



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at TCIC 221 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Frannie Smith, Jo Marie Johnson, Dave Heldebrant, Satish Nune, Abhi Karkamkar, Sandy Fiskum, Pam Archer, Steve Krogsrud, Jann Frye, Karen Grant
On Phone: Alice Xu, Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato

Call in number: 509-372-7211.

Call to order at __6:05 pm__

1. Review October Minutes- Minutes approved with corrections emailed to Jann by Friday.
2. Introduction of Alice Xu (Moses Lake), our new Historian- Alice joined us by phone tonight. Alice responded to our call for a newsletter editor, but this was already filled, so she volunteered to be our historian. Alice works in Moses Lake for a Silicon manufacturing company. They manufacture silicon chips. Alice is from China originally, and has lived in other countries. She has varied research experience. We may be able to reach out to the Moses Lake professionals through Alice.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Election Results: Friday night Frannie, Jann, Sam Bryan, Jim Jewett, met to count the ballots. Abhi Karkamkar was elected chair elect, Jann Frye was elected secretary, Satish Nune was elected treasurer, and Richard Hermens was elected councilor. The amendment of our bylaws was approved by vote of the Richland section per our by-laws in our election that closed on 11-9-13. A total of 40 ballots were received and results were tallied as such: Chair Elect (39 yes, 1 no vote); Secretary (39 yes, 1 no vote); Treasurer (38 yes, 1 no vote); Councilor (40 yes); move to accept amended By-Laws (38 yes, 2 no vote).
 - b. Updates from La Grande Science Saturday-Saturday, October 19, in Bakersfield, they had 110 girls attend their Zombie themed science event. They involved chemistry and biology in the solving of the mystery of the Zombies. They had other events for National Chemistry (on Nov. 9 in La Grande) Week involving solar energy and a magic show at the end. Totally about 150 students were involved between the two events.
 - c. Jann will look into whether or not we can get a conference phone in the meeting room.
 - d. College poster contest for National Chemistry Week, theme Energy Now and Forever- This was open to WSU and CBC students. 38 students participated, and three were chosen for first, second and third place. Richland Section gave \$25 to support first place student prize.
 - e. Western Sintering tour- We toured the facility off Stevens Drive. The president and vice president gave the tour to 23 members. We enjoyed learning all about how they make the metal parts. They were very generous with their time and gave a great tour. Alice offered to see what businesses we could tour in Moses Lake. There is a carbon



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fiber manufacturing company there. Frannie suggested that we create a nice thank you certificate that we can send to businesses that share their time with us.

4. New Business

- a. Chemistry Olympiad Status/ Thoughts?/Incentives?- It is time to register to participate if we want to do this. The participation in the past few years has been very low, with none of the participants coming from contacting the teachers. Cary said some areas of the country seem to have better participation (California, East coast, Texas) the rest is very low. Karen said if you send it direct to the schools it does not get to the teachers. We could target certain schools like Richland, Hanford, and Delta High. This involves 5 hours of testing a lab test and a paper test. The prize is that you get to go to a summer camp, from which a team is chosen to compete. We want to encourage the students who want to do this without burdening the students and teachers. Sandy suggested we make an announcement in the Tri-City Herald. Janet offered to help. Cary will tell the National we will compete, and we will come up with a team to work on this. Karen suggests asking teachers if they have 1 or 2 students who are interested. Can we give students an incentive either monetary or t-shirt.
- b. Janet received an email from the Puget Sound section- They asked us for some money to support them in their effort to have a retreat for women post docs. It is an opportunity for younger chemists to network. We don't have to decide tonight, we may be able to help in some way other than monetary.
- c. Awards Committee- The National Committee on Community Activities (CCA) want sections to nominate the volunteer of the year. Our awards committee nominated Sandy Fiskum for this award for next year. Frannie must send the name of the recipient to CCA by December 13th, 2013.
- d. Sandy and Frannie had with lunch Liezel Labios. She was eager to be involved. They suggest that we have her work on a program for the post docs. Janet suggested that she talk to Puget Sound about their program.
- e. Check on Status of everything for Friday Geezerfest-
 - i. General Overview-We sent out the flyer last week. 5-6, 6-6:30 is awards; 6:30-7:00 is Cheese Louise, with time to mingle afterwards. Catering will be here at 4:45 Cost of food is ~\$590.
 - ii. Awards Budget question- Cheese Louise will bring cheese, at a cost of \$5.50 per person, we will also give him a tip. We have 5, 50 year members (\$25 gift certificate each), 3 ACS Fellows at \$25 gift certificates, 1 student award for Anna's student at \$25 gift card, 1 teacher award at \$25. Certificates for science fair students. The 9th grade student, Swetha will give us a short talk on her poster. She won state. We would like to follow up on these outstanding students. Our diversity committee or outreach committee should do this. So we need 8 Anthony's,
 - iii. Student posters- Anna will be bringing 10 posters, Karen will be bringing 2, and Sam will bring 3 posters. Karen said that they have 14 easels. We will



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need a Podium table, cheese table and 2 more for posters. (6 total). Jann and Jo Marie volunteered to man the welcome area.

- iv. Other- Frannie needs help printing the certificates tomorrow. Sandy and Janet offered to help.
- v. We need to send in section board contact information to the ACS Secretary's Office by Dec. 1. Jann will send out what is needed to the board, and Janet will help Jann next week.