



Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, 04/08/2020, 6:04 PM, Skype Meeting

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Start: 6:04 pm

Attendance (online only): Shirmir Branch, Sandy Fiskum, Anna Cavinato, Mariefel Olarte, Deepika Malhotra, Megan Nims, Cristina Padilla-Cintron, Janet Bryant

1. Approval of minutes, Branch – Shirmir introduces March 2020 executive committee minutes. Comments were received electronically, and Shirmir will incorporate changes. Anna moves to approve the March 2020 executive committee minutes as amended, Janet seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.
2. Approval of treasurer report, Malhotra – Deepika introduces April (01 – 31 March 2020) treasurer report. Starting balance is \$44,996.37 in savings and \$14,991.87 in checking. Interest accrued to savings account is reported in the attached treasurer report. Deposits and completed and pending expenses detailed in the attached treasurer report. Ending balance is \$45,016.60 in savings and \$21,249.15 in checking. Sandy asked that the receipt line for the ACS Local Section Annual Allotment be modified to clarify the allotment is for the dates of July 2019 – Dec 2020. Anna noted that the allotment for this year different that previous years. Deepika clarified that the amount is \$143 less than (down from \$7768) what was received last year. Anna commented that this is likely due to the change in budget. Sandy moves to approve the April 2020 treasurer as amended; Janet seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Old Business

3. Volunteer databank (SPR G1, S2) (Megan/Shirmir) – Kristin Omberg sent a link for the Local Section (LS) google drive for Megan and Shirmir to upload the databank. Currently neither of them has permission and are working with Kristin to gain access. Megan and Shirmir will discuss more on how to dole out permissions for members to submit their information for the databank to be presented next month.
4. Interim program reports requested – Sandy has requested that photos be taken at events.
 - a. Program in a Box (PIB), 25 Feb 2020, *The Future of Food* (Colby?; Nelmi--received) – Colby Heideman will be sending a report for the Eastern Oregon University (EOU) PIB
 - b. Saturday Science EOU/Ontario 7 March 2020 (Anna?) – Program report received from Anna.
 - c. Leona Libby MS science night 5 March 2020 (Sandy) – Sandy will draft report for Leona Libby event.
5. Mid-Columbia Science Fair (MCSF) 12 – 14 March 2020 (Dave) – Mariefel and Deepika attended the event. Mariefel was assigned to judge 9th grade demos. The winners were Ethan Gotthold and Andrea Penafiel. The awards ceremony was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The checks were mailed to the winners.

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6. Earth day, April 22—50th anniversary/Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW)/Anna and Shirmir co-coordinators...POSTPONED – Both events in Richland and La Grande have been postponed The Celebration of Science event hosted by Three Rivers Science has been rescheduled to Saturday, 03 Oct 2020, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Shirmir has reached out to the event organizers to get an idea on how the programming will be impacted and will report when she receives a response. Anna noted that ACS is hosting an Earth Day themed webinar on 23 April 2020. She proposed that an email be sent to the LS membership advertising the webinar. Anna reached out to a teacher in La Grande to discuss methods for distributing digital copies of the Earth Day workbooks to the local school district. Mariefel suggested including a link to the most recent PIB event (25 Feb 2020) in the email. Shirmir suggested including a link to the CCEW website that includes educational resources for the Earth Day event. Anna will draft an email for the Earth Day content and send to Mariefel, Shirmir, and Sandy for review.
7. Facility tour annual event (for SPR G2, S1) (May, Aug or Sep?) Program committee still looking for facility. – Mariefel has contacted Lamb Weston for a tour, which will be scheduled occur after shelter-in-place orders have been lifted.

New Business

8. Fellows nomination from LS (Bryant) 2 in motion – The online submissions have been extended to Friday, 10 April 2020. Janet is compiling the necessary documents for the nominations of Ram Devanathan (LS nominee) and Dave Heldebrant (Energy and Fuels Division nominee).
9. Grant status
 - a. \$300 technology grant – The funds for this communications equipment grant has not been spent. Current path forward for how to use this grant is unclear.
 - b. Grant to standup WSU Tri Cities (WSU) chemistry club – Anna received email from Ben Hall (ACS) stating that completion of this grant will be extended to the fall due to school closure as a result of COVID-19 outbreak. The planned activity for this grant will be a Saturday Science.
 - c. IPG for GAC – Discussion for the Innovative Projects Grant for the Governance Affairs Committee will be tabled until Kristin's return.
 - d. METT grant – The deadline for the Members Engaging Through Technology Grant is due in the fall (October 2020). The grant is awarded in the amount of \$2000. Sandy hopes this will be used to redesign the LS website. Sandy was contacted by a company called Star Chapter for services to stand up the LS website. The initial cost is \$1300 for setup with a monthly cost of \$133 for maintenance. Sandy forwarded the information to Steve, which will be discussed during the next meeting when Steve is in attendance. Deepika has clarified that the LS has budgeted \$1000 of its own budget for the website redesign. She also suggested that the METT grant be combined with the communications equipment grant. Anna has suggested that since this communications grant is more than five years old that the item can be absorbed into the budget to use for other needs.

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Janet noted that a letter needs to be sent to ACS reporting what the LS did with the grant funds in order to prevent losing access to future grants.

10. Bylaws finalization, Bryant – The Bylaws have been voted on by the LS. Janet will draft the letter that outlines all of the information to be contained in the final package for Sandy to review before sending to ACS committee on Constitution & Bylaws committee.

Committee reports

11. Membership, Padilla-Cintron – Cristina would like to see some format (flyer, website link, etc.) that can be sent to non-members to encourage them to join the LS. Sandy noted that this path forward would start with advertising membership to the ACS. Cristina asked for access to the LS roster to gather information about new members to the LS. Anna noted that Cristina could get access to the e-roster directly from ACS by Sandy adding her as an approved person to receive the list. Alternatively, Anna can download it and send to executive committee members as necessary. Anna and Janet suggested Sandy reach out to Carol Payton (C_Payton@acs.org) to get access granted to Cristina.
12. Awards, Bryant – The awards nominations are due 01 Nov 2020. Janet has noted that the information regarding the deadline should be included in the next newsletter
13. WCC – WCC happy hour event on 19 Mar 2020 was cancelled in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. Plans to reschedule will take place once shelter-in-place orders have been lifted.
14. Programs – Still looking for speaker for Annual Social. Cristina has recommended a professor from Oregon State University (OSU) who can speak about coffee. Cristina plans to forward his contact information to Mariefel. Discussion regarded whether the budget would allow for offering lodging, mileage, and food. This cost could be justified as a science café. Discussion also posed that travel for OSU faculty could be difficult due to the COVID-19 outbreak and budget restrictions at the school. Anna recommended some faculty at EOU, including Cristopher Walsh (environmental chemistry) and Colin Andrew (small molecule chemistry) that she can ask about speaking at the social.

Committee reports

15. Student travel support EOU to ACS national and CBC to NORM 2020 – Both the ACS spring national meeting and NORM 2020. Anna is currently working with EOU and the airlines to reimburse the expenses the students have already spent to attend ACS spring national meeting. NORM 2020 has been cancelled. NORM 2021 will be hosted in Bellingham, which would have been the location 2020. For this reason, student travel support will not be needed for this year's budget. Anna commented that these unspent funds can be reallocated to support speaker travel and accommodations for the Annual Social. The Montana Section that would have hosted NORM 2021 will host in 2022.



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16. Fall ACS meeting, Bryant – Janet reported that the ACS is still planning to host the Fall ACS meeting, though abstract submissions and exposition registrations are significantly lower than previous meetings due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Sandy moves to adjourn the April 2020 executive committee meeting; Janet seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Adjourn at 7:01 pm



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**ACS Richland Section
 Treasurer's Report**

3/1/2020-3/31/2020

Activities

Issued check #1344 to Andrea Penafiel for MCSF Science Fair Award: \$50.00

Starting Balance

Savings	\$44,996.37
Checking	\$14,991.87

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
ACS Local Section Dues	\$770.00	7	2020-03-23	Checking
ACS Local Section Annual Allotment	\$7,625.28	1	2020-03-23	Checking
Interest Deposit	\$20.23	8	2020-03-31	Savings
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Total receipts this period	\$8,415.51			

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
MCSF Association	\$350.00	21e	2020-02-19	Science Fair; 1341
American Chemical Society	\$1,250.00	21q	2020-02-19	Strategic Planning Retreat (SPR); 1315
Shirmir Branch	\$488.00	20	2020-02-26	Leadership Training; 1342
Ethan Gothold	\$50.00	21e	2020-03-12	MCSF Science Fair Award; 1343
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Total spent this period	\$2,138.00			

Ending Balance

Savings	\$45,016.60
Checking	\$21,249.15