



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at TCIC 223 WSU Tri City Campus

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Participants: 4

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Call to order at 6:06 PM

1. Review February Minutes- Richard moved to accept the minutes, and Sandy seconded. The minutes were accepted.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Follow up on Saturday Science Speaker and Budget Vote- On Saturday Mar. 9 Dan McDonald spoke. He was very engaging and accessible. It was well attended by members and non-members. Eight members present stayed after the talk and voted to approve the budget.
 - b. Follow up on Mid-Columbia Science Fair judging and winners- The fair was March 7 to 9. The science fair winners were 9th grader Sweta Shutthanandan from Richland High School. She made her own titanium solar cells. Then other winner was Shanta Katipamula, from Hanford High school. Her project was on carbon free energy. Each student received a \$50 award on Saturday March 9 from Frannie at the awards ceremony.
 - c. Follow up on Chemistry of Cooking event in La Grande- The webinar was great! We had over 100 in attendance, which was the largest group in the nation according to the organizer! The event was not much of a fundraiser because most in attendance were students. It still was a fun and very interesting presentation and we should keep an eye on similar events in the future.
 - d. Follow up on Presidential Climate Science Challenge- Dave submitted proposal to have an open forum at Richland High with a panel of experts. We could have the students submit or ask questions, this would allow the students to bring the information back to their parents. We will also put a questionnaire with polling on our web page to collect feedback from the event that we could share back with ACS. The winners will be announced at the ACS meeting in New Orleans.
 - e. Confirmation of our April Meeting in La Grande- Saturday, 4/20/13- Most of the attendees thought that they could attend. Time will be determined.
3. New Business
 - a. Stem.con-Anna and Janet have done a lot of planning for Stem.con at the STEM school. They will be talking about nanoparticles.



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- b. EYH- Janet has been working on this, and we have recruited a graduate student to help. Jessica Klein will also be the plenary speaker as a former EYH participant.
- c. Earth Day- Janet what do you need or want to see happen- No update as Janet could not attend this meeting.
- d. Advertising approach for B reactor tour - May 18- Jo Marie said we got our confirmation. There will be two tours, one 8:00-12:30 and one 11:30 to 3:50. We should contact Portland and Puget Sound ACS sections to see what their interest will be, then we could reserve space in the second bus for them. Each bus will hold 43 people. Richard had the ACS yellow book with contact information. Dave, Jo Marie, and Sandy will work on contacting the other sections and on the advertising of the event. We will advertise to the Richland section members and possibly spouses or significant other. We could open to students over 18 if there is space.
- e. Jo Marie's visit to Richland Fair's Market meeting- Jo Marie went to the vendors meeting. They were very interested. They will waive the vendor fee, and advertise it for us. So we need to decide what we will do for the Chemistry of Food. Frannie has a contact with a group called MESA who works to advance science and engineering with underserved students. They may want to help us on this. Jo Marie and Jann will brainstorm ideas for the demonstration. We should do this on a Hanford Friday off. The Pasco market is interested in it too. This could be a once a season activity.
- f. Picnic with AIChE- This summer, but we don't have the date. Karen requests that it not be on CBC graduation day as it has been many times before. We need a draw to the picnic, like maybe a tour of Ice Harbor Dam. Maybe we could involve a new member in planning this.
- g. Science Café in La Grande- Yes we will have one, probably in the fall.
- h. Yakima Valley CC wants to host a speaker- There is a teacher Tania Knickerboker at Yakima Valley CC, who is very interested in participating and setting up a student section. They would like to host a speaker on Friday in April or May, and would be willing to reciprocate and speak at one of our meetings.
- i. Science Olympiad- Cary Seidel said that one student from Royal City signed up for the test. The test needs to be given on April 13, and is hoping that CBC will allow the test to be given there. Karen agreed that CBC could do it. If they know ahead she can have set up of supplies.
- j. Grant application for Science Café Grant- We think Aruna did the last science café grant, so we will touch base with her on how she wrote the last one. The application is 250 words or less. If we mentioned doing it after our B reactor tour, and feature the chemistry of brewing at the brew pub near the tour location. We could also play up regional outreach if we have it later in the fall. This is due March 22.
- k. We need to work on updating our by-laws. We need to have them ready for August national meeting in Indianapolis. It takes about a year to get them approved. Jann will send out an email to those who will work on the by-laws.
- l. Dues- Sandy mentioned that she thinks we need to raise our dues, possibly to \$6 from \$5. Our costs are going up. So we need to justify the need before we do this. Richard will find out how to do this.



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- m. Tim Hubler, with the National ACS is wondering who to contact in the Richland section about government affairs. We recommended he contact Frannie and she will put him in contact with the correct person.