



Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 10/07/2020, 6:02 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Start: 6:02 pm

Attendance: Sandy Fiskum, Taylor Tonto, Shirmir Branch, Megan Nims, Deepika Malhotra, Steve Krosgrud, Mariefel Olarte, Kristin Omberg, Dave Heldebrant, Cristina Padilla-Cintron, Anna Cavinato

1. Approval of minutes – Shirmir introduces the September 2020 executive committee minutes. Comments were received electronically. Dave moves to approve the September 2020 executive committee minutes as revised; Steve seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The final draft of the minutes will be uploaded to the Richland Section website.
2. Approval of treasurer's report – Deepika introduces the October 2020 (01 – 30 September 2020) treasurer's report. Starting balance is \$45,027.79 in savings and \$19,396.05 in checking. Activities, income, and expenses are detailed in the attached treasurer's report. Ending balance is \$45,039.11 in savings and \$19,609.05 in checking. Dave moves to approve the October 2020 treasurer's report as received; Steve seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

3. Diversity panel – Four panelists are approved: Dr. Cheslan Simpson (Black Community), Ms. Adrian Riives (Native American Community), Dr. Stephanie Giron (Latino Community), and Dr. LeManuel Bitsoi (Expert in Diversity and Inclusion programs). Mariefel is running down two leads for a moderator. The program is scheduled for 23 October 2020 at 5:30 pm Pacific. Mariefel questioned if the one of the moderators or panelists requested a fee, would Mariefel be permitted to promise funds. Mariefel will work with Sandy to set up the Zoom meeting. The Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC) is accepting proposals for a Diversity, Inclusion, and Respect Grant for an event to be held in 2021. Cristina is working with Anna Cavinato to put together proposal materials. No action is required
4. Volunteer databank – Shirmir and Megan have sent out a test link for the volunteer databank survey to the executive committee members. Feedback was received and the survey was updated to reflect comments received. An announcement of the election rollout is to be included in the upcoming newsletter, with the survey to follow.
5. Website – Steve has submitted a proposal for the Local Section Members Engaging Through Technology (METT) grant in the amount of \$2,000 to support updating the Richland Section website. Sandy asked when the awards will be awarded.
6. 2021 executive committee candidates – Kristin sent out the slate of candidates for the 2021 executive committee: Cristina Padilla-Cintron for Chair-Elect; Shirmir Branch for Secretary; and Deepika Malhotra and Tamas Varga for Treasurer. Anna moves to accept the slate of candidates to send to the LS membership; Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Shirmir will reach out the Donica Young (ACS Records Office Administrator) to receive a list of eligible voting members. Last year, the LS had to pay for the election ballot to be distributed. Kristin moves to approve \$100 for

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Matt Monroe to administer election ballot; Steve seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Sandy has taken on the action to notify Matt of the approval to receive reimbursement for distribution of the election ballots.

7. Newsletter – Steve plans to distribute newsletter by the end of the month. Shirmir needs to send the information for the volunteer databank to Steve for inclusion in the newsletter. Also to be included will be a memoriam for Bill Samuels. Steve has requested that anyone who has a special note to include about him to send it to him. Since the newsletter will not go out in time for advertisement of the Diversity Panel, Mariefel will work with Anna to send a notice to the membership. Anna will send Steve information about the upcoming virtual Girls in Science event. Dave suggested including a note honoring members and loved ones who have died from COVID-19 this year. Anna suggested including a highlight honoring the LS's 60 year+ member. Sandy plans to meet with the LS's 70 year member to present his award to him and send a summary to Steve for inclusion in the newsletter. Megan will send an advertisement for the upcoming WCC event. Sandy will include a link for registering for the Annual Social. Kristin will send a note advertising the upcoming Governance Affairs Committee. Mariefel suggested including a note recognizing National Chemistry Week. Anna will send this information to Steve.
8. National Chemistry Week (NCW) – This year's Girls in Science event will focus on COVID-19. Colby Heideman is planning to put together some virtual demos with his students for NCW. This year's theme is "Sticking with Chemistry." One demo will demonstrate making slime to emphasize polymer investigation.

New Business

9. New chemistry club at Columbia Basin College (CBC) – Padmaja (CBC) has formed a chemistry club at CBC. Anna suggested reaching out to Nelmi Devarie Baez for assistance in getting started. Mariefel said she has contacted Elsa who works with Nelmi to gauge their interest.
10. 2021 Chemistry Olympiad – ACS has asked if the Richland Section participating. A response is required by the end of the year. Padmaja said she is interested and was asking for information. Discussion indicates that the possibility of being able to host an Olympiad in 2021 is unlikely due to COVID-19. Sandy will forward the information to Padmaja.
11. ACS 2021 elections – VOTE!!!

Committee reports

12. Programs – Mariefel noted that the final information (start time, Zoom meeting info, etc.) for the Annual Social needs to be sent to Christopher Hendon (OSU). Sandy has a trivia quiz that will be answered "on your honor." Sandy has an available \$50 gift card to award as a prize. Dave has taken the action to help Sandy set up breakout rooms.
13. WCC – No updates to report.



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14. Awards – No updates to report.
15. Public relations – No updates to report.
16. GAC – No updates to report.
17. Education – No updates to report.
18. Diversity and Inclusion – Updates reported above.

Dave moves to adjourn the October 2020 executive committee meeting; Anna seconds the motion.
Motion passes unanimously.
Adjourn at 6:49 pm

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**ACS Richland Section
Treasurer's Report**

9/1/2020-9/30/2020

Activities

Starting Balance

Savings	\$45,027.79
Checking	\$19,396.05

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
ACH American Chemica Jan-Jun 2020 LS Dues	\$528.00	7	2020-09-02	Checking
Interest Deposit	\$11.32	8	2020-09-30	Savings

Total receipts this period \$539.32

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Visual Verve Design & Print	\$315.00	16a	2020-08-25	August 2020 LS newsletter; 1347

Total spent this period \$315.00

Ending Balance

Savings	\$45,039.11
Checking	\$19,609.05