

Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 11/10/2021, 6:05 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Start: 6:05 pm

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

1. Approval of October 2021 meeting minutes – Shirmir introduces the October 2021 executive committee meeting minutes. Comments were received electronically. Due to lack of quorum, the final draft of the minutes will be sent to the executive committee (EC) to vote on electronically.
2. Approval of November 2021 treasurer’s report – Deepika introduces the November 2021 (01 – 31 October 2021) treasurer’s report. Starting balance in the savings account was \$45,060.81. There are no changes to report in the savings account. Ending balance in the saving account is \$45,060.81. Starting balance in the checking account was \$34,349.12. A payment was received from ACS for January 2021 to June 2021 commission. Three expenses were made from the checking account, which are detailed in the attached treasurer’s report. Ending balance in the checking account is \$33,455.62. Two checks were issues during this budget period, which should be reflected on the next month’s treasurer’s report. The LS budget allocated \$3,000 for the website update. Total cost amounted to \$3,448.75. Given the current funds the LS accounts, the extra costs can be absorbed into the budget. Sandy stated that the budget typically allows for 10% overspending of the determined cost. Anna noted that the LS received an unspecified additional allocation from ACS, which can absorb the extra cost for the website update. Due to lack of quorum, final draft of treasurer’s report will be sent to the EC to vote on electronically.

Old Business

3. Governance advocacy training debrief – The Government Affairs (GAC) advocacy training was hosted on 12, 19, and 26 October 2021 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm. Feedback from the training was overall positive. Some interesting facts learned from the training were that even though a person is not a voter (i.e. a foreign national) in their local area, as a resident, they are still able to communicate their local representatives.
4. ChemClash: Rival Reactions debrief – The ACS ChemClash game show competition was hosted 19 October 2021 at 7:00 pm ET. About 8 students from Eastern Oregon University (EOU) participated as a group. Feedback from the event was overall positive. Some comments indicated momentary system error; however, the students enjoyed the event. The event did turn out to conflict with the GAC training.
5. Girls in Science Activity debrief – The Girls in Science event was hosted virtually (via Zoom) by the EOU student chapter on 06 Nov 2021. There were about 25 students in attendance for the event. The event’s theme was related to COVID and virology.

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6. ChemLuminary – The ChemLuminary was hosted virtually on 21 October 2021 at 4:00 pm ET. The EOU student chapter submitted nominations for three awards and won “Outstanding Outreach Activity Organized by a Student Group.” Three nominations were submitted. Anna noted that there is an increasing push for transitioning to an in-person national meeting.
7. Annual Social debrief – The 2021 Annual Social was hosted virtually on 05 November 2021 at 5:00 pm PT. Lori Ana Valentin spoke about her life as a forensic scientist in the New York City Police Department. Two students presented research posters. A trivia game was hosted; the questions were made by Mariefel. The account for this website will be active for the next three month for those who are interested. A video was presented as a dedication to Janet Bryant for her contribution to the LS, ACS, and its members. Mariefel presented a review of the 2021 LS events and activities. Thanks to Cristina and Mariefel for all of your hard efforts. There were 38 people registered for the event. Approximately 30 EOU students were in attendance. Total attendance for the event was estimated to be about 60 attendees.
8. CY22 LS election update – 87 votes (20% of the LS membership) have been cast. This is a slight improvement of turnout compared to previous years. A reminder email for voting was sent out on 08 November 2021 to the membership. No paper ballots have been received. Voting closes on 13 November 2021 at 2:00 am. Some active members reached out the EC indicating that they did not receive a voting link. An inquiry revealed they these members joined ACS after the list of eligible voting members has been received to the EC; however, this does not preclude them from being able to vote. Shirmir suggested that during next year’s election, a notice be sent the membership letting them know that the list of eligible will be requested from ACS and to please verify their membership by a specified date.
9. ACS Fellow nomination update – Dave Heldebrant will be the LS nominee for ACS Fellow. Ram has the action to reach out the Energy and Fuels Division for a letter of support. Janet also plans to submit a letter of support for Dave. Phillip Koech was nominated for the C&EN and Pfizer Black Chemist Award in February of this year. There has not yet been a reply to his nomination status.
10. By-stander workshop update – The Active Bystander Training will be hosted virtually on 16 November 2021 at 5:30 pm. The training is expected to last 1.5 hours. Mariefel received an inquiry asking if this event was available to non-ACS members. Due to the limited capacity of the event at 25 attendees, ACS members will be prioritized for attendance, and will then be open to the general public if space allows. The EC needs to select four scenarios that the attendees will walk through. Two scenarios will be reflective of academic perspective given expected student attendance. Brady Layman, the EOU student chapter president has the action to send the chosen student scenarios to Mariefel. Kristin has volunteered to choose the other two scenarios.
11. Chemistry Olympiad update – Padmaja Gunda (Columbia Basin College) has registered for the Olympiad. Flyers advertising the Olympiad were sent out to all high schools in Richland, two in Kennewick, and one in Pasco. Hanford High School has started a chemistry club. It was decided that the EC would not be able to serve as mentors for the club since it is administering the Olympiad tests. A Washington State University Tri-Cities faculty member has agreed to serve as the mentor to the

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chemistry club. The Richland high school is in the process of starting a chemistry club. The question was posed of how the LS could support the local high school chemistry clubs. Any suggestions are appreciated. Mariefel has sent Padmaja the link to the ACS website providing guidance for starting and running a chemistry club. This discussion will be continued in the next month's EC meeting.

New business

12. Committee chair roster – Tamas will be stepping down as the Membership Chair. This spot is now open. The list of EC chairs needs to be submitted to ACS by 01 December 2021. Sandy is interested in stepping in as the Membership Chair for next year.

Other business

Committee reports

13. Programs – Updates reported above.
14. Membership – No updates to report.
15. Awards – Updates reported above.
16. Public Relations – Updates reported above.
17. Education – No updates to report.
18. Diversity and Inclusion – No updates to report.
19. Government Affairs – Now that the advocacy training workshop has been completed, Kristin will begin scheduling meetings with local officials.
20. Women Chemists – No updates to report.

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

Mariefel adjourns the November 2021 executive committee meeting at 6:53 pm.



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ACS Richland Section
Treasurer's Report

10/01/2021-10/31/2021

Activities

Issued check #1365 for \$25.00 to Cristina Padilla Cintron for ACS Annual Social
 Issued check #1366 for \$49.00 to Matthew E Monroe for 2022 Officers Election online ballots

Starting Balance

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

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
ACH American Chemica Jan - Jun 2021 Commission	\$15.00	2	2021-10-25	Checking

Total receipts this period	\$15.00
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Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Anna G Cavinato	\$401.90	21c	2021-10-01	NCW supplies; Check # 1363
Visual Verve Design & Print	\$495.00	16a	2021-10-17	ACS Oct.2021 Newsletter; Check # 1
USPS PO 5 639 CU RICHLAND WA	\$11.60	16d	2021-10-29	Postage Stamps; Debit

Total spent this period	\$908.50
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Ending Balance

Savings	\$45,060.81
Checking	\$33,455.62