



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at TWST 247 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Jann Frye, Jo Marie Johnson, Cary Seidel, Steve Krogsrud, Ram Devanathan, Karen Grant, Sandy Fiskum, Anna Cavinato
On phone: Frannie Smith, Janet Bryant

Call to order at 6:03 pm; Chair-elect Ram Devanathan presided over the meeting.

1. Review April Minutes- Minutes were approved with corrections.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Leadership conference: Saturday June 13. Dr. Frankie Wood-Black will be the presenter. We need to finalize our location tonight. There is no cost for up to 12 attendees. If we get 20 attendees we can apply for an additional grant. We decided to try to have it at WSU, since Richland library does not open early enough, and the community center costs \$15/hr. Janet reminded us to do something nice for our presenter. Steve will compose an email to send the membership.
3. New Business
 - a. STEM Outreach Project- Sandra Gutierrez contacted Karen last month to be at our last month's meeting, but Karen was left off the meeting notice last month. She did invite her to come this time, but she is not here yet.
 - b. Karen is retiring from WSU at the end of this quarter. She will be leaving WSU June 30. She will be maintaining connection with CBC. CBC will be offering a BS in Chemistry in conjunction with Heritage University. It will be an ACS approved BS degree. Karen will be on the President's commission for this, and will resume teaching some classes winter quarter.
 - c. We need to standardize the email mailing list for board meeting notices so people don't get left off. Steve suggested that Matt Monroe put the list of meetings on the website.
 - d. NORM 2015- There is a new award, called Partners for Progress and Prosperity (P3). This nomination will be a partnership between Delta High, PNNL-Battelle, and MESA. The award is to recognize partnerships that benefit STEM education (among other categories). Janet proposed that the Richland section recognize this team with a Salute to Excellence award from the Section, which costs the section nothing, and we can also submit them as a nominee for the ACS Northwest Region P3 award. Frannie wondered if we have any small award we could offer with the salute to excellence if they don't win the regional award. We voted to give a salute to excellence to this partnership. We will also discuss in July what other award, if any, would go along with the salute to excellence plaques at our annual award celebration event ("Geezerfest"). Motion was made and seconded for the Richland Section to nominate the partnership for the Region's P3 award. Janet asked Jo Marie and Frannie to help with this nomination.



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- e. Also we need to submit a formal bid at the upcoming NORM 2015 meeting in Pocatello, ID to host NORM 2019. Janet will need a lot of help from the board to decide where and how we want to host the meeting. We need this proposal by June 20. Janet has information from previous times that we hosted the meeting. We also need to propose fun activities for the attendees. Janet will take this forward at the NOR Board meeting in Idaho, as our Representative. Anna, Ram, and Sandy volunteered to help with this proposal. Janet is also working on ways to allow the meeting to be viewed on line. Karen suggested that we talk to Tanya as well. Karen said she would share her package on hosting NORM previously.
- f. Treasurers Report- Sandy presented the treasurer's report (see attached). We received ACS reimbursable councilor travel, Jul-Dec 2014 Local section allotment, Jul-Dec 2014 Local section dues, and Corporation Associates (CA) Grant. Sandy asked if we received the funds for the leadership course. We think we received this last year, and Janet will help confirm that. We paid out checks to the City of Richland, travel expenses for Janet's attendance at the Puget Sound Section Women Chemists Retreat in May, travel grant to EOU, and small purchase at Office Depot.
- g. Earth Day- Anna had the last activity with Native American students today. They also conducted the Chemistry merit badge over two weekends for five scouts from Ontario and Baker City.. Anna sent reports to the newsletter. Janet said we also need to report these activities along with the Mid-Columbia activities here in the Tri-Cities to ACS as part of Chemists Celebrate Earth Day (CCED). Anna was able to distribute the English and Spanish booklets to the children. Janet distributed these as well, and we participated in a tree planting for our annual Chem-is-TREE event in conjunction with the City of Richland Earth Day and Arbor Day in city parks.. Frannie suggested next year we add to our earth day activities with a family event Mid-Columbia library holds in April.
- h. Science Café- There is a grant opportunity for a science café, and Anna would like to apply to hold one in La Grande. She wondered if anyone had a packet of information. Ram said he will help her.
- i. Career fair- We have put this off to the fall. Frannie said she had talked to someone who had attended a career fair. They had a resume booklet sent to corporate participants so people could be interviewed at the fair.
- j. US DOE has an award called the Early Career Research Program Grants which is awarded to people within 10 years of receiving their PhD. It is very competitive. Over 600 were submitted, and 44 were accepted. One was Dave Heldebrant's. He will receive \$500,000 a year grant for five years. His abstract is Combined Capture and Conversion of CO₂. Ram proposed we should have a celebration at our next meeting for Dave. Janet will send the news release for attachment to the minutes.
- k. Cary reported that we did complete the Chemistry Olympiad. Tanya was a tremendous help and spent a lot of her own time helping with this and setting up the lab. None of the students made the finals, unfortunately.



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1. Picnic-Where shall we hold it. We can't have it at Jackson's, as they have closed. We suggested going to a winery. Ram will contact Dave to see if he has done anything on this.

ACS Richland Section Treasurer's Report

May 13, 2015

Activities and Comments

I signed up for direct deposit to the checking account from ACS
I have NOT received the \$1800, 5b, Leadership Development System

Starting Balance

Savings	\$18,831.87
Checking	\$9,097.78

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
President's challenge (new members)	\$15.00	2	4/9/2015	Deposited to Savings
ACS reimb for Councilor travel expense	\$468.38	4a	4/22/2015	Deposited to Checking
Jul-Dec 2014 Local Section Allotment	\$8,058.15	1	4/28/2015	Deposited to Checking
Jul-Dec 2014 Local section dues	\$885.00	6	4/30/2015	Deposited to Checking
Corporate Assoc. Local Section Grant	\$1,000.00	10a	5/8/2015	Deposited to Checking

Expenses

To (date billed)	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description
City of Richland (4/8/15)	\$100.00	20j	4/12/2015	Earth Day Chemis-Tree
Janet Bryant (4/8/15)	\$200.00	20h	4/12/2015	Travel expense for Janet to participate at the Women Chemist retreat
EOU Chemistry Club (4/8/15)	\$2,500.00	13b	4/12/2015	Travel grant to EOU chem club students to the ACS National spring meeting in Denver
Office Depot (4/23/15)	\$5.42	14	4/23/2015	Ink pad--treasurer supplies
Total spent this period	\$2,805.42			

Ending Balance

Savings	\$18,846.87
Checking	\$16,703.89



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