



American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting

Wednesday, 5/9/2018, 6:36 PM at BSEL 202 WSU Tri City Campus

5/9/18

Start: 6:36 pm

Attendance: (Sneha Akhade), Janet Bryant (online), David Heldebrant, Deepika Malhotra, Anna Cavinato, Steve Krogsrud, Sandy Fiskum, Shirmir Branch, Susan Asmussen, Kristin Omberg, Megan Branch, Mariefel Olarte, Ram Devanathan (presiding)

1. Minutes of April meeting, Mariefel – Sandy's move to maintain the previous practice of including the Treasurer's monthly report with the minutes from now on was approved. There was a discussion on the conflict that was raised regarding the section b item on the councilor report. The April minutes was tabled to be discussed in the next meeting.
2. Treasurer's report, Sandy – Sent collection dues form to ACS, to Olsa, so we can maintain to charge a \$5/member fee. Received notification (cc Ram) that we received \$1000 grant from Corporation Associates. Shaira Mehta has not cashed her \$50 check and requested that someone contact her. Ram said he can follow-up. Received reimbursement for Anna's travel (\$1234.60) and written a check for the EUO Chemistry Club for \$2500 for ACS travel expenses. Additional checks written: \$40 for refreshment to Dave and Sneha \$447.20 in swag. Report was moved and seconded. Reminder to attach the treasurer's report to minutes.
3. Summer Picnic, Dave – Have not had the chance to connect with Abhi but will start the engagement with him soon as well as with AIChE colleagues to start coordinating. This event will likely be in the June/July timeframe. Ram suggested that it might be better scheduled after NORM, like a big celebration. Best time will likely be on the 1st week or 2nd week of July.
4. Earth Day Activities Update – Anna reported that EOU had an Earth Week celebration. Participated in a large community outreach, Arts For All. EOU did artsy activities related to chemistry such as surface tension. Sample activity includes kids painting with shaving cream. They had lots of fun. Booklets and other giveaways were distributed. For a second activity, they worked with two batches of 3rd graders one week apart and did activities related to marine chemistry. They then performed a big magic show for about 200 kids. Swags were also distributed to the kids. They did a lot. Ram suggested that Anna send paragraph for inclusion in the minutes. Anna will also send to Steve, with pictures for the newsletter. Steve said the newsletter is planned for an end of May release.
5. Newsletter update, Steve – Got input from Ram for some NORM things. Anna will also send Steve stuff from New Orleans about the student. Steve looked for paragraph from WCC regarding the pottery event. Megan said a write-up was sent to Ram and that can be sent to Steve as well. Dave will give update on Mid-Columbia as well as the Science Club. Steve will send Dave a reminder. Deadline for articles is May 16. Shirmir also reminded Steve that she sent out a paragraph about the Celebration of Science activity.
6. Celebration of Science update, Shirmir – There was interest in how it turned out from the committee. Shirmir reported there were 5-6 volunteers. A table was set-up and the volunteers interacted with

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folks, emphasizing the marine sciences for Earth celebration. Booklets were given out. Swags received from Sneha and Susan were sent out as well. Spanish booklets from previous years were also available. We had a few Ocean's In A Bottle for kids to play with. All swags were given away (moles and microscopes). We advertised NORM and promoted WCC. Ram asked for pictures and Shirmir said those were sent also to Steve. Steve will check.

7. NORM Update, Dave – Committee for NORM has done a great job in preparation for the event and has almost all things in place, except for finishing the contract for the shuttles and location for the banquet. We are solvent, lots of fundraising. Potentially, there are 600 people attending, 399 abstracts. We are in very good shape for a very successful NORM. The weekly meeting is on-going until NORM starts. Then, we'll celebrate.

Steve mentioned that he distributed NORM canvas bags. Comments are that they are beautiful and that Steve did a great job. The 1998 one was still being used. 1998 was the last year we hosted NORM at CBC. Abstracts were no where near then at that time.

Ram noted that Geezerfest will be pretty special this year. We have a 70-year member, not just a 70-year old member. Dave said he will find out what is element number 70 in the periodic table. Ytterbium.

8. WCC update, Megan – Finalizing details on WCC luncheon and Badger Mt. hike and info will be sent to Janet for the NORM website. Ram noted that people should be warned that snakes might come out during the sunset hikes. Hike will start at 8:00pm. Is there a plan to make sure that no-one will get lost in a different trail? We have tour guides and a designated person going with each subgroup. One person from Geochemistry member who will give a brief talk at the top of Badger Mt. about geology and geochemistry of the area as well as getting people from the Ice Age Institute. WCC is also trying to get in touch with Bruce Bjornsted and George Lass. Ram suggested that we can have one person talking at the Lake Lewis marker to give a people a break. There was a question whether the 8pm is the start of the hike or pick-up. This needs to be resolved because there is a PNNL social before that.

Dave commented that the Publishing Summit went well. Discovery Hall is beautiful and will perfect for NORM. There will be some A/V that needs to be fine-tuned. Shirmir noted that talks were requested one day before so that talks can be all loaded. This might not be applicable to NORM because we have multiple computers. PNNL is not providing a laptop and PNNL laptop cannot be used. Expectation is each organizer and/or speaker have their laptop.

Meeting adjourned: ~ 7:07 pm

ACS Richland Section Treasurer's Report

May 9, 2018

Activities

Sent the local section dues collection form to ACS (olsa) requesting continued collection of \$5 per member.

Received copy of notification of the \$1000 grant for Corporateion Associates Local Section and International Chapter.

Shreya Mehta has not cashed her \$50 check award for the MCSF. Can someone contact her and encourage her to negotiate it?

Starting Balance

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

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
ACS/councilor travel reimbursement	\$1,234.60	4	4/20/2018	checking
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Total receipts this period	\$1,234.60			

Expenses

To (date billed)	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
EOU Chemistry Club	\$2,500.00	14a	4/11/2018	EOU travel expense grant to National Meeting; 1261
Dave Heldebrant	\$40.00	18	4/11/2018	Refreshments for MCSF judge reception; 1262
Sneha Akhadd	\$147.20	21j	4/11/2018	Earth Day swag; 1263
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Total spent this period	\$2,687.20			

Ending Balance

Savings	\$18,892.15
Checking	\$16,539.05