



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at TCIC 223 WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Jann Frye, Ram Devanathan, Sandy Fiskum, Richard Hermens, Cary Seidel, Frannie Smith, Karen Grant

On Skype: Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato

Call to order at __6:10 pm_____

1. **Adoption of minutes of February meeting-** The minutes were accepted as presented.
2. **Update on Bill Carroll's visit, including NPR publicity-** Janet Bryant stated Bill Carroll's talk for the public will be held April 22 at the outside stage in John Dam Plaza. The backup location will be EMSL auditorium. This meeting will also be available on Skype. She had sent out a summary of the event in an email ahead of the board meeting. Bill Carroll is a past ACS national president and chair of the Board of Directors. He will be arriving April 20 in the Tri-Cities. He will hold two career workshops at the EMSL auditorium on Thursday April 21, which will be open to the public. Janet will arrange these meetings for Skype access too. Janet is trying to set up a visit to Delta High school for Bill as well. Allison Campbell will be introducing Bill at the talk at John Dam Plaza. Steve Krogsrud had proposed that we approve \$400 to publicize the event on NPR. This is within 10% of the approved budget. The motion was approved. Frannie asked if we could include a reception for Janet, since this symposium was to honor her as 2013 Richland Section Chemist of the Year. Janet said she had been trying to avoid this, as she felt it is unnecessary. She asked that we keep it simple. Frannie said we could go out to dinner to honor Janet, and include Janet's husband, section members, Bill Carroll, and the Eastern Oregon students. We decided that this is a great idea. We have \$800 for this whole event. The expenses for Bill get split between us and Pullman, and career services at ACS HQ. We also have \$400 for all speakers for the year. The cost of this event will have to be calculated.
3. **Update on next Science Café -** Ram Devanathan gave the update.

We will host a Science Café on April 4 at 7 pm in the Battelle Auditorium. The invited speaker Dan Rabinovich, Professor of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will talk on The World of Chemistry on Postage Stamps. Ram will see if the event can be set up on Skype. Ram will email Steve to publicize this, once he has confirmation from Vanda that we have the Battelle Auditorium.

Anna reported that they had a Science Café with Dave Heldebrand. It was a seminar and it was very well attended. Ram will forward a picture of this event for inclusion in the minutes.



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Ram said Albert Kruger would like to give a presentation at a future Science Café on aging of glass, including ancient Roman glass. He is an expert on glass for nuclear waste immobilization.

- 4. Discussion of Chemists Celebrate Earth Day** - Frannie Smith and Janet reported that we expect to have an annual tree planting in Richland, per our continued tradition of Chem-is_TREE. The Bill Carroll's talk will be the day after Earth day. Anna and Janet will order the CCA materials from ACS for children for this event. We get free boxes of them in English and Spanish. Anna plans to bring students up to Bill Carroll's talk. She said they also plan to have Earth Day activities for Native American elementary students in Pendleton, OR. Ram said the ACS Richland section will have a booth at PNNL for the annual Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day on April 28. The booth will include information on the ACS national chemistry poetry competition, and might include some science demos too. It will be an all-day event.
- 5. Nuclear Science Merit Badge update-** Sandy Fiskum reported the nuclear science merit badge will be on April 9 and 16. She reported that registration is already half full. She also needs one more instructor.
- 6. Treasurer's update** - Sandy Fiskum said we updated the budget format to match the format used by the ACS Annual Report . We sent in the form to opt in to collect the optional \$5 per member local section dues. She and Ram went to Banner Bank to sign for access to the Section's bank account. We should be getting an advance from ACS HQ to pay for Vanda's registration to the annual Leadership Institute training.
- 7. Spring Newsletter-**Alice requested that we discuss if there were items for a Spring Newsletter. Ram suggested that we do three newsletters in the year. Besides that we could send out one page updates that would not have to be professionally printed or typeset. This next edition could include Anna's photos of Student Chapter activities and Awards at the Spring 2016 national ACS meeting, and Ram and Janet would compose information about Bill Carroll's visit. We should have everything ready to go by the first week of April.
- 8. Science Club at Lewis and Clark Elementary-** Sandy Fiskum and Dave Heldebrand lead a chemistry event for 4th and 5th graders on mystery powders. The Richland High School Chemistry club helped immensely with this outreach event.
- 9. Mid-Columbia Science Fair-** The fair is Thursday March 10 at Columbia Center Mall. Many of the section officers and other members will be judges. We will again be giving two awards of \$50, and one of \$350 that will help a student attend summer science camp. Abhi will coordinate the judging for ACS awards, as Ram's son is a contestant and Ram will recuse himself this year.



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10. **ACS in San Diego and NORM student attendance-** Anna will be taking over 20 students to the ACS Spring 2016 national meeting in San Diego and needs some financial help from the section in addition to the Student Members' already successful fund raising for the trip. Karen has a student who will be attending NORM in Anchorage. Karen thinks Anna should get more of the funds allotted to support student attendance, but said that her student needs some help to attend, as the hotel and airline to Alaska are quite expensive. We have \$3000 to share among the students. Last year Karen did not take any funds for her student. Anna would like \$2000, and Karen would like \$1000. Anna is in agreement with Karen. The board approved this expenditure.
11. **Chemistry Olympiad-**Cary reported the international Olympiad has been moved from Pakistan to the country of Georgia, so the US team will participate. The local completion will be on April 23 at CBAL at CBC.