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Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at TCIC 223 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Jo Marie Johnson, Sandy Fiskum, Pam Archer, Dave Heldebrant, Richard Hermens, Jann Frye, Cary Seidel, Frannie Smith, Steve Krogsrud, Karen Grant, Abhi Karkamkar
On Phone: Anna Cavinato, Jeremy Riggle, Alice Xu, Janet Bryant

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1. Review January Minutes: Minutes were approved. The question mark on who was helping Janet with Earth Day is correct since this is still to be determined.
2. Public Relations Announcement
 - o La Grande-Professor Jeremy Riggle- He is going to help us with public relations this year.
 - o Newspaper notice-Steve Krogsrud will handle newspaper notices.
3. Budget, Newsletter, and Annual Report Update: Newsletter is ready to send out, just need the budget and the date to send. Frannie is going to work with Satish on the annual treasurer's report tomorrow and turn it in so we are not late this year. If it is late we lose money and opportunity for awards.
4. Nominations- Anna and Janet are both working with Frannie on nominations. Janet spent some time on the phone with ACS to understand this year's categories of ChemLuminary award nominations. She created a cross walk on those that may be applicable to our Section's activities. They think that there are four to six awards that we should be eligible for.
5. Leadership Development Course Grant Status (?May 2014?)- Jo Marie proposes that we have the course on May 17. It is called "Collaborating Across Boundaries". We should try to have thirty people attend. If we get 30 people to attend our \$1800 grant would cover it, but we would need to apply for additional money to pay for additional people to attend. We should take the speaker out to lunch afterwards. Proposed time 8:30 to 12:30. We will need



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to fill out an event request form for WSU. Sandy volunteered to work on a flyer, and ACS will supply handouts.

6. ACS Leadership Development Weekend in Dallas- Student Outreach stuff from Dallas per Janet- About 300 people attended. Abhi got to attend two courses. Janet was a facilitator for one of the tracks for new national committee chairs. The weather was bad, but the event was awesome, and Abhi did a great job representing us. Janet gave Dave lots of goodies to give to the section. We will split this with La Grande. Richard will take the stuff to Anna.
7. Mid-Columbia Science Fair (3/13-15/14)- We pledged \$300 plus two \$50 awards. Brenda Pagburn will send us an email about the awards, and supplies the award. Dave will coordinate the judging by ACS members. The judges need to be there by 9 for high school projects. We will pick the best high school chemistry project. Jo Marie will present the award at the Saturday awards ceremony.
8. Expanding Your Horizons (3/22/14)- Janet cannot help this year, she is out of town. So far we have not identified someone. We need to let Janet know by next week. Targeted at middle school girls. The person can develop your own presentation. It needs to be a hands on activity that gets the girls excited. Anna has lots of material that she developed for her Girls in Science activity. She is not sure she can come that day, but she would be willing to share the activities and experiments. There are two sessions, one morning one afternoon; the teacher does 2 classes (either morning or afternoon) for about 8 – 20 students..
9. Hanford High Knowledge Bowl (3/22/14)- We pledged \$100 to support this, but will not send the money to them until the budget is approved.
10. Nuclear Science Merit Badge (3/22 and 3/29/14) (\$75 check needed for Sandy)-Jason Worden volunteered to help Sandy with the merit badge.
11. Electronic Voting Information: We already have an account at Survey Monkey, password Benzene. But it is only free for the first 100 then after it is \$200/year. Survey Gizmo is free, and Survey Moz is free for non-profits. Matt Monroe likes Survey Moz the best. Janet reminded us that our electronic distribution list is smaller than our membership. We will still need to send it out by mail to those who are not on email. We think it is less than 20 who need paper. Whenever we do a formal vote we need to request the official vote roster from the ACS Office of the Secretary. (This roster is different than the roster used to send out email communications, as some people “opt out” of being routinely contacted, but ALL members get to vote.) We decided we want to try Survey Moz, Matt Monroe will help get this set up.
12. Science Café Planning/Budget Vote Date- The budget has to be available for review for three weeks, so that would put the event during March. We could ask Chukar Cherries, but we need to find a venue. The earliest we could do this would be Thurs. March 6. We could also do a social event and budget vote. But we prefer to have a science café. The themes this year are energy and for National Chemistry week it is candy, so Chukar Cherries would be perfect for this year’s theme. We will check on Bookwalter on March 6 or the Richland Community center.
13. Motion from the Awards Committee to formally nominate Karen Grant as our Section’s candidate for ACSFellow for the 2014 cycle. We enthusiastically approved the motion. Janet and Jo Marie will work with Karen to complete the nomination process. (NOTE: our Section



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may formally support 1 ACS Fellows nomination, per the guidelines. It does NOT preclude individuals from nominating others for this honor, and is certainly encouraged. Janet can assist others with nominations.)

14. Earth Day- We normally work with the Mid-Columbia Earth month organization and help promote their events, in addition to our standing work with the Parks & Recreation departments to donate an annual Chemis-TREE. Janet will also be working with the WSU event coordinator to get her more involved in this event and outreach.
15. Chemistry Olympiad- Cary reported that we have 6 students who are interested. 5 of them are from Yakima, and they would like to hold it in Yakima, so we will do that. The other student is from Richland. Only two students can be from any one high school. We have till the end of the month to accept more nominees. There is a participation certificate that Cary has already procured.
16. The final report- Frannie said it is almost complete. Richard needs to look at it and electronically approve it once the financial portion is in the report, and all ChemLuminary nominations are complete. It should be ready for Richard on Friday. Frannie will email Richard when it is ready to be reviewed and signed.



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