

Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 10/13/2021, 6:03 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Start: 6:03 pm

Attendance: Shirmir Branch, Ram Devanathan, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, Deepika Malhotra, Mariefel Olarte, Kristin Omberg, Cristina Padilla-Cintron, Steve Krogsrud, Lucas Boron-Brenner, Anna Cavinato

1. September 2021 meeting minutes – Shirmir introduces the September 2021 executive committee meeting minutes. Comments were received electronically. Shirmir has taken the action to amend these comments. Kristin moves to approve the September 2021 executive committee meeting minutes as amended. Deepika seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Shirmir has taken the action to send the final draft of the minutes to Matt Monroe (website developer) for upload to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. September 2021 treasurer's report – Deepika introduces the October 2021 (01 – 30 September 2021) treasurer's report. Starting balance for the savings account is \$45,057.40. An interest deposit was received as detailed in the attached report. Ending balance is \$45,060.81 in savings. Starting balance for the checking account is \$33,977.17. A refund was credited for the deposit made to the Richland Community Center for the ACS annual social venue reservation. An expense was made in the form of payment to Steve for the website update. Ending balance is \$34,349.12 in checking. A check was issued to Anna for National Chemistry Week (NCW) supplies. Sandy moves to approve the September 2021 treasurer's report as presented. Steve seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Final report is appended to this meeting's minutes.

Old Business

3. Annual social – This year's annual social will be dedicated to Janet. Dave has the action to reach out to select members asking for contributions for Janet's recognition. Lori Ana Valentin, from the New York LS, has been confirmed as the speaker. Cristina has received one abstract for the student poster session. Cristina has the action to discuss with Anna about procuring food for the Eastern Oregon University (EOU) chemistry club. The students are planning to meet at EOU and attend the virtual event as one group. Cristina will discuss the program with Mariefel offline. Anna notified Cristina that there will be two posters presented from the EOU students; however, the second abstract has not yet been sent to Cristina. Anna has taken the action to provide an estimate for the food to Deepika for the EOU chem club. The budget for the annual social is \$1800.
4. Science Café debrief – Joe Estey hosted a professional development Science Café on 25 September 2021, from 9:00 – 11:00 am. There were 10 people in attendance. Feedback from the event was well received. Joe shared the PowerPoint presented during the event with Cristina. If anyone is interested in looking at the presentation, please contact Cristina. Cristina has taken the action to send a thank you to Joe.
5. Election update – The final slate of candidates for the CY22 election has been finalized. Matt Monroe has both the candidates' information as well as the list of emails for the eligible voters. Steve has the

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list for paper ballots for members who do not list email addresses. Paper ballots can be mailed back to Sandy. Sandy has taken the action to notify Matt that the electronic ballots are ready to be sent to the membership. Anna suggested sending a note to the membership notifying them of the upcoming elections, specifically verifying the electronic link that will be sent to the membership. Sandy has taken the action to draft a narrative for Anna to send.

6. ACS Fellows nominations – The LS wanted to nominate Dave for an ACS Fellow last year. However, due to a miscommunication between the Richland LS and the Division of Energy & Fuels (ENFL), Dave was not nominated. Mariefel has recommended officially putting his nomination forward this year. Kristin suggested asking the ENFL Division Chair to provide a letter of support. Anna moves to nominate Dave for this year's LS nominee for ACS Fellow. Kristin seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Sandy has the action to move forward with the nomination.
7. GAC advocacy training – Five members had signed up for the advocacy training individually but did not complete it. Kristin is hosting an advocacy training workshop to walk attendees through the training course. The first session was hosted on 12 October 2021 with 10 people in attendance. After the workshop is completed, Kristin will begin setting up virtual meetings with local officials. Meetings will likely take place over the upcoming holiday recesses.
8. Bystander training – The bystander training will be conducted by Tanya Bowers (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory). The first training will be held 16 November 2021. Tanya provided a PowerPoint that can be used as a tool during the training. The presentation can be tailored to fit scenarios that might be experienced as an ACS member. Anna asked if some of the scenarios can be crafted to fit in an academic setting. Mariefel will send out the PowerPoint to volunteers who would help choose relevant scenarios. Responses are requested by the end of October.
9. NOR board update – Ram has reported that NORM 2022 will be hosted by the Montana LS. NORM 2023 will be hosted by the Inland Northwest LS.
10. ChemLuminary awards – This year's ChemLuminary awards will be hosted virtually on 21 October 2021. The LS has been nominated and attendance by its members is requested.

New business

11. ChemClash NCW event – For NCW, the Program-in-a-Box event will be replaced by ChemClash: Rival Reaction event. Both Columbia Basin College (CBC) and EOU chem clubs have groups registered for this event. The event will be held 19 October 2021 at 7:00 pm ET. This will not conflict with GAC advocacy training held at 5:30 – 6:30 pm PT.
12. Chemistry Olympiad – Padmaja Gupta (CBC) identified schools and contacts in Richland and Kennewick to hand out flyers for interest in participating in the Chemistry Olympiad. If anyone is aware of students interested in participating in the Olympiad, the executive committee can pass contact information to Padmaja.

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Other business

13. Website – The new LS website is now active (<https://acsrichland.org/>). Matt Monroe is the administrator for the new ACS website. Select others will be identified as editors. Sharon Betterton will host a 1-hour training session for website administrators and editors. Wednesday, 20 October 2021 at 6:30 pm or Thursday, 21 October 2021 at 6:00 pm are favorable dates. Steve will confer with Sharon to confirm a date. Initial feedback for the new website has been positive. Steve will work with Anna to close out the METT Grant, which is a funding source for the new website design. The old LS website will now redirect viewers to the new website. Steve will work with Matt to eventually closeout the old website.
14. NCW – NCW will be held 17 – 23 October 2021. This year’s theme is “Fast or Slow...Chemistry Makes it Go.” Anna has ordered several NCW supplies from the ACS store. If anyone needs supplies, please let Anna know. Supplies were handed out at the EOU homecoming. The EOU had a float during the homecoming parade. The EOU chem club will also host a table at the La Grande Saturday Market on 16 October 2021 to promote NCW. Girls in Science will be held virtually on 06 November 2021. Shirmir reached out to Carlston Seivers from Georgia Tech. Due to the busy LS schedule for the rest of the year, Mariefel suggested asking if he is willing to speak at a Science Café in the new year.
15. 2022 budget – The time is now to start discussing the 2022 budget.
16. Sandy’s contact information – Sandy has requested that she be contacted on her personal email rather than her work email. Her work email will no longer be active after 31 December 2021. Congrats to Sandy on her retirement!

Committee reports

17. Programs – Updates reported above.
18. Membership – No updates to report.
19. Awards – Updates reported above.
20. Public Relations – Updates reported above.
21. Education – No updates to report.
22. Diversity and Inclusion – A report for 2021 D&I grant needs to be submitted. Anna will work with Cristina to get the report completed. Cristina is working to prepare a proposal to be submitted for a D&I grant in 2022.
23. Government Affairs – Updates reported above



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24. Women Chemists – No updates to report.

Sandy moves to adjourn the October 2021 executive committee meeting, Kristin seconds the motion.
Motion passes unanimously.

Mariefel adjourns the October 2021 executive committee meeting at 7:04 pm.



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**ACS Richland Section
Treasurer's Report**

09/01/2021-09/30/2021

Activities

Issued check #1363 for \$401.90 to Anna G Cavinato for NCW supplies

Starting Balance

Savings \$45,057.40
Checking \$33,977.17

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
Credit for Damage deposit from Richland Community Center for ACS Annual Social venue reservation	\$436.50	17c	2021-09-22	Checking
Interest Deposit	\$3.41	8	2021-09-30	Savings

Total receipts this period \$439.91

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Stephen Krogsrud	\$64.55	16c	2021-08-16	Web Update; Check # 1362

Total spent this period \$64.55

Ending Balance

Savings \$45,060.81
Checking \$34,349.12