



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday December 11, 2013, at TCIC 221 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Frannie Smith, Jann Frye, Jo Marie Johnson, Cary Seidel, Pam Archer, Sandy Fiskum, Jim Jewett, Richard Hermens, Abhi Karkamkar, Dave Heldebrant, Liezel Labios, Tanya Knickerbocker, Stan Conrad, Vanda Glezakou,
On Phone: Alice Xu, Janet Bryant

Call in number: 509-372-7211.

Call to order at _6:01pm_____

1. Review November Minutes- The minutes were approved, though Frannie will send some spelling corrections.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Geezerfest- If anyone has outstanding receipts please get them to Satish. Frannie gave one last Anthony's gift certificate to Bill Krieger from Cheese Louise. The student attendance was outstanding, both college students and two high school students.
 - b. Chemistry Olympiad- We talked about chemistry Olympiad with the high school students. We are going to do this, and Cary Seidel had posters to pass out to high schools and several board members took some to pass out. Running Start students are also encouraged to apply. We will also get information to Jeff Charbonneau (Zillah High School) as well. The deadline is in February. Alice said her son participated a few years ago. Alice said she would be willing to help. Cary will email her about this. His email is cary.seidel1@frontier.com.
3. New Business
 - a. With many new faces around the table, we made introductions.
 - b. Update from La Grande- Anna will have eight students presenting papers at the spring national meeting. They will be receiving an outstanding student chapter award.
 - c. YVCC- Tanya told us they received an award (\$500) to go to Central University to facilitate transfer to a four year college. They will have talks, snacks and tour of the campus. The award is intended to bring the chemistry community together. Our chapter would be welcome to attend. She will let us know more details as it gets closer.
 - d. The section does contribute funds to send students to the Northwest Regional Meeting. 2014 NORM will be in Missoula, MT.
 - e. Newsletter- We will try to get a newsletter out at the end of January. Tanya gave Pam pictures of her section's activities, and will send more. Dead line for items is the end of December. We should emphasize Geezerfest, and outgoing chair article from



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Frannie, Chemistry Olympiad article, and something on La Grand activities. Please send these to Pam Archer and Glen Fryxell.

- f. Symposium in Janet's honor as Chemist of the Year- We will probably hold this in April, which is Earth Month. Janet has people she would like us to invite .She will let Dave know who to invite.
- g. One of the board members spoke to Lane Bray. Lane informed him that Jack Ryan (60 year member) had injured his hip. Lane also told us he is a 53 year member who was never recognized. We will check the records and honor him.
- h. Seattle section is putting together a women's chemist event- Janet suggested we talk about this when we do our budget to see if we can help with this, beyond lending networking support for speakers and connections.
- i. At NORM 2013, Janet was connected with a company that makes beautiful ACS cloth banners; they have drafted the template for our Section's banner. She would like us to budget to have two banners made so we can have one in Richland and one in La Grande. Jim Jewett said he also has a relative who is a sign maker, and he can get us a quote of a banner at a good price. Janet said the art work was done by the other company with their bid and is proprietary, so the second company would have to do their own art work as part of their bid.
- j. Sandy said she attended the ANS combined organization holiday party. She was the only ACS member there. It was a good party. She said the magic show was great.
- k. Tanya attended a conference in Memphis TN for ACS group for 2YCC, Two year Community College Consortium. Tanya will try to write up something about this for the newsletter.
- l. Ahbi and Janet will be attending the January ACS leadership conference in Dallas. Janet is one of the teachers for the new Committee Chair Track; her attendance is being paid directly by ACS.
- m. Frannie suggested that Richard team with Alice on historical items for the section. He will try to bring a box of items he has next meeting.
- n. Jo Marie would like to continue having company tours in the next year. So she is looking for ideas. Jim Jewett had suggested Zea Chem in Boardman. We also suggested Alice's company, REC Silicon, and Tanya suggested Haas, a hop processor in Yakima. She also suggested Yakima waste water treatment plant.
- o. Dave said we need to figure out what we want to have for our Science Cafés. Tanya asked if we could have one in Yakima. Liezel suggested some chemistry career development speakers would be of interest to the younger chemists or students, such as non-academic chemistry careers. She has found career consulting service on the ACS web very helpful. She thinks it would be really useful to students if the section had that kind of service. Dave will check to see if there is still this kind of speaker available from national ACS.
- p. Themes- Spring National meeting -Chemistry and Materials for Energy, August National Meeting- Chemistry and Global Stewardship, Earth day theme- The wonders of water, National Chemistry Week- the Chemistry of Candy. The regional meeting is in June 22-25 in Missoula, Montana.



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- q. Ahbi suggested we partner with AIChE or Sigma Xi for our science cafes.
- r. Vanda suggested we have outreach activities and go talk to students at schools. Sandy said she has something like that arranged for Lewis and Clark in February. Vanda said that the school has also a science club for a limited number of students, but she would like to offer something to more students. Jann said she has information on simple kid science experiments that could be shared.
- s. Janet reminded us we have Expanding your Horizons event for middle school girls in March 22. So we need to consider how we can support this, it is right after the national meeting so Janet won't be able to do it this year. We can put a call for a volunteer to do this in the newsletter. The contact is Marsha Eades (mgeades@charter.net) and the event will be held at WSU Tri-Cities.
- t. Dave said his friend Carlos Fernandez would be willing to give a Science Café lecture in Spanish.
- u. Tanya needs speakers to come to YVCC. She really needs a cosmetic chemist to benefit one of her students. They meet 1st and 3rd Fridays, at 2:30. Sandy, Vanda, and Dave volunteered.
- v. Next year- Jo Marie will work on the budget at the first meeting. We will email the budget and put it in the newsletter, and have a vote at a Science Café. We will also look for new committee chairs for the coming year. We can put a call for these in the newsletter. Jo Marie also said we need to plan when we will apply to host NORM. We will need a committee for this. We also need to work on the annual report due in February 15. Jim Jewett volunteered to audit the treasurer's books. We will need a February Science Café. Richard will ask Anna to send her annual report to Frannie.



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