



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday August 20, 2014, 6:00 PM at Barnard Griffin Winery

Present: Jann Frye, Jo Marie Johnson, Sandy Fiskum, Frannie Smith, Steve Krogsrud, Dave Heldebrant, Janet Bryant, Ahbi Karkamkar

Call to order at 6:10 pm

1. Review July Minutes- Minutes were accepted with the comments from Janet Bryant included.
2. Actions since our last meeting:
 - a. Summer Party- Reimbursements needed: \$50 – Jo Marie (gift cards); \$88- Jann (gratuity); \$69 needed from AIChE.- Jo Marie will pay Jann, but Satish needs to do the others.
 - b. Leadership Conference Invoice #15938917- \$400 –Jo Marie, Dallas 2013- Has this been paid? Satish?
 - c. Leadership Development Course update- No facilitator yet identified.
 - d. National Meeting- San Francisco- August 10-14- Updates from Janet, Richard Karen, Alice. Karen was not able to join us for this meeting, but sent us a report. She feels greatly honored at the ACS Fellows Award Ceremony and enjoyed the beautiful reception as well. Since the article of the award appeared in the Tri-City Herald, she has been inundated with congratulatory cards and emails from friends, students, and former students. Janet reported that we did not win any ChemLuminary awards this year. She said Karen's reception was wonderful, and Karen looked beautiful. Janet, as an elected Member of the Committee on Committees (ConC) is always looking for people who might be interested in serving on a national committee. Council meeting at this meeting went well. For the Spring meeting the theme is Chemistry of Natural resources. Robert Weber of PNNL is the identified thematic program chair for this effort. We could put something in our winter newsletter about this, or could invite him to speak at one of our events, such as Geezer-fest. Janet is running for reelection as councilor for BMGT division and is running a joint symposium in the spring on how to write successful award nominations. At the national meeting there were three candidates for president-elect. Janet reminded us that we need to encourage all members to vote. Janet noted that Anna Cavinato will be the 2015 Chair of the national Committee on Project Seed.



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- e. ChemLuminary results from San Francisco- We did not win any of these awards, though we were finalist for four.
- f. ACS 2015 National Awards announced this week- These were announced last Monday. The national award for sustainable green chemistry goes to John Frye and Alan Zacher of PNNL, and Todd Werpy of Archer Daniel Midland, formerly of PNNL.
- g. Other reimbursements needed?

3. Upcoming:

- a. National Chemistry Week (NCW) is October 19-25, 2014. (Leadership Development?)- Frannie suggested we arrange a tour of a local company as part of National Chemistry Week. Steve suggested a tour of a grape seed oil company. He has a friend, Eric Leber who has a company that does this. La Grande has Girls in Science Oct. 25. We need to find out if YVCC has anything planned.
- b. Geezer-fest- November 7, 2014? Abhi booked the Gallery Room at Richland Community Center for November 7 from 5 to 9 pm. We could extend it to 9:45 later if required. They have a few easels (maybe 10) and skinny tables. (18) Jo Marie also reserved 75 chairs and paid a deposit of \$43.75. The balance of \$131.25 is due on Sept. 23 and refundable damage deposit of \$200 is due on Oct. 27th. Janet brought up that the date of Nov 7 is a problem for Anna and her students from La Grande. Jo Marie will see if the library is available and Abhi will check the community center is available for December 5.
 - i. Student speaker?- We might ask Bob Weber from PNNL to be our speaker. Instead of a student speaker, let's have students bring posters. Tanya will have students who can present posters, and Dave is teaching this fall and will have his students present posters too.
 - ii. Award winners- We have two 50 year members to honor.
 - iii. Food?-
 - iv. Entertainment?-
- c. Upcoming election cycle-Dave said Ram Devanathan would run for chair elect. And Dave may run for an office too. Dave suggested we offer chance a \$25 prize to those who vote.
- d. IPG -We got the innovative project grant of \$1750 to support the regional career fair. We will try to expand our career fair to cover a larger area of the northwest. We hope to take something like the national career fair to the regional level. We will solicit sponsorship from regional companies. We should talk to AIChE to help us with this.



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We should start planning this fall. Frannie suggested we contact TRIDEC. We propose to do this every two years, and eventually expand this to be part of NORM.

- e. Reminder the Richland secretary needs to ask the Secretary at ACS for the official roster for eligible voters. This needs to be done soon. Results of the election need to be sent back to secretary@acs.org on or before Dec. 1.
- f. Chemistry Merit Badge- Planned for Nov 1 and 8 at CBC. This is sponsored by the Richland Section of the ACS.
- g. Awards to present at Geezerfest- H.S. teacher of the year, Fellow, volunteer of the year, chemist of the year (if there is one). Reminder that National award nominations are due November 1. We, ACS as a Society, need to look at increasing diversity in nominations. Few of the national awards go to industrial chemists, while most of the members work in industry (>54%).
- h. Other events- We could have ACS event at the Hanford Reach Interpretive Center.