



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, 12/13/2012, 6:14 PM TWST223 WSU Tri City Campus

In attendance:

Dave Heldebrant, Sandy Fiskum, Richard Hermens, Frannie Smith, Janet Bryant, Phillip Koech, Karen Grant, Aruna Arakali

Meeting called to order at 6:14 PM.

Call in # 509-335-4700

Code/password: 22754

August Meeting Minutes: Approved.

Career fair: Got two high school teachers, but need to contact some of the companies. David Meadows will contact Areva, Jim Toth was going to contact Perma-Fix. Dave contacted a patent attorney, and Aruna got Columbia crest. Paper mills (Boise Cascade) Steve was going to be on that one. Karen can get state crime lab or another contact at PNNL who once did forensics and worked for the FBI. Karen also lined up community college to have a booth and Dan Mitchell and WSU Tri-Cities. Karen also got Vince Hebert in the WSU food and environmental quality laboratory for food and toxicology/agriculture. Jim Campbell, from analytical methodology for Battelle. Mission Support Alliance (MSA) Aruna will contact them. Waste disposal management services will also be done by Aruna. Medical isotopes Gary (Troyer) will be contacted by Aruna. Dave will ask Dan Howe about the USDA in Prosser for coming out. Frannie will contact Stoller (environmental drilling, waste, chemical logging of bore holes).

We have 22 tables with 2 chairs at each table. Signposts, table cloths are all available for each presenter.

Frannie suggested we provide drinks and food to the presenters. It has to be prepackaged unless we go through campus food service. Phillip suggested we have \$250 in a grant for this event.

Dave will pick up pre-packaged food from Costco. Special food for the speakers. Karen will get us a number for attendance for this. 50-100 students possibly up to 200.

Chemistry of Wine Science Café: Dave went over the pictures and a brief description of the Columbia Crest tour. Sandy will put pictures in the news letter. Dave will write up the wine event.



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Fostering Innovation: Frankie Black came out from Oklahoma to make the presentation at the workshop. 18 to 22 people showed up for the class. The highlights of the event were new people coming to the events including a professor from Moses Lake, Walla Walla, and the head of the science department at Walla Walla C.C. Post-docs, grad students, and early, middle, and late career members participated. Nice range of members of young to experienced. The take home message was that everybody is innovative one way or another and just applies new perspectives to make innovation a success. Good desire for this from our members. We got a lot of feedback about what would get them to come to events (need lead time, make polls to find what is useful, social media as a means to connect with them, mix up meeting areas, have families come). Richard recommends putting this in the annual report as a highlight of what we did and how we can get involvement next year. Frannie loved the networking of the event, that we never got face-time before and now they feel better about being involved after knowing who we are and getting to know us.

Power-lunch with Frankie after the event, they got good information on fundraising and other ideas for \$ for WSU/CBC. Janet's goal for fundraising is \$10,000. Lunch and gift receipts coming to Phillip out of the grant \$. We have to pay the ACS from the grant for the 18 folks who made the event.

Sandy found out that some of our members are not receiving the newsletter distributed by e-mail; perhaps some members have a spam filter blocking our messages.

Janet recommends Dave send out a welcome email for the fostering innovation members and confirm that they got the emails and are welcomed properly to the section. Janet will send the email and Frannie will get the email list to her.

Dave needs to check monthly rosters to determine who is new and reach out to them.

Geezerfest: DEC 12, 4-9 PM. We are going to cater the event. Room reserved: the Atrium at WSU-TC. For once Sandy has enough time to send out the information. Perhaps we get an ACS fellow to talk about this. Dave will send Sandy information on the 50 and 60 year members to get information. Also we will honor Carey Seidel and students for the Chem Olympiad.

Bylaws: Janet is going to work the bylaws.

Elections: Aruna is going to work to obtain nominations for open positions.. We have to ask for the full ballot e-roster to support a direct mailing of the ballot. Dave will get the e-roster and send it to Sandy and Steve. Need to have the next newsletter/ballots out by mid October.

Chem luminary award: Handed to Karen for display at WSU-TC and CBC.



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Elections/fresh meat: Karen recommends we reach out to Walla Walla and Big Bend Community Colleges to have them come out and participate. Her colleague Ruth wants to come out and bring a few students to the career fair as well. John at Big Bend, might be a point of communication for that school. We can host board meetings and events elsewhere.

Need to fill chair elect, treasurer, secretary, alternate councilor.

Ram Devanathan (committee chair), Diana Tran, Satish Nune, James Toth.

Chem and E News: STEM initiative: Get involved and spread the word to the high schools. Steve is going to do publicity on this event. Frannie will also work with PNNL to do this because of their connections to the community. Karen will also announce this at the WA teachers convention.

Boy Scout Chemistry merit badge: Veteran's day 3rd and 10th November run by Steve.

National Chemistry Week highlights for newsletter: Karen will do poster contest to illustrate the theme, give an award. Janet will order materials from national chemistry week. Pass all this off to the other sections. Anna will be doing something as well, but she is not at the meeting.

Nuclear Science Merit Badges: Put in line items for the detector in next year's budget. Sandy still needs an additional ~\$500 to pay market price for a new hand-held alpha-only detector.



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