



Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 04/13/2022, 6:02 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Call to order: 06:02 pm

Attendance: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, Padmaja Gunda, Colby Heideman, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Katherine Koh, Jotheeswari Kothandaraman, Deepika Malhotra, Mariefel Olarte, Kristin Omberg, Cristina Padilla Cintron, Roza Wojcik, Mowei Zhou

1. Previous meeting minutes – Shirmir presents the March 2022 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. A draft of the minutes was sent to the EC via email. Comments were received electronically, and draft was revised accordingly. Sandy moves to approve the March 2022 EC meeting minutes as amended. Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Shirmir has the action to submit the final draft of the minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. Approve treasurer report – Katherine presents the March 2022 (01 – 31 March 2022) treasurer’s report. Starting balance is \$45,064.22 in savings and \$33,546.43 in checking. Expenses and receipts are detailed in the attached report. Comments included clarifying the recipient for an issued check. Ending balance is \$45,064.22 in savings and \$29,478.83 in checking. Sandy moves to approve the March 2022 treasurer’s report as amended. Anna seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The final draft of the March 2022 treasurer’s report is attached to the minutes below.
3. Química Bajo El Sol event – The outreach event will be spread over two Saturdays at the Mid-Columbia Libraries from 1:00 – 4:00 pm; 11 June 2022 at the Pasco Branch, and 18 June 2022 at the West Pasco Branch. Event organizers can arrive at 12:00 pm to begin setup; takedown must be completed by 5:00 pm. Sonia is looking for  $\geq 10$  volunteers. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Sonia directly. To allow more time for volunteers to sign up, Sonia wants to move training to 01 or 07 May 2022. The training will take place at one of the event locations. Anna noted that 11 June 2022 is graduation for the Eastern Oregon University (EOU) students, so students in La Grande will not be able to participate at that date. Anna has the action to send the update volunteer training information to the membership. The training will be recommended, but not required. Deepika has the action to upload the final draft of the event flyer to the LS website.
4. Meet and greet event – The EC has discussed hosting a meet and greet event for new LS members. Giving the updated COVID guidelines, it has been recommended to move forward with an in-person event. Sandy and Deepika propose hosting this event at the Gazebo in Howard Amon Park. Light refreshments will be provided by the LS. Sandy is asking for three dates and times to present to the City of Richland requesting permission. Discussion is in favor of Saturday 06, 13, or 27 August 2022, either in the mid-morning or the late evening. Kristin noted that there is a schedule state work period for Washington legislatures between 08 August – 05 September 2022. Kristin recommends pairing this event with a congressional visit. Deepika has the action to confirm a reservation with the City of Richland. Kristin has the action to procure audio equipment for this event.
5. Chemistry Olympiad – Fourteen local students registered for the LS exam; 12 students took the exam. Five students were selected to take the National exam: 2 from Hanford High School, 2 from Richland High School, and 1 from Moses Lake High School. The LS sponsored the distribution of t-shirts to

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the participants. The national exam is schedule for 30 April 2022. The exam will be proctored at Columbia Basin College (CBC); it must be taken in person since part of the exam is a lab practical. The exam will take place in three segments: the first is 90 minutes (9:00 am – 10:30 am); the second is 105 minutes (11:00 am – 12:45 pm); the third is 90 minutes (1:30 – 3:00 pm). Students will be asked to arrive at CBC by 8:45 am. Padmaja should receive the kit with the exam from ACS within the next couple of days. Padmaja is asking volunteers to help proctor the exam. Those interested in volunteering are encouraged to contact Padmaja directly. Discussion indicates that since the exam includes a lab section, Padmaja should ask to students to arrive with appropriate personal protective equipment (long sleeve clothes, closed toe shoes, lab coat and goggles, etc.). Padmaja has the action to send a call for volunteers to Anna for distribution to the membership.

6. ACS spring meeting – The 2022 ACS Spring Meeting took place in San Diego, CA on 20 – 24 March 2022. Anna reports that there were 13,298 people in attendance: 9,772 were in-person registrants, 3,526 were virtual registrants. There were 73 different countries represented: >11,000 domestic to US, and >2,000 foreign national attendees. There were almost 11,000 abstracts presented: 42% in-person; 39% hybrid; and 19 % virtual. Anna attended the Councilor meeting. The meeting was held virtually on Wednesday, 23 March 2022. There were 4 candidates nominated for the 2023 ACS President-Elect: Frank Bloom, Mary Carroll, Rigoberto Hernandez, and Ingrid Montes. Mary and Rigoberto had the most votes to move to the ballot for the elections, which will take place in the fall. A petition was put forward by the Committee on Budget and Finance to change the model under which Local Sections and Technical Divisions (TDs) receive financial allotments from the ACS. Until this point, the allotments were determined according to membership dues. The petition would change the source of allotments to unrestricted funds from the ACS, which will be used to establish a quasi-endowment. This would provide financial stability to LSs and TDs in the face of declining membership. The councilors voted in favor of this petition. The Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry was renamed the Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry and Glycobiology; the Division will retain its same acronym. CARB. A new international chapter was established in Switzerland. The full Councilor meeting report is attached to this month’s minutes.
7. Dr. Morris Bullock Seminar – Dr. Bullock was awarded the 2022 ACS Award in Organometallic Chemistry at the Spring Meeting. Deepika reached out to Dr. Bullock to invite him to present his research at a Science Café. He agreed and stated that he would prefer to give an in-person talk. Deepika recommended hosting the Science Café on a weekday in September 2022. Anna asked if the event can be presented in a hybrid format. Anna noted that the EOU academic year does not begin until the end of September.
8. Leadership institute – Deepika will be attending the ACS Leadership Institute on behalf of the LS. The LS was asked to give a presentation about the 2021 “Explorando COVID-19” outreach event at the Institute. Anna will present a poster about the 2021 Virtual Girls in Science event, for which the LS received a ChemLuminary award.
9. Lamb Weston tour – Deepika and Mariefel are working to reorganize the Lamb Weston factory tour, which was postponed in 2021 due to COVID restrictions. All ages are welcome to attend. Proposed

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dates for this event are 09, 16, and 23 July 2022. Discussion leans more toward 16 or 23 July due the 04 July holiday. Lamb Weston is asking for a tentative number of attendees.

10. METT grant – Proposals for the LS Members Engaging Through Technology Grant are due 31 May 2022. If anyone is interested in putting forward a proposal, please reach out to Mariefel directly. The maximum award amount is \$2,000. However, if the proposal scope is beyond the maximum allowed, there is potential to leverage funds from the LS.
11. Collaborative seminar – The collaborative hybrid seminar will be hosted on 25 June 2022, starting at 9:00 am. This event will be hosted in collaboration with the Puerto Rico chapter, Cornell University, and the Arabic International Chapter. A room has been reserved at the Richland Public Library. More information on this event will be presented at the next EC meeting.
12. 2019 Strategic Plan – Update postponed to the next EC meeting due in the interest of time.
13. Earth Day at EOU – The EOU chem club is hosting an Earth Day outreach event at the public library in La Grande on 22 April 2022. Leftover materials from this event can be used for the June 2022 outreach event.
14. Committee reports
  - a. Women Chemists (Chair: Shirmir) – No updates to report.
  - b. Government Affairs (Chair: Kristin) – Kristin working to schedule meetings with the Washington and Oregon congressional delegations. A potential timeframe is for August 2022. More information to follow.
  - c. Membership (Chair: Sandy) – As of 02 April 2022: 1 reinstated member, 2 affiliated members, 3 new regular members, 13 member terminations, 0 reported deaths. There are 8 student members at Whitman College (adviser: Mark Hendrick). Sandy received clarification regarding LS fees being covered by places of employment. From Mark O’Brian on 04 April 2022: “Hi Sandra, Local Section dues are 100% voluntary and members can choose to pay their local section dues or not. Either way, a national dues paying member remains in good standing with their local section (and will remain on your roster).”
  - d. Public Relations (Chair: Steve) – Please send content for the next newsletter to Steve via email.
  - e. Programs (Chair: Deepika) – Updates reported above.
  - f. Environmental Improvement (Chair: Uriah) – Uriah is communicating with representatives in Industry as candidates to give a seminar. If anyone is interested in volunteering with the Environmental Improvement, please reach out to Steve.
  - g. Safety (Chair: Johnny) – No updates to report.



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- h. Awards (Chair: Mariefel) – Cristina was awarded the volunteer of the year.
- i. Diversity and Inclusion (Chair: Anna) – No updates to report.
- j. Education (Chair: Colby) – The EOU chemistry club had a great experience at the ACS spring meeting.

Anna moves to adjourn the April 2022 executive committee meeting. Deepika seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Cristina adjourns the April 2022 executive committee meeting at 7:09 pm.

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**ACS Richland Section  
 Treasurer's Report**

03/01/2022--03/31/2022

**Activities**

**Starting Balance**

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Savings  | \$45,064.22 |
| Checking | \$33,546.43 |

**Receipts**

| From                      | Amount   | Budget Category | Date     | Directed to:             |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------|
| ACH American Chemica BOFA | \$620.00 | 7               | 28-03-22 | ACS July -Dec 2020LSdues |

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| Total receipts this period | \$620.00 |
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**Expenses**

| To                 | Amount   | Budget Category | Date Paid | Description; check number                    |
|--------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|--|
| Jeff Brown         | \$350.00 | 21e             | 01-03-22  | #1374, MCSF                                  |
| Visual Verve       | \$450    | 16a             | 01-03-22  | #1376, _Feb newsletter                       |
| EOU chemistry club | \$3,500  | 14a             | 01-03-22  | #1375, EOU chemistry club                    |
| Caroline Stover    | \$75.00  | 21e             | 14-03-22  | #1379, _MCSF_Award                           |
| Leah Nguyen        | \$75.00  | 21e             | 14-03-22  | #1380, _MCSF_Award                           |
| Cristina Padilla   | \$7.60   | 21e             | 15-03-22  | #1381, Science fair card                     |
| Cristina Padilla   | \$305.00 | 21d             | 24-03-22  | #1382, Olympiad, T-shirts                    |
| Cristina Padilla   | \$21.20  | 21j             | 31-03-22  | #1383, Earth day, Celebrating Chemistry book |

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| Total spent this period | \$4,783.80 |
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| Paid | \$4,687.60 |
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**Ending Balance**

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| Savings  | \$45,064.22 |
| Checking | \$29,478.83 |

**Legend:**

Blue highlight = expense withdrawn