



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at TWST 247 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Jann Frye, Matt Monroe, Abhi Karkamkar, Cary Seidel, Jo Marie Johnson, Frannie Smith, Richard Hermens, Ram Devanathan, Dave Heldebrand, Steve Krogsrud, Sandy Fiskum, Karen Grant

On phone: Anna Cavinato, Alice Xu, Deb Anderson

Meeting password/ID: 22754, Call in number: (WSU phone) 509-335-4700, (call in 54700); (Off Campus) 509-372-7648.

Call to order at 6:00 pm

1. Section Web site: Matt Monroe joined us and presented a power point about our website. It features past and present newsletters, Executive board minutes, list of officers and contact information, committee chairs, and councilors. The site uses Google analytics to track site usage. It also tracks page views and if they go to more than one page of the site. It shows where in the world people who visit the site are from and also how they get to the site. Other sites like Portland and Savannah River use templates from ACS for their web sites. Ours was made locally. Ram thinks using the national template might be good. Steve Krogsrud suggested applying to ACS for a grant to do this, and offered to help. Frannie said ACS encourages us to use their template. For elections we use SurveyMoz. Frannie thinks the ACS template may make elections easier. Matt would like us to look at other section websites and let him know what we like. He is willing to modernize our site. Matt will look at what this will take and let us know if he needs more help. We should also think about other content we should post. The web site is hosted by PNNL. Ram volunteered to work with Matt on this.
2. Review September Minutes- The September minutes were recorded by Jo Marie Johnson. Minutes were approved for September with further correction proposed by Anna.
3. Treasurer's report: Richard was forced to come home early from the ACS meeting, so he feels he should reimburse the section since he could not attend the councilor's meeting. Sandy suggested we should wait to see if ACS reimburses the section. The board discussed it and felt that Richard should not owe the section anything. We will wait and see what ACS does. Ram suggested we contact ACS about sending the reimbursement. Banner Bank is changing the terms on the checking account, but Sandy thinks this should not affect us. Also there was an outstanding check that is a year old, for ACS-AACT for \$50. Janet recommended (via email) that Sandy cancel the check and return the money back to use.
4. Election- We have two candidates: Dev Chatterjee and Vanda Glezakou for chair elect. Jann has submitted a biographical statement as has Anna. Jann is running for secretary, and Sandy Fiskum is running for treasurer. Matt Monroe will set up the electronic vote. Anna will



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provide him with the official roster of voting members obtained from the ACS Office of the Secretary.. Alice will have instructions for the election to put on the newsletter.

5. Budget: Sandy sent copies of the draft budget out on Sunday Oct. 11. We decided to postpone this discussion until the November meeting when all members can attend. We may meet at an alternative location, like a restaurant for the November meeting. We will all try to look at the budget Sandy sent out and send her comments prior to meeting.
6. Geezerfest: Jo Marie has copy of quotes that Deb got from Henry's. Jo Marie said it is about \$100 cheaper than Country Gentleman last year. Jo Marie tried to get a quote from Fat Olive's. We voted to accept Henry's contract. Deb and Abhi will go over to the Battelle auditorium to be trained on operating the auditorium equipment. We are planning to hold the event at Battelle auditorium. Anna plans to bring about 7 or 8 posters from EOU Student Members, Karen will bring a couple from CBC, and there will be some from the Mid-Columbia Science fair. We will have to gather up easels, or arrange to get some from the company that PNNL uses. We decided to cancel the Atrium. Ahbi and Jann will email Alan Felsot to invite him to have some of his students' present posters. There are 6, 50-60 year members this year. One was Lane Bray who passed away this year. We decided to contact his family to see if they want to accept on his behalf. Last year Jo Marie contacted the Mid-Columbia Science Fair winners through their schools. She will work on certificates for them. We will have the award for the chemist of the year. Jo Marie has not received any information on teacher of the year or any other awards. Ahbi will ask Janet. (Addendum Note: there were no candidates in 2015 for the Richland Section High School Teacher award)
7. Newsletter- Alice will get the copies of the newsletter and the paper ballots printed in Moses Lake. Sandy will send her the ballot we used before. Sandy wants her to make sure that he ballots have Abhi's return address on it.
8. Wine Center tour- October 29 date will work, but she has not received notice from WSU on whether or not they will do a tour for little or no cost.
9. Career Fair- this is planned for November 20. Dave has not had any companies confirm, but a couple declined. Karen said some of the colleges would be there, and the crime lab would be there as well. CBAL will let us know. We will hold this in the science atrium at CBC. We don't know if WRPS will be there yet or PNNL either. Karen will announce it to the professors to send to their students.
10. Program in a Box- this program will be on Lab Safety. It will be October 20 at 3:45 pm. Ram has it set up to be shown at CSF building, Room Darwin (1007).
11. Richard has a box of Chemistry Week flyers and items ordered from ACS to give to Janet for distribution in Richland. Ram will take them to her.



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