

Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 12/08/2021, 6:06 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Start: 6:06 pm

Attendance: Lucas Boron-Brenner, Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Uriah Kilgore, Katherine Koh, Steve Krogsrud, Deepika Malhotra, Mariefel Olarte, Kristin Omberg, Cristina Padilla Cintron, Johnny Saavedra Lopez

1. Previous meeting minutes – Shirmir introduces the November 2021 executive committee meeting minutes. Comments were received electronically. Kristin moves to approve the November 2021 executive committee meeting minutes as presented. Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Shirmir has taken the action to upload the final draft of the minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. Current meeting treasurer’s report – Deepika introduces the December 2021 (01 – 30 November 2021) treasurer’s report. Starting balance in the savings account is \$45,060.81. There is no activity to report for the savings account. Ending balance in the savings account is \$45,060.81. Starting balance in the checking account is \$33,455.62. Expenses are reported in the attached treasurer’s report. Ending balance in the checking account is \$30,278.12. Checks issued are detailed in the attached treasurer’s report. Anna moves to approve the December 2021 treasurer’s report as presented. Kristin seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Final draft of the treasurer’s report is attached to this meeting’s minutes below.

Old Business

3. Election results – The results of the CY22 LS elections are listed below. The CY22 executive committee results were certified on the ACS Community Connection website 01 December 2021. Shirmir has taken the action to confirm receipt with ACS.
 - a. Chair-Elect: Deepika Malhotra
 - b. Secretary: Shirmir Branch
 - c. Treasurer: Katherine Koh
4. Bystander training – The Active Bystander Training event was hosted on 16 November 2021. The training was led by Tanya Bowers (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory). The training walked through four scenarios, which were chosen by Kristin (PNNL), Tomas Varga, (PNNL), Anna (Eastern Oregon University), and Brady Layman (EOU). The training was well received by the attendees.
5. Olympiad – Padmaja Gunda (Columbia Basin College) is expecting 13 students to participate in the U.S National Chemistry Olympiad: 10 from Kennewick, 3 from Richland. The deadline to submit an application for the Olympiad is January 2022.

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6. EOU chem club outreach – The EOU student chapter was invited by the Soroptimist Int'l of La Grande to participate in Festival of Trees outreach event on 04 December 2021 in La Grande, OR. This organization is a regular sponsor of the Girls in Science event that the student chapter hosts every year. About 8 EOU students participated in leading a variety of science of activities. At least 100 younger students attended the event.

New business

7. Potential New LS committees – A request was sent to the membership asking for volunteers for committee chairs. Available chair positions include Safety and Sustainability. Questions posed by those that expressed interest included what the roles and responsibilities would be for the committees and the chairs. Clarification provided distinguished that, at the national level, the committees advise the ACS on its Society activities. At the local level, the committees are responsible for hosting local events which reflect national committees' mission. Kristin recommended including an article in the newsletter on how to get involved in committees, both at the local and national levels. Anna agreed, noting that the ACS is changing the requirements for members to volunteer at the national level.
8. LSAC DEIR Grant – The Committee on Local Section Activities Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect (DEIR) Grant was awarded to the LS for 2022. Sonia Alcantar Anguiano (PNNL) submitted the proposal under the guidance of Cristina and Anna. The award amount is \$3,070.
9. ACS Leadership Institute – The 2021 Leadership Institute was hosted virtually. Cristina and Deepika were selected to attend the virtual event. ACS will be hosting the 2022 leadership institute as an in-person workshop in Atlanta, GA. Anna suggested that since the LS did not need to spend any funds for attending the virtual 2021 leadership institute, the budget should be able to support two executive committee members attending the 2022 leadership institute. Anna moves for the LS to support the cost of both Cristina and Deepika attending the 2022 ACS Leadership Institute. Dave seconds the motion. Both Cristina and Deepika stated that they are willing to travel for the institute. Motion passes unanimously.
10. Proposed CY2022 budget – The CY2022 LS budget was reviewed on 07 December 2021. The revised draft is presented to the EC. Some items discussed included keeping the NORM 2018 item until three budget cycles have completed at \$0 and revising the amount for the website update. The EC also decided to keep the line item for the career fair. Dave noted that it takes a significant amount to time to plan a career fair. This year could be designated for planning for when in-person events are allowed in the future. Kristin moves to approve the proposed CY2022 LS budget as revised. Anna seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The proposed budget will be sent to the LS membership for voting at the next Science Café.

Other business

11. ACS professional grant for high school teacher – The ACS is accepting applications for the ACS-Hach Professional Development Grant. The grant offers up to \$1500 intended to support high school chemistry teachers. Applications are due 21 January 2022.

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Committee reports

12. Programs – No updates to report.
13. Membership – No updates to report.
14. Awards – No updates to report.
15. Public Relations – The next newsletter will go out early next year. As a reminder, each of the EC members and standing committee chairs are granted access to make changes to the LS website. The recording of the training session hosted by Sharon Betterton for making changes to the website has been posted to YouTube and uploaded to the share drive. If you have trouble locating the video, please reach out to Steve. Steve has also asked for guidance on how to close out the LS Members Engaging Through Technology Grant awarded for establishing the new LS website. Anna suggested reaching out to Mark O'Brian (ACS). Mariefel suggested reaching out to Sandy Fiskum as she was the LS Chair when the grant was awarded and would have the correspondences related to completing any reports related to the grant.
16. Education – No updates to report.
17. Diversity and Inclusion – The final report for the 2021 DEIR grant was submitted. Cristina also plans to submit this event for a ChemLuminary in the 2021 LS annual report. The annual report is due 15 February 2022.
18. Government Affairs – The local Congressional recesses have been delayed and the schedule is unclear. However, Kristin will move forward with scheduling meetings with both Washington and Oregon local legislatures. Those who have completed the government affairs training will start receiving emails from Kristin to determine interest for meeting with their respective state's legislatures.
19. Women Chemists – The WCC is looking for volunteers to help with planning for Women's History Month 2022.

Thanks to Mariefel for her service as 2021 LS Chair!

Dave moves to adjourn the December 2021 executive committee meeting. Anna seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Mariefel adjourns the December 2021 executive committee meeting at 7:12 pm.



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**ACS Richland Section
 Treasurer's Report**

11/01/2021-11/30/2021

Activities

Issued check #1368 for \$81.42 to Padmaja Gunda for Olympiad
 Issued check #1367 for \$20.27 to Mariefel Olarte for Past chair pin
 Issued check #1373 for \$600 to NEOAHEC for Girls in Science

Starting Balance

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

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
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Total receipts this period		\$0.00		

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Cristina Padilla Cintron	\$25.00	17c	2021-10-24	ACS Annual Social; Check # 1365
Matthew E Monroe	\$49.00	15	2021-10-29	2022 Officers Election Online Ballots; Check # 1366
Cristina Padilla Cintron	\$17.85	17c	2021-11-03	ACS Annual Social; Check # 1369
Cristina Padilla Cintron	\$250.00	17c	2021-11-06	ACS Annual Social; Check # 1370
Sharon Betterton	\$2,598.75	21b	2021-11-07	METT grant/Website update; Check # 1371
Anna G. Cavinato	\$236.90	17c	2021-11-09	ACS Annual Social; Check # 1372
Total spent this period		\$3,177.50		

Ending Balance

Savings \$45,060.81
 Checking \$30,278.12