



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013 at TCIC 223 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Jann Frye, Frannie Smith, Jo Marie Johnson, Sandy Fiskum, Dave Heldebrant,

By Phone: Anna Cavinato, Janet Bryant

Call to order at 6:07 pm _____

1. Review July Minutes- Minutes accepted with changes to ChemLuminary awards titles.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Update on taxes- We filed our taxes late, and had to work with ACS headquarters to get them filed. But now they have been filed. We received a letter that we had filed them correctly.
 - b. Follow up on Wine and Cheese event- On August 9 we held a wine and cheese event at Milbrandt winery in Prosser. It was organized by Karen Grant, and featured a speaker. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.
 - c. Newsletter update- The newsletter will have a notice to approve the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The ballot for the election will also have an item to vote on the bylaws. We will put a link to the bylaws revision with a summary of the changes. We will also put a statement in the newsletter that a hard copy of the bylaws will be available from Janet Bryant the chair of the bylaws committee. Sandy has enough content for the newsletter. She has biographical information on the senior chemists. She needs to move the input deadline to Friday Sept. 13. Anna will send an article about her students' summer activities.
 - d. Election status- We have to alert the membership to their slate of officers and we have to alert them on the proposed bylaws amendments. Both of these things will be on the ballot. Election slates are in good shape. Satish will run for treasurer, Jann will run for secretary, and Richard will run for councilor. Dave has identified three possible candidates for chair elect.
 - e. Norm Report- The meeting was well attended, 431 people attended. Very successful location at Corvallis. The main ACTION ITEMS FROM THE NOR Board was discussion of the meeting held in Portland. The rules would have caused the Section in Boise to have to adsorb the majority of the losses. They voted to spread these losses over more years. Janet volunteered to be the president elect for the NOR Board. Members of the national committee, Council Policy Committee (CPC) attended and are seeking input on the reimbursement policy for councilors. The winner of the teacher of the year was a teacher from Missoula MT. NORM 2014 will be in Missoula, 2015 Idaho, 2016 Anchorage, 2017 Utah/Salt Lake. The locations for 2018 and 2019 are not set yet, so we could make a pitch for either of those. Janet suggested we table this until January 2014 to decide when and how we make the bid.
 - f. Senior Chemist information- Richard sent Jo Marie information on a senior chemists group. They formerly called themselves the Silver Circle group. This would be a local section component of the ACS Senior Chemist committee. Richard will contact



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members eligible from our Section to see if they want to be part of an ACS Senior Chemist group. This would be for chemists technically 50 years or older, though 60 years and older is more typical. We could put a note on this asking for a volunteer to help organize this in a future newsletter.

- g. Comments from bylaws from ACS- Janet conferred with Barbara Polanski, ACS Staff Liaison to the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) about our proposed bylaws amendments. She said our draft was in good shape. C&B formally had some comments, which Janet sent to us in a red-line document. However, we need to decide two things: First- Janet recommends that we rewrite 6.4. to read that the audit be performed by Feb. 10 instead of April 30 as it is now. We voted to change it to Feb. 10. Second- We need to define our standing committees. C&B's issue was whether we have that many standing committees, since the chairs of all of these committees have to be part of the quorum of the executive committee. This would be 11 members the way it is written; with the quorum being 6. Janet moved that we move the bylaws committee to be an Other committee, to be convened every three years. Sandy proposed we do it every 4 years to coincide with the Presidential elections. We voted to accept to do this every 4 years, and we voted to accept the proposed standing committees and the movement of the bylaws committee to Other committee status.
- h. Award announcement- Three section members were elected as Fellows in the 2013 class. Anna Cavinato, Sam Bryan, and Dave Koppenaal were elected as Fellows. The nominations committee also put out another nomination. The Executive Committee approved the committee's nomination for Janet Bryant as 2013 Richland Section Chemist of the Year. Janet was rendered speechless!

3. New Business

- a. National Meeting Fall 2013 in Indianapolis- There are three candidates for president elect for the society. These will be sent to members on a ballot. On the floor of the meeting there will be three elected committees' members up for election. Richard will be acting on our Section's behalf to vote in these elections. An issue to be voted on is redistribution of the voting districts. The ACS also has a new edition of the employment guidelines available for distribution. Janet and Anna will produce the Section's poster for our two ChemLuminary awards where we are finalists. They need pictures for the posters.
- b. Fall Planning-
 - i. Industry tour- Jo Marie contacted Joe Morasch at Western Sintering. He is delighted to give ACS a tour. We can pick a day in September or October. We thought having it as a National Chemistry Week event on either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday that week. We liked Thursday October 24 as our first choice if that works for him, with the event to start at 5:30. Jo confirmed that the date would be October 24 at 5:30 pm.
 - ii. National Chemistry week- Anna will be having a Girls in Science event on How to survive a zombie attack! In addition to that, our La Grande colleagues



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will have two Saturday events, one with the Umatilla tribe. ACS information on community battery recycling is out, and Anna can order free material for National Chemistry Week from the national Committee on Community Activities. Sandy will check with Steve Krogrud to see if he is planning to do the chemistry merit badge during that week.

- iii. Science Café- Frannie would like to get a speaker organized to speak at YVCC. Jo Marie suggested we ask the Dept. of Ecology speaker we had, or we could have someone from PNNL. The Western Sintering tour will be a science café.
- iv. Geezerfest- We need to pick a date now. Sandy suggested November 15, which is a Friday. This would be early enough that students would be around and would not conflict with finals for them. We decided we would like to do it at WSU in the Atrium if available. If not we would like November 8. We will invite the high school teacher of the year, and the students who won the science fair. Jann will see about getting the Atrium reserved.