area parks that might work as a location. We can advertise that the picnic will be open to families.
- g. Career Fair- Karen Grant was going to chair this event on October 19. She is out currently with a broken hip, but hopes to be back by June, so we will check with her then.
- h. By-laws- No progress has been made on this. Janet Bryant is planning to work on the by-laws. Richard Hermens, Jann Frye, Sam Bryan, and Dave are on the committee. We need to change the by- laws to include electronic voting and change the language that students are members not affiliates. Dave will follow up with Janet.
- i. Phillip will send the secretary details on a letter that needs to be written to Banner Bank so Dave can be granted signature authority on the bank account.
- j. Joining Chamber of Commerce- Sandy learned that joining the chamber of commerce would allow us to get discounts on printing. Dave will check into the benefits and costs of joining the chamber



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