



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at TCIC 223 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Jo Marie Johnson, Frances Smith, Satish Nune, Sandy Fiskum, Cary Seidel, Richard Hermens, Sam Bryan, Visitors from Yakima Valley Community College: Sam Mazhari, Tanya Knickerbocker

By Phone: Janet Bryant

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Call to order at _6:01 pm_____

1. Review June Minutes- Sandy pointed out a few typos, which will be corrected before the minutes are issued. The revised minutes were accepted.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Farmer's Market Response- Jo Marie and Jann sent out an email soliciting volunteers. Jo Marie had no response, and Jann only received one response of ideas for experiments, but no offers to help. We decided to talk about this with attendees at the wine and cheese event and try to do this idea next year
 - i. T-shirts for volunteers- tabled at this time.
 - b. Wine and Cheese pairing event update- We plan to talk about future events at this event to encourage more members to become active. Sam M. and Tanya have been involved with hops chemistry. About 70-80% of American hops are grown in the Yakima valley. They have two learning projects involved with this industry, and in improving salmon habitat. Karen Grant has organized the wine and cheese event, at Milbrandt Winery in Prosser on Aug. 9 at 6:30 pm and it was in the newsletter and in a flyer that went out in email yesterday. Tanya suggested doing a beer and cheese pairing event in Yakima. They said that there was an experimental beer brewing facility at John A. Haas. This company was very willing to do educational events.
 - c. Follow up on grants- Leadership Development System, Innovative Project Grant- Frannie was not able to get the innovative project grant idea turned in by the deadline. We had an idea for creating a reusable booth that could be used at various events. So we will turn this idea in at the next opportunity. The chemists from Yakima valley are interested in having their student member chapter apply for this type of grant, or whatever type is available to students. Their student member chapter does lots of outreach to school children. They became a student member chapter in December 2012, which is really exciting. Note: as an ACS Student Member Chapter affiliated with the Richland Section, there should be a charter presentation. This could be done at the end of the year celebration (aka "Geezer Fest").
 - d. Newsletter contributions- deadline- September 15 is the fall newsletter deadline.
 - i. Any nibbles for new editor? - Sandy has had no one express interest in being editor at this time.



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3. New Business

- a. ChemLuminary Awards Event in Indianapolis- Need to identify points of contact and poster title- ACS gives almost 40 of these awards to sections each year. We are finalists in two of these awards this year: Innovative use of the Chemists Celebrate Earth Day Theme and the other one for Fostering Interactions Between Local Sections & Student Chapters We need to put together a poster for this event, and Janet and Anna will do this with help from Dave and Frannie. Anna, Richard, Sam B., Janet and perhaps Dave will be attending. Janet suggested listing Dave as main contact with Richard or Sam as alternate. Janet and Anna will be available to accept with Dave as appropriate.
- b. Question about leadership conference balance (notification from ACS) - Satish received an email that our section needs to pay \$400 for the Leadership conference for Jo Marie's attendance. Janet informed us that the section does need to pay this registration, so Satish will send a check. There was a question raised by Tanya about leadership conference attendance for students. Janet offered to find out the details of how they would apply to do this as there are always YCC scholarships to be applied for.
- c. Elections coming up this fall- The elections are in early November. We need to recruit candidates. Sandy will have September 15 as deadline for fall newsletter including biographies of the candidates. Along with the other offices that are elected this year, Richard's councilor seat is up for re-election. Janet will be putting in something in the newsletter for those who wish to be considered for a national committee. Sam Bryan suggested asking Trisha Smirthwaith to be a candidate for something on the board.
- d. Fall events planning- (National Chemistry Week, Science Cafes, etc.)- YVCC will try to have one or two speakers a quarter, some from hops industry, but would like speakers for other types of chemists. None of their students are going to attend the regional meeting in Corvallis, OR. Jo Marie offered to work on ideas for fall to present to the board next meeting. Tanya and Sam M. suggested a beer brewing event, or analysis of beer.
- e. Geezerfest- Janet informed us that at least three Richland section members will be awarded ACS Fellows. She also wants all members to know that any member can nominate a colleague for an award, and she will put this in the newsletter, as National ACS Award nominations just opened and are due November 1.



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