



# American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 1/9/2013 at 6:00pm 223 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Frannie Smith, Jo Marie Johnson, Sandy Fiskum, Steve Krogsrud, Richard Hermens, Phillip Koech, Dave Heldebrandt, Satish Nune, Cary Seidel, Karen Grant, Jann Frye

On Phone: Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato

Call to order at \_\_6:00 pm\_\_\_\_\_

1. Welcome/ Goals- Frannie welcomed us to 2013 and asked for goals that we would like to see the section accomplish.
  - a. Frannie- Wants to make members more aware of the local section's purpose and activities..
  - b. Jo- Would like to start a new project like Geezerfest that could become a recurring event.
  - c. Sandy would like to double the number of core members involved in meetings.
  - d. Steve-Get member feed back in a focus group.
  - e. Richard- To keep the membership informed on what the national level is doing.
  - f. Phillip- Help Satish come up to speed as treasurer.
  - g. Dave- Be active, write IPGs.
  - h. Satish- Follow Phillip's example on how to be the treasurer.
  - i. Cary- Come up with a way to get younger chemists involved.
  - j. Karen- Continue as education chair, Do some events with the Yakama tribe.
  - k. Anna- Do events with the tribes and with Tri-City high schools as chemistry outreach.
  - l. Janet- By laws update, and focus on raising \$10K for instruments for CBC via the quilt project.
  - m. Jann- Come up with an event or way to involve all ages of chemists.
2. Review November Minutes- Reviewed and accepted as updated.
3. Annual Report- Due by Feb. 15 Dave will need help. He can get information from the newsletter, but Anna will send information on La Grande activities. Steve will write up science merit badge information. Treasurer's report also a source. Janet and Anna will specifically help with input and review to assist. Access to FORMS was confirmed to use your ACS username and password.
4. Newsletter- Sandy wants to get it out by mid Feb. It will feature a call out to the membership to ask what they would like to see in the section. Sandy will write up Geezerfest, and Richard got pictures. Also the Steve will write up the Chemistry merit badge. Sandy will advertise the nuclear science merit badge. Input is due by Jan. 25. Janet suggested using the 2 student member-focused items she sent via email as filler. They advertise ways to involve student members in a national meeting activity related to food chemistry; and the other two grants to students presenting at their first national meeting.
5. Old Business:



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- a. Election- We asked all board members and committee chairs to fill out information on the form we need to send to the ACS HQ national. This was due Dec. 1, but our election results were not final, so a quick turn-around is needed; this information goes into the "Yellow Book" about our Section.

### 6. New Business

- a. Innovative Project Grant- Dave wondered if anyone has an idea for a new IPG. He wondered if we could decorate a public place like a school, hospital, or library with chemistry themed decorations. Jo mentioned that Pasco was building a new library. But first we have to write the report on our last IPG. Frannie will complete the report. Jo Marie suggested the new library built in Pasco as a potential partner; Dave will contact the library folks to see if they are interested in this potential opportunity.
- b. Science Olympiad- Science Olympiad request has just come out. Cary is willing, but he had great trouble getting in touch with the high school teachers. Most of the response he got was negative from the schools. The two students that participated were not contacted through the school. Karen thought she can help get the email addresses of the teachers from the running start students. Frannie also said she can get information from Delta High. Richard mentioned that La Grande high school does not have a chemistry class. Their kids take it at the college. We recognized the students who participated, and the teachers. We should also ask our membership to publicize it to students. Cary thinks it will cost \$200 to \$400. We voted to have \$250 put forward to this so Cary can get started. He has to have the participation form turned in by Jan. 19. Cary does make web links to old tests available to interested students. Cary will write something up for the newsletter.

#### c. Budget Review

##### Requests

1. Anna would like to have funds for a Project SEED student.
2. Anna will also want the travel awards for the students to go to meetings, many students are interested in going to New Orleans, so any help the section can give would be appreciated. Janet said she needs to let Anna know of other sources of moneys that students can apply for. (e.g., Women in Chemistry).
3. Last year we decided to dip into our reserves, so we used about \$1000 from our reserves. Our total assets now are about \$30,000. It looks on the budget sheet like we went in the red by \$4000, but it is really \$1000 due to the IPG grant of \$3000 being expended.
4. Janet would like the section to cover reasonable and customary expenses that the councilors have at the national meetings. She feels we need to reimburse our councilors better. Richard says he stays at cheaper hotels than the ACS hotel, and stays near a bus route. He also did not ask for meal expenses, and went in the hole on the last two meetings. Janet would like us to pencil in \$4500 for this expense for this year, as the NOLA meeting will be quite expensive, but the Indianapolis meeting ought to be a bit cheaper. We agreed.

Discussion going down the budget:



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- a. Line 6- We expect the local section dues to be about \$1600. (This is about 320 of our members contributing at \$5 per person; more than 50%).
  - b. Line 14-We proposed getting the by-laws revised to allow electronic voting. This would save money on postage. This could be put into effect for next year if we get moving.
  - c. We are putting \$400 for public relations.
  - d. We are deleting 15C web update; we have a current volunteer performing the maintenance and update.
  - e. Line 16a- We have \$400 for speakers- We did not use it last year. Karen suggested we use this to bring in a speaker from Theo Chocolate in Seattle to defray the speaker's cost. We could publicize it and have public pay a tasting fee, and we might even make money. So we decided to set aside \$400 to do this. Karen will contact Theo Chocolate Company.
  - f. Line 16b- ACS picnic we propose \$300.
  - g. Line 16c- Annual Social- "Geezerfest"- so we need more money. We need about \$600 to cover food; putting money to cover awards into separate section for awards specifically.
  - h. Line 16d- delete
  - i. Line 16e-Science café- We will plan \$600, and put a proposal for money from the national, but Richard and Janet will verify if ACS HQ is supporting them in 2013.
  - j. Lines for Leadership Development will be zeroed out.
  - k. Line 18- Travel for Councilor will be \$4500.
  - l. Line 19- Travel subsidy for Local section Leadership Conference- \$900
  - m. Line 20a- zero
  - n. Line 20b- delete
  - o. Line 20c NCW, K-12 outreach- \$500
  - p. Line 20d-Olympiad-\$250
  - q. Line 20e- Science fair- \$400
  - r. Delete Lines 20 e and f- we have not used them for years
  - s. Line 20h- rename Diversity Committee- \$600, with \$500 of this targeted specifically for the La Grande Girls in Science.
  - t. Line 20i-Boy Scout Nuclear Badge \$550
  - u. Line 20j-Earth Day- \$250
  - v. Project SEED- \$900
  - w. Line 20l- delete
  - x. Line 20m-Other expenses- \$50
  - y. Line 20n- Career, one time event, zero
  - z. Line 20o- ACS and You-\$82.43 left
5. The budget is over about \$2000. But we had NORM about 10 years ago and may have another one in about 2 years, so we still have \$30K reserves. If we do the chocolate event that would raise money, it could help fund expected programs.



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6. Phillip reminded us that we need to redo the bank signature authority. I need to write a new letter for Frannie Smith and Satish Nune to have signature authority.