



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting

Wednesday, 4/11/2018, 6:24 PM at BSEL 202 WSU Tri City Campus

4/11/18

Start: 6:24 pm

Attendance: Sneha Akhade, Janet Bryant, David Heldebrant, Deepika Malhotra, Anna Cavinato, Steve Krogsrud, Sandy Fiskum, Mariefel Olarte, Ram Devanathan (online, presiding)

1. Minutes of March meeting, Mariefel – Revised minutes were unanimously accepted.
2. Treasurer's report, Sandy – The Local section has funds: \$18,892.15 in savings and \$17,991.65 in checking accounts. Report was moved and seconded.
3. Update from ACS meeting in NOLA
 - a. Dues: Anna was appointed to the LSAC and was able to get information about membership dues. Dues are typically from \$2 to \$15 so we are in the ballpark. Typically, 40% members pay local dues. For the past few years, we have \$5/year and it seems to be working for us. A motion was proposed to keep the Local Section dues at \$5. With the funds that will be generated by the NORM registrations, we do not foresee that we will lack funds. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion to keep the annual membership dues at \$5 was passed unanimously.
 - b. Councilor Report: Total attendance at NOLA, as of March 19, was 16 585, including guests. 8470 were actual registered conference attendees, 6432 of whom, were students. Nominees for president-elect were voted on: Luis Echegoyen and Thomas Gilbert. For council action – a petition where committees would have been able to elect their own chair was defeated. . The Council approved Petition on the Composition of Society Committees which will change the requirement for Councilors on Society Committees from at least two thirds (2/3) to a majority, and remove the requirement that the Chair and Vice-Chair of a Society Committee must be Councilors. Member dues for 2019 will be \$175 (inflation adjusted).
 - c. For Divisional Activity Committee (DAC) – Proposal before Council to change Division Allocation Formula to distribute 12.5% of ACS monies tied to Division participation in Regional Meetings and in International Meetings which ACS sponsors/co-sponsors. This was sent back to the committee for further action and data. Janet offered that Small Divisions received ~\$13000 on average last year; meaning that 12.5% is < \$2k for small divisions is what was proposed to re-position. Note: 2018 estimates are based on 2016 numbers. Annual Division Allocations will be not be affected until 2021. This should give divisions a chance to change and choose to participate in regional or international ACS meetings. Regional meetings have a lot of Division participation in year 17/18.
 - d. Personal notes on the national meeting – Anna noted that it was a great conference. Twenty-two students and 4 faculty members participated in the conference. Students presented 8 posters and participated in the Chem Demo Exchange. Our EOU Student Member Chapter again was awarded an Outstanding Award for their activities in the previous year.
4. Request for student support – Anna will send Ram request for travel support for students. \$3k was set aside for Student Member support in the 2017 Richland Section budget. CBC didn't have any



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request last year or this year. Moved and seconded that Eastern Oregon University students get \$2.5k as support for spring ACS. About \$20267 was spent by the 22 students.

5. Newsletter update – Steve said that there is a planned newsletter for mid - May. He is soliciting input and content. One is the Local Section WCC meeting (with pictures). NORM 2018 needs to be advertised in the newsletter. Ram suggested to get the advertisement out by the 1st week of June, Steve thinks it is possible by end of May. The website has not been updated for a while; only incremental updates are routinely made. Dennis Wester and Dave Merrill and Executive Committee members will be asked to look at our website and other sections' and then offer suggestions to Ram by the end of April. Matt Monroe prefers something easily maintained. Another option is to hire the NORM website developer to do some site overhaul, making it easy for someone else (like Matt) to maintain. Noted that ACS is moving from webs.com and will select a different web platform in a year or so. We have to explore options, leverage social media, highlight activities with NORM 2018. Resources are available from CPRC. All NORM outreach is communicated by Steve and Janet with ACS Communications and Marketing.
6. Activity update – Dave noted that picnic with AIChE is being coordinated with Abhi. We also need to start thinking about the Geezer Fest event especially with the liability requirements and insurance required by WSU. We need to find a good theme and venue for GeezerFest. One of our members will be recognized for 70 years of ACS membership.
7. Earth Day – Sneha mentioned that we got the free CCED goods for the Celebration of Science event at the John Dam plaza on April 21st (April 22nd is Earth Day). For the swag, we spent \$147 half for Anna and half for other events. Shirmir will collect the little items and booklets. Chemists Celebrate Earth Week: 2 boxes in English and 2 boxes in Spanish. We have 'Celebration of science' pamphlets to advertise NORM 2018. Steve has ~100 pens. Celebration of Science will have 3 blocks of time: 10:30-12:30 1:30-3:30 pm. It was asked if there are other volunteers for the April 26th Take Your Son and Daughter to Workday to staff an ACS booth. Shelby Kadinger is the PNNL POC. Need to respond to Sneha, if interested. 1:30 -3:30 pm is available. About 500-600 kids participate. They are not allowed in labs anymore so there might be less participation. La Grande also has Earth Day celebration scheduled on April 21st. There will be an Arts for All event and a science table, with 500 children expected. Focus is on marine chemistry, in parallel with the annual ACS theme. This Friday, April 13th, they will do Marine chemistry, with about 75 students, and will perform magic tricks. The chemistry magic tricks were also performed for senior folks. There are about 4-5 activities for Earth Day, similar to last year's.
8. NORM 2018 update – NORM 2018 preparations are going well. There is an ongoing plan for an interactive demo by the EOU Student Members on making nitrogen ice cream, SCC breakfast, WCC luncheon, and YCC Badger Mountain hike are all shaping up for the meeting; registrations being taken for workshops, career counseling sessions, and all events via the NORM 2018 registration form. Current update on program: 334 abstracts with 250 oral abstracts.
9. Quick updates – Dave gave an update on Lewis and Clark mystery powder challenge science, where students learned the scientific method. They made the elephant tooth paste, had 18 volunteers



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Meeting adjourned: 6:59 pm.

**ACS Richland Section
Treasurer's Report**

April 14, 2018

Activities

Sent Anna Cavinato's expense report to ACS National 3/30/18

Starting Balance

Savings \$18,888.43
Checking \$11,726.90

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
ACS/Local Section allotment	\$7,805.00	1	4/1/2018	checking
Banner Bank/Courtesy reversal of check imaging fee	\$3.00	none	3/22/2018	checking
Banner Bank/Interest	\$3.72	8	3/31/2018	savings
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Total receipts this period	\$7,811.72			

Expenses

To (date billed)	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Anna Cavinato (3/26/18)	\$1,543.25	19	3/30/2018	Reimbursement for councilor travel to ACS spring meeting; 1260

Total spent this period \$1,543.25

Ending Balance

Savings \$18,892.15
Checking \$17,991.65