



# American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at TCIC 223 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Richard Hermens, Jo Marie Johnson, Sandy Fiskum, Frannie Smith, Karen Grant, Sam Bryan, Jann Frye

Phone: Janet Bryant, Dave Heldebrant, Satish Nune

Call to order at 6:10 pm

1. Review April Minutes- Minutes were approved.
2. Old Business:
  - a. May 18<sup>th</sup> B Reactor tour-Do we want a reception between tours?-
  - b. Newsletter contributions- Deadline May 17- Jo Marie will write up B Reactor tour, there will be a blurb about the Farmer's market. Janet will do a write up on Earth day, STEMcon, NORM2013 and EYH participation. We need to make sure NORM gets on the newsletter calendar. Perhaps a write up about the board meeting in La Grande, would be nice.
  - c. AIChE-ACS Picnic- Finalize Date and time- We will try to do this June 6, at 4:30 to 8:00. Matt Monroe suggested we have it at a park in town could be a problem with the liquor permit. Janet said we would need to get a WA state liquor license. You have to set up a restricted area, hire a server, post a permit. We still need a reservation in the park. Janet will find out what is available. Frannie proposed having a kids food chemistry contest between ACS and AIChE. We have a prize left from last year's Gezzerfest,(Anthony's card), and we could have the boards' vote or have the kids vote.
  - d. June Farmers Market Date, Activities and Volunteers- Have it in July and take the ideas from the picnic. We are going to shoot for July 19 or 20 or August 16 or 17. We will find out what works best for the markets.
  - e. Nuclear Science Merit Badge- Next year this activity's budget should be set at \$75. Janet reminded us that per ACS Bylaws and our local bylaws the board can approve small budget over runs (up to 25% per line item with Board approval). Sandy should submit her actual costs, regardless, because then we can set subsequent budgets more accurately.
3. New Business
  - a. Grandview Cheese-making class/tour- Date? July or August- Karen reported the Dairy Gold cheese factory is not worth it. The one in the paper is a class taught by Rachael Mercer. She is affiliated with Milbrandt winery. There would be a cost. So she talked to Cheese Louise. Bill Krieger from Cheese Louise is a fan of ACS. He would do a talk and give us samples. It would cost \$300 for 50 people. He would tailor it to chemistry. Our Science café grant would cover this. We would have to



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find a location to have this. It is possible if we went with Milbrandt that they would have a place to do this. We will propose having this in late summer, tentatively August 9, 16 or 23. Maybe a local winery would let us have it here. Karen will find out more information. Sandy would like to get the date in the newsletter.

- b. Science Café Grant- Frannie said we were turned down for our grant.
- c. Climate Science Grant- We will resubmit for this grant, revising our submission.
- d. Leadership Development Grant- Frannie said we should decide what class we would like to bring in. She will send out the information by email and we will vote by email to do this.
- e. Dues- Collected by Richland Section or ACS? - Satish got an email from ACS about whether we should collect the local dues or should ACS. Janet said, in past years, we let ACS collect them for us. Board approved to continue in that manner, so we will request ACS to collect our local dues and send them to us quarterly.
- f. Student attendance at NORM-2013- Karen is taking 4 students. Two students are presenting posters. We authorized Satish pay half the allotted \$600 to Karen up front to defray personal outlay. The hotel costs are \$501.60 and student registration will be \$30 each. Karen will help pay for Students' food and gas. Karen will submit a full expense report after the meeting, so if we can afford it we may be able to reimburse more than the \$600 budgeted. Karen will give an estimated breakdown to Frannie to give to Satish.
- g. Bylaws-discuss updates made by Janet and her committee- Frannie handed out bylaws packets to all board members. It includes an overview, our old bylaws, a redlined copy of the new proposed bylaws with comments to explain, a draft final new bylaws, and a model by-laws from ACS. Our bylaws have not been updated since 1988.
  1. ACS has changed student affiliates to student members. The bylaws revision includes very specific language and phraseology that makes them consistent with current ACS practice. As an example, the term "MEMBERS" refers to all dues paying members, EXCEPT Student Members; "members" refers to all members, including Student Members; so we have been very careful to use the terms specifically to connote privileges to our members. The previous "National Affiliates" term was changed to Society Affiliates; and there is also a category "Local Affiliates". We have two Society Affiliates, and no Local Affiliates out of nearly 600 members. Both Society and Local Affiliates dues are \$2, and can't vote, or hold office, but Society Affiliates may be appointed as committee chairs. The vote to keep the Affiliates' annual dues at \$2, per ACS guidelines, passed 9-1 by the Executive Committee. Noted that members' local annual dues, which are fully optional, are set at \$5.
  2. Society Affiliates can be appointed committee chairs (standing or other committees) if we include that language in our bylaws revision. Janet does not know that this has ever historically happened. Janet followed ACS language that Society Affiliates can be appointed as a committee chair in our by-laws, and that



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is the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to allow this in our revised bylaws.

3. Student Members- The bylaws committee recommended that only full MEMBERS can run for elected office (i.e., Chair, Chair-elect, Secretary, Treasurer). The board agreed to this clarification.
4. Should we allow for the possibility for student members be appointed by the section chair to chair a standing committee, which would make them part of the Executive Committee?- Discussion ensued. Sam Bryan recommended that we allow this. He felt we should be inclusive now. Many of us agreed. The Executive Committee voted yes to allow for the possibility of a Student Member to be appointed as a Standing Committee Chair for a year's appointment, and therefore serve on the Executive Committee for that calendar year.
5. Should we waive Local Section Dues (\$5, voluntary) for Student Members and emeritus members? - The Executive Committee agreed with the bylaws committee's recommendation that we not waive the voluntary dues, as they are "voluntary" already
6. Should we allow for Recall of officers? - The committee thought this was a moot point. Discussion resolved that we should include the sections, even though we would never have to use it. The Executive Committee voted to leave this section in the proposed revised bylaws.
7. Manner of Election and terms of Office were changed to allow both electronic and any needed paper ballots for those without electronic access.- The bylaws committee used the standard language from Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) for this revised section so there would be no issues.
- h. The title of section 8 as "Standing Committees". These committees are part of the Executive Committee.
- i. The Executive Committee approved making the Awards Committee and Nomination Committee separate standing committees.
- j. We discussed if we should make the education committee a standing committee. – We realized that we have operated this way for a long time. Janet made a motion to do this. She volunteered herself and Karen to write the scope. Richard seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously by the Executive Committee.
- k. The Executive Committee voted in favor of presenting the draft bylaws to C&B for the required preliminary review. We will then proceed through the cycle with C&B with Janet Bryant acting as the Section's agent with C&B.

We wished Janet a Happy Birthday and adjourned the meeting.



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