



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday July 13, 2016 at TCIC 223 WSU Tri City Campus

Attendees: Ram Devanathan, Vanda Glezakou, Richard Hermens, Steve Krogsrud, Karen Grant, and Frannie Smith

Via Skype: Janet Bryant, Abhi Karkamkar, Dave Heldebrant and Alice Xu.

The meeting started at 6:20 pm.

1. Richard proposed that we defer the minutes of the June board meeting to the August meeting. Karen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Ram presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Sandy Fiskum. We received \$1467 from ACS for Councilor travel expenses and paid \$128.24 for Olympiad expenses and \$425 for our Chair-elect to attend the 2016 ACS Leadership Institute. The Olympiad expenses were smaller than anticipated because we were able to get reagents donated. The Savings account balance is \$18,861.98 and the Checking account balance is \$16,125.18. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was proposed by Steve and seconded by Vanda. The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.
3. Dave Heldebrant delivered the good news that the Richland Section presented a successful bid to the ACS Northwest Region Board June 26-29th in Anchorage, AK to host the Northwest Regional Meeting (NORM) June 24-27, 2018. The section was originally scheduled to host NORM 2019, but accelerated the bid by one year to fill a host vacancy. The Richland section is currently planning and scheduling the meeting, working with the Tri-Cities Visitor Bureau on lodging and entertainment for an estimated 400 to 500 of our esteemed colleagues from the 13 Local Sections in the Region. NORM 2018 will be held on the campus of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) and at Washington State University Tri-Cities in Richland. NORM 2018 is being organized by co-General Chairs Anna Cavinato and David Heldebrant, Programming Chairs Vanda Glezakou and Ram Devanathan, Treasurer Sandy Fiskum, Undergraduate Program Chair Frannie Smith, Operations Manager Janet Bryant, Exposition Chair Bernie Carlson, Website Manager Matt Monroe and PR chair Steve Krogsrud. Other volunteer positions are available and will be announced to our membership.
4. Janet presented a series of updates from ACS.
 - a. The fourth annual Pacific Northwest Women in Science Retreat (PNW/SWR) was held July 8-10 at Camp Magruder in scenic Rockaway Beach, OR. It was attended by 80 young women scientists and 18 mentors. Whitney LaMarche, a young chemist from Kurion Inc., was selected by the Richland Section for a Registration Award to attend. The award, made possible by a mini-grant from ACS, demonstrates the Section's commitment to retaining and advancing women in STEM fields. In keeping with ACS President-elect Allison Campbell's desire to involve young chemists in ACS, Janet petitioned that NORM 2018 and PNW-WSR be coordinated/integrated in 2018 to take advantage of the planning and



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locations. This petition will be considered by the NORM 2018 organizing committee at their next meeting.

- b. Corvallis will host NORM2017. Since our bid moved up from 2019 to 2018, Janet is petitioning ACS headquarters to help us with additional contract staff support for meeting planning.
 - c. The ACS Committee on Committees (ConC) is doing a formal diversity survey to benchmark representation on ACS national committees. The idea is to take a benchmark of national committee representation. Richard asked, "Who gets the survey?" Janet answered, "Anyone who serves on a national (ACS) committee will be surveyed."
 - d. The upcoming ACS national meeting in Philadelphia promises to be a fun event and Janet encouraged members to attend. It will be Janet's last meeting as an elected member of the Committee on Committees.
 - e. Effective July 1st, the ACS national award nomination process is underway. It will close in November. Janet is positioning our regional award winners. Steve suggested that since any ACS member can write the nomination, perhaps a blurb in the newsletter could be provided, pointing to our website for additional details.
 - f. President-elect Allison Campbell is codifying her PRES focus for 2017, which will be heavily scientifically focused and highlight the accomplishments of our members. During the spring national meeting in San Francisco, Allison will host two specific symposia: "*Energy for a Low Carbon Future: Grand Challenges for Chemistry*" and "*Holy Grails in Chemistry*" - Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *Accounts of Chemical Research Journal*. In addition, she will be working with technical divisions on other symposia that highlight the impact chemists have in catalysis, energy storage and biomass conversions.
5. Karen presented a report from NORM 2016 in Anchorage. Her student traveled to the meeting and presented a poster with financial support from our Section. Karen's student (Karen please provide the name) attended all sessions and benefited from participation in NORM 2016
 6. Ram provided a series of updates about Section activities.
 - a. Ram represented our Section at a picnic organized jointly by the Puget Sound, Portland, Oregon, Richland, Inland Northwest and Washington/Idaho Border sections of the ACS on June 11 at the Maryhill Museum in Eastern Washington.
 - b. We will hold a summer picnic jointly with AIChE on August 5th at 5pm at an AIChE member's home. Anna will email the picnic flier to members with details; RSVP to Abhi. We all need to help advertise and bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets, if attending.
 - c. The Eastern Washington Section of the American Nuclear Society has invited us to join their annual Holiday Party at Tri-City Country Club on Saturday December 10. The cost is \$25/ticket. The event will feature music by Vicki and the

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Velvetones. Our Fall newsletter will have more details. Consider posting it to our website.

- d. The Richland Local Section has been selected as a finalist for the following ChemLuminary Award(s);
 - i. Outstanding National Chemistry Week Event for a Specific Audience
 - ii. Outstanding Performance by a Medium-sized Local Section
 - iii. Best Overall Local Section for Minority Affairs
 - iv. Fostering Interactions between Local Sections and Student Chapters
Anna Cavinato will present the Section's poster at the Fall 2016 National Meeting in Philadelphia.
 - e. Alice Xu will prepare a Summer newsletter with input from Ram, Dave, Janet and Anna. Ideas include: Bill Carrol's visit, Janet's Award with photos, CCED-Anna, Whitney LaMarsh, Maryhill Picnic, AIChE –ACS Picnic, Chemluminary finalist categories, Other?
 - f. We are planning a winery tour for the Fall. Dave knows two winemakers and will help organize the tour. Suggestion of Mercer Winery since we went to Columbia Crest last time.
7. The meeting was closed at 6:59 pm.



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ACS Richland Section

Treasurer's Report

July 13, 2016

Activities

I have not received receipts from Janet for Chemist of the Year celebration
I have not received bill from ACS for Bill Carrol Chemist of the Year celebration

Starting Balance

Savings \$18,861.98
Checking \$15,211.42

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
ACS/Councilor Travel Expenses	\$1,467.00	4	6/27/2016	Checking account

Total receipts this period \$1,467.00

Expenses

To (date billed)	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Cary Seidel (6/8/16)	128.24	21d	6/8/2016	Olympiad expenses; #1089
American Chemical Society (Invoice date 3/18/16 but received on 6/17/16)	\$425.00	20	6/18/2016	2016 Leadership Institute, Local Section Leaders Track / Vanda Glezakou; #1090

Total spent this period \$553.24

Ending Balance

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