



# American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 10/10/12 at 6:00 PM at TWIST 247 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Jo Marie Johnson, Dave Heldebrant, Steve Krogsgrud, Sandy Fiskum, Frannie Smith, Satish Nune, Abhi Karkamkar, Aruna Arakali, Phillip Koech, Anna Cavinato (by phone), Karen Grant

Absent: Richard Hermens, Janet Bryant

Call In #: 509-335-4700, Password: 22754

Call to order at \_\_6:08 pm\_\_\_\_

1. Introductions of all attendees
2. Review September Minutes- Dave corrected the minutes Sandy's per input. He will send them to me to put on ACS letterhead to send to Matt Monroe.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Election: Sandy and Steve got the ballots ready. Sandy suggested that we have a party for addressing envelopes. Dave volunteered to lick the stamps. She needs to get about 500 ready to mail. She would like to do it Monday Oct. 22 at 5:30 at Richland library. Some will go through plant mail and others will go by US mail. Anna suggests that we set up electronic voting. She is in another ACS group that uses a web service called vote now to do the elections. But we have to change by-laws first.
  - b. Career Fair Oct. 12, 5 pm to 9 pm at CBC: Career fair is planned to encourage students to major in science. Aruna has had trouble with some people wanting charge codes to cover overtime. She had to clarify that this is a volunteer effort. She has someone from Columbia Crest, Perma Fix. Karen has some one from WSU, agricultural applications from WSU, Scientists from PNNL. The state crime lab person will not be coming at short notice. Anna said she would try to get a crime lab person from Pendleton, but they were not available. Karen also has someone from community college chemistry. WRPS, RJ Lee will be there as well. We will also have a scientist from Ecology too. Aruna got granola bars, candy and water as refreshments. She spent \$140, so we still have \$110 left. If needed Dave will pick up a few more snacks. Anna will bring some students, but not as many as usual, since it is Easter Oregon's home coming weekend. Karen pushed this with college chemistry students. Steve sent out the press release to all of the high schools. Anna offered her help, and her students help in setting up. Aruna will type up a list of companies attending to hand out to the students.
  - c. Newsletter- The newsletter is written, and being edited and formatted. Printing and postage is the main cost for this, and Dave thinks we are within budget on this.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Geezerfest- We booked the WSU atrium for this event. December 12, 4-9 pm. We have two 60 year members this year, and new ACS fellows. We are going to have it catered this year. Do we want a keynote speaker? We asked Richard Hermens, but



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Dave is not sure that he really wants to do it. We do have money to bring in a speaker. Karen suggested a speaker from The Theo chocolate company from Seattle, but December may be a bad time to bring someone over the pass. Frannie suggested that we contact the Portland section and see if they would like to share a speaker from ACS.

- b. Bylaws: Janet Bryant is now our by-laws chair, but was not in attendance tonight.
- c. Committees for next year: We are supposed to have a Program committee- chair is chair elect; Membership Committee; Nomination committee; Bylaws Committee; Public relation committee. Ahbi and Jann offered to be on Bylaw committee with Dave and Janet.
- d. Chemistry merit badge is coming up on November 3 and Nov. 10 7:30 am till noon at CBC in the math science building. For kids 13 to 18. It is on the blue mountain council web site. He has not been able to make contact with the girl scouts. He needs volunteers for the environmental requirement, the Cartesian diver, and he has an open slot on the second Saturday, he was thinking paper chromatography. The merit badge is on the Boy Scout web site.
- e. National Chemistry week La Grande will have girls in science on Oct. 27. This will be an activity on the environment. On Nov. 3 they will go up to Joseph OR in an outreach on nanotechnologies for a whole day activity. Anna wonders who will be ordering ACS items to give to students. Dave thinks Janet was going to order these things, but he will confirm that with her. Karen Grant will have her students do posters on the theme of Nano technology. She wondered if we do have money in the budget to pay for prizes. Philip says we have \$500 for national chemistry week, and chemistry outreach. We also have \$500 in the budget for the girls in science as part of minority and women outreach.



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