



# American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at TCIC T125, “Hoot Room” WSU Tri City Campus

Present: Vanda Glezakou, Anna Cavinato, Ram Devanathan, Steve Krogsrud, Frannie Smith, Megan Nims, Susan Howett, Shirmir Branch, Karthi Ramasamy, and Mariefel Olarte

On Skype: Janet Bryant, Dave Heldebrant, Deepika Malhotra, and Alice Xu

**Call to order at 6:16 pm**\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Review of May Minutes**-Minutes accepted with amendments.
2. **Treasurer’s Report**-Accepted. The treasurer’s reports from June 2017, and July 2017 are attached at the end of the minutes.
3. **Ilke is leaving we need to discuss the names for the officials next year.** – Bylaws determine that election for Chair and Chair-Elect will be conducted at the same time. Janet says because Ilke submitted a formal letter of resignation, we have an opportunity to appoint a preliminary Chair-Elect (Oct., Nov., Dec.). Dave suggests that we reach out to a past chair to help establish some continuity. Ram and Steve are top candidates. Anna moves to nominate Ram as interim Chair-Elect until a formal Chair-Elect is elected. Others second – all in favor – agreed. Ram has been named as the interim Chair-Elect.

Discussion of election dates to come. Nominating chair (Ram) to present in September (today’s meeting). Others can be nominated by active member by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Ballot to be distributed by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Tabulation of ballots no later than Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

For the office of Secretary, Mariefel Olarte has been kind enough to put up her name.  
For the office of Treasurer, Sandy Fiskum has said she would like to continue.  
For Alternate Councilor, we have incumbent, Dave Heldebrant and Karthi Ramasamy  
For Chair-Elect, consider consulting David Koppelaar (under consideration); does not preclude others from throwing their hat into the ring (Megan, Shirmir, Susan?). Megan respectfully declined for the time being as she is working to complete her Ph.D.

Nominating chair is not precluded from running for any other position. People outside the nominating committee would have to put something together for that formally. On **Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** (our next meeting) we would proceed with the candidate slate. Matt Monroe set up the electronic ballots last year. The Secretary needs to request the Election Only roster to ACS headquarters. For some people on that list who don’t have electronic communications we need to make sure they get the paper ballots. Ram will put an email solicitation together and Anna will send it out to our members.

Janet wondering if anyone at Eastern Oregon University would be interested in the Chair Elect-type position. Don’t want to overlook this type of opportunity. Anna will ask.



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4. **Alice will also be away for a few months** – Alice will return from China in July 2018. She is leaving for China in October. As PR Chair, Steve has volunteered to take-on the October newsletter. Ram asked Alice to send Steve her template (she is on a Mac). Steve will work with Kacey (designer) to work it out. Frannie asked if we should put out a solicitation for a newsletter editor in the next newsletter. Steve has been reaching out to people via email. Our goal for the next newsletter is mid-October. We need to give our members time to review the slate of candidates. We will have the final slate approved on **Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will aim to have the newsletter out by **Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.
  
5. **IPG grant** – Vanda submitted a grant to craft a new seminar / workshop. She was speaking with previous speaker, Nick Malanovich, about future ideas. Idea is to craft something for non-native English speakers to improve communications. We received \$750 out of \$3500 from ACS. Asking Section if we want to formally accept it or formally deny it because the workshop cannot be done with that amount. In discussion with Susan, Shirmir, and Megan, Vanda thinking we could support WCC with that. Janet clarifies that we have to either use the proposal funding for the intended purpose or give it back. Janet would like to see us as a Section put a letter together back to the Local Section Activities committee to say that we do not appreciate the communication we received about our proposed idea. Anna asking if there is a bottom line --- trying to figure out if we could couple it with other Section funds to make something work. Because this is a completely new workshop that Nick must design, it would be from scratch – and would require approximately \$3,000. Additional \$500 is to provide the lunch for the day. Non-negotiable since there is a lot of work involved in developing this. Just asking if it is worth tapping into any reserves. Janet saying, we might have to charge our participants and we take the risk for not being able to cover expenses. In response to ACS, we also need to communicate that we have a wide base (not just national lab). Our response is based on principle – we feel that their position is erroneous. Moved for Vanda to reject the funding – accepted.
  
6. **Upcoming Science Cafes** – End of October / mid-November – Joe Ryan to do a Science Café as a demonstration at a glass shop where he works sometimes. This will be a follow-up to the presentation he did earlier this year. Another presentation will be from Grant Johnson (PNNL staff member) – date TBD. Steve suggested that timing is good for inclusion in the next newsletter. Anna asking when Geezerfest is. Perhaps we could decide on that today. Ram asking if we have any members completing 50 or 60 years this year. Vanda said that we do have a few. National Chemistry Week is Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. Typically, on Fridays. Fridays in November are 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving is 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Janet suggesting November 10<sup>th</sup> before the weather gets bad. Anna hosts Saturday Science around that date, but it has not been set yet – there is some flexibility. Aiming for Geezerfest on **Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>**. We could use Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> as back-up options. Need a task-force to do that. Richland and LaGrande are hosting ACS Program-in-a-Box on Tues. **Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**; Frannie to reach out to Jann and professors at WSU-TC (chemistry, geology?) to identify a location – possibly to reach out to students here, as well. Steve suggested putting something in the newsletter and maybe something in the newspaper to advertise to the public.



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### 7. From Anna C.:

- **Report from DC meeting:** Information about the next President-Elect (Candidates were Dr. Bonnie Charpentier and Willie Mays); there was a move to allow international chapters to apply for funds – vote was not passed. Also, a proposal to establish a new division of space chemistry – also defeated. Impetus was that certain Divisions would have too much competition. Close to 13,000 attendees at D.C. meeting: 8,000 regular members, 3,000 students, 1,000 vendors; ACS distributed eclipse glasses (80% totality) and members watched the eclipse at various locations. Janet adding that this was Alison’s last meeting; she powered through because she had a biking accident the week prior. She had excellent attendance at her advocacy, innovation, and initiative sessions. Janet suggests that we do something special to honor Alison at Geezerfest on a successful presidential year. Anna went to Regional Meeting Booth – Smartphone Microscopes were gone after the first night, but we still have enough for additional promotion.

- **EOU Chem Club Award** – Received another Outstanding Student Section Award.

- **Girls in Science** – Event that is held at EOU every year – 100 girls come to campus (middle school; NE Oregon, some from other parts of the Section); this year is crime-scene investigation – geology oriented; please send activities to Anna (and let her know if you are interested in heading to LaGrande); also, Biology, Computer Science, and Math.

- **Saturday Science** – Northeastern Oregon Health Consortium – Helped with Girls in Science and Saturday Science in the past; however, their focus is shifting and they have to move their focus more towards later pipeline in healthcare (e.g., residents); so, they are pulling out of Saturday Science. EOU stepped up to support this – Anna asking if there is funding in the Diversity Committee that is different from the Girls in Science – Janet thinking that there is \$500 available. One thought is to bring students from local Native American Reservation Charter School (higher level students – high school); usually just 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. In the makings... change, but it will still happen.

- **National Chemistry Week** – We need to order materials. Anna and Frannie will coordinate on this. \$750 budget; Girls in Science \$500; Diversity Committee \$500.

8. **Newsletter Thank You** - Steve suggests that we officially thank Alice for her efforts as Newsletter Editor. A formal letter. Steve will start drafting this.

9. **WCC presentation – Susan Howett, Megan Nims and Shirmir Branch will be there to present.** Megan giving introduction – sharing that the three of them attended 2017 WCC and were inspired – contacted Janet to see if they could help stand up a Women’s Chemist Committee here. Susan and Shirmir presented additional pieces. See PowerPoint Slides provided via email for Mission/ Vision/ Goals/ details. Mentoring and Community Outreach = main focus. Possible outreach to undergraduate members, as well. Requesting a Board



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vote for the creation of the Local WCC. Janet suggesting that appointment of a committee is done by EC vote; standing committee = formal position on the board – requires update to the Bylaws. The team generated charter and budget. Requesting \$400 to help fund initial kick-off event for 2018; also would like to support outreach, social, and local events. Question about why do something separate? Why not just part of regular section efforts? Anna saying that it would be beneficial to have formal representation for Women Chemists; Janet suggests that it has benefits for connection to National WCC; Frannie suggests that it provides another facet that may resonate with members and lead to more involvement. Three main activities: Newsletter Involvement; 3 Yearly Events; help support other events in the Section. Question about \$400 budget. Responded that it would be proposed as part of 2018 budget if a committee is approved. Question about role of male colleagues. Response = inclusive! Steve proposing the Richland Section supports a temporary WCC committee through the rest of the year – Janet formally seconds that; accepted by others. As Chair, Vanda appointed Megan Nims as Chair of WCC committee for the Richland Section. Janet moves that the Richland Section informs the WCC of this new appointment; she will help Megan prepare this communication on behalf of Vanda. Committee members will need to be reappointed by the Chair in January.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



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**ACS Richland Section**  
**Treasurer's Report**

June 14, 2017

## Activities

### Starting Balance

Savings	\$18,877.05
Checking	\$14,922.92

### Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
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Total receipts this period	\$0.00			

### Expenses

To (date billed)	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Eastern Oregon University	\$900.00	21k	5/27/2017	Project SEED; 1242
Alice Xu (6/10/17)	\$25.05	16a	6/13/2017	June newsletter postage
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Total spent this period	\$925.05			

### Ending Balance

Savings	\$18,877.05
Checking	\$13,997.87



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July 12, 2017

**Activities**

**Starting Balance**

Savings \$18,877.05  
Checking \$13,997.87

**Receipts**

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
Interest	\$3.76	8	6/30/2017	Savings

Total receipts this period \$3.76

**Expenses**

To (date billed)	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
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Total spent this period \$0.00

**Ending Balance**

Savings \$18,880.81  
Checking \$13,997.87