

Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 05/11/2022, 6:02 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Call to order: 6:02 pm

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

1. Previous meeting minutes – Shirmir introduces the April 2022 Executive Committee (EC) meeting minutes. Minutes were sent to the EC via email. Comments were received, and the draft was revised accordingly. Sandy’s April 2022 membership committee report was sent to the EC via email. A summary of the report will be included in the April 2022 minutes. A legend for the treasurer’s report will be added to the minutes. Dave moves to approve the April 2022 EC meeting minutes as edited. Deepika seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously. Shirmir has the action to upload the final draft of the minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. Approve treasurer’s report – Katherine introduces the April 2022 (01 – 30 April 2022) treasurer’s report. Starting balance is \$45,064.22 in savings and \$29,783.83 in checking. Receipts and expenses are detailed in the attached report. Some receipts (two items from “Amazon”) received to the checking account include partial expenses that were refunded. Ending balance is \$45,067.55 in savings and \$35,882.52 in checking. Uriah moves to approve the April 2022 treasurer’s report as presented. Kristin seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously. The final draft of the April 2022 treasurer’s report is attached to the minutes below.
3. Quimica Bajo el Sol/Chemistry under the Sun – There are enough volunteers for the event on both days. These volunteers include students from the Pasco High School Key Club. The volunteer training session was held on 07 May 2022. Sonia and Shirmir will send a video with additional instructions to volunteers who were unable to attend the training in person. The volunteer t-shirts that were approved when the budget was written in 2021 are now sold out. The t-shirts currently available for purchase are out of the event budget. The volunteer t-shirts are intended to be colored shirts with a colored illustration of the event logo. Based on the current availability, this would bring the price of the volunteer t-shirts to \$400 above the budget. Changing the logo to black and white would keep the cost of the shirts within budget. Cristina also recommended procuring taller tables and larger chairs for the event since the equipment available at the libraries are designed for small, able-bodied children only. Sonia presents options to either rent tables for this event or purchase tables for this and future events. An 8-foot rectangular table would cost \$60 – \$70 each to purchase. Renting a similar table from a local company (Red Door Party Rentals) would cost \$9.50/day/table. Chairs to rent would cost \$1.25/chair/day. Sonia would like to rent 8 tables and 45 chairs, costing \$132.25+tax. The company requires a 25% deposit to hold the rental equipment. Based on the extended value, Sonia recommends purchasing some of the equipment to be owned by the LS and purchasing the excess equipment for this particular event. At Sandy’s request, Sonia clarified that the cost to rent the equipment does not include delivery and pickup. Anna commented that the LS has the resources to purchase tables for outreach use and that interest in hosting these types of events is increasing. Anna also noted that she and Sonia discussed borrowing an ACS mole costume for this event. The LS

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would be responsible for shipping the costume to and from the Tri-Cities, as well as cleaning. Anna moves to increase the budget an additional \$1100 to cover the cost of volunteer t-shirt, table and chair procurement/rental, and mole costume rental. Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Anna has the action to submit the formal request to rent the mole costume. She and Sonia will work together offline to discuss shipping details. The events will be held on 11 June 2022 at the Mid-Columbia Library Pasco Branch and 18 June 2022 at the Mid-Columbia Library West Pasco Branch. The Pasco Branch library hosted a Día: Children's Day | Book Day on 30 April 2022, at which Sonia hosted a booth to promote the upcoming outreach events. While there, Sonia connected with several other organization who were interested in collaborating for outreach events. Sonia was later contacted by a representative of the local Royal Fairy Super Hero Fun Run. The group is hosting a fun run on 25 June 2022 at Columbia Park and

4. asked the LS to host a booth to hand out booklets and ACS paraphernalia. This date conflicts with a seminar hosted by the LS in collaboration with the Cornell and Puerto Rico LSs at the Richland Public Library. The LS would be interested in collaborating with this organization for future events. Discussion indicates that another ACS tablecloth is desired in the instance that two events occur on the same day.
5. Earth Day in Le Grande – The Eastern Oregon University (EOU) chemistry club participated in an outreach at the Le Grande public library. Volunteers walked attendees through experiments relevant to the Chemists Celebrate Earth Week (CCEW) theme about bugs and handed out activity booklets.
6. Meet and greet event – The LS meet and greet event will be 13 August 2022, 9 am – 12 pm at Leslie Groves Park (entrance at Park Street and Harris Avenue). Sandy asks EC members to arrive a little earlier to help setup. An announcement of this event will be included in the next newsletter. Sandy asks that all EC and standing committee chairs be present. Light refreshments will be offered. Kristin sent invitations to Maria Cantwell (Senator, WA), Patty Murray (Senator, WA), and Dan Newhouse (Representative, WA) to attend the event. Sandy noted that she is still looking for a microphone and speaker for the event. Kristin has taken the action to procure these items.
7. Chemistry Olympiad – The National Exam for the Chemistry Olympiad has completed. Four students completed the National Exam. Padmaja recommends starting recruitment for next year's Olympiad earlier than last year so that students have enough time to hear about and prepare for the Olympiad. Students from Richland High School reach out to Padmaja for help with starting a chemistry club.
8. Lamb Weston tour – The tour of the Lamb Weston Richland Plant has been scheduled for 16 July 2022 at 10 am. The tour will last 1.5 hours and will walk through the history of Lamb Weston and the plant facilities. Padmaja noted that several high schools and Columbia Basin College students are interested in attending. Discussion indicates that attendees of all ages are welcome to attend. Deepika has the action to send out an announcement to the LS membership. The facility has not given a limit for how many people can participate in the tour, but they did request an expected number.
9. Leadership institute – Deepika will represent the LS at the Leadership Institute. She will participate in the “Share Your Story” event. Deepika will give a presentation on behalf of the LS. Anna will also be

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attending as an instructor for the Local Section Activities Committee and will also present a poster for the ChemLuminary award awarded for the EOU Girls in Science event. The Leadership Institute will be held 20 – 22 May 2022.

10. Mett grant – The application for the Local Section Members Engaging Through Technology (METT) Grant is due 31 May 2022. Deepika has the action to put together a short list of topics for this grant; each LS is allowed only one METT grant per year. The favorable topic includes procuring tools (projectors, cameras, etc.) for hosting hybrid events. Anna noted that the Zoom account provided by the ACS to LSs and Divisions may soon be discontinued. Deepika questioned whether or not the cost for a Zoom account could be rolled into the website management budget.

11. Committee reports

- a. Women Chemists (Chair: Shirmir) – This year marks the 95th anniversary celebration of the WCC. The WCC is offering a grant to host an event in recognition of this anniversary. Event options for this grant include reviving the 2020 Women’s History Month event that was postponed due to COVID. Shirmir will provide more details for this grant at the next EC meeting.
- b. Government Affairs (Chair: Kristin) – Kristin will report back if any of the invited Richland Section delegates will be able to attend the meet and greet in August. Kristin also asked if any of the EOU students were able to book a Congressional visit to EOU.
- c. Membership (Chair: Sandy) – As of 03 May 2022: 1 reinstated member, 2 affiliate members, 9 new regular members. Sandy worked with Anna to send a welcome letter to those members. There were 4 member terminations and 3 member transfers. There are no obituaries to report.
- d. Public Relations (Chair: Steve) – There are two newsletters planned for the rest of the year: one in the early summer and one in the fall. Steve is targeting mid-June to release the summer newsletter. Please submit any information for newsletter entries to Steve as soon as possible.
- e. Programs (Chair: Deepika) – The annual social will be held on 18 November 2022 as that is the only date the Richland Community Center has available during that month. Deepika is currently looking for a speaker for the social.
- f. Environmental improvement (Chair: Uriah) – Uriah is looking for an industry representative to speak at a Science Café in person. Many industries are still hesitant to send out workers for activities that are non-essential.
- g. Safety (Chair: Johnny) – No updates to report.
- h. Awards (Chair: Mariefel) – There are many grants that are still open: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/funding/local-sections.html>. Please contact Mariefel if you are interested in submitting any grant proposals.



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- i. Diversity and Inclusion (Chair: Anna) – Updates reported above.
- j. Education (Chair: Colby) – The EOU chem club participated in a STEM fair at a local elementary school on Friday, 06 May 2022. The event was well received.

Deepika moves to adjourn the May 2022 executive committee meeting. Mariefel seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Deepika adjourns the May 2022 executive committee meeting at 7:07 pm.

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**ACS Richland Section
 Treasurer's Report**

04/01/2022--04/30/2022

Activities

Starting Balance

Savings	\$45,064.22
Checking	\$29,783.83

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
Saving interest	\$3.33		31-03-22	Saving interest
ACH American chemica	\$7,841.84	1	18-04-22	ACS annual allotment
Amazon	\$21.71	21d	22-04-22	Quimica Bajo el Sol, cancel order
Amazon	\$8.89	21d	29-04-22	Quimica Bajo el Sol, cancel order
Total receipts this period				
	\$7,875.77			
	\$7,872.44			

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Caroline Stover	\$75.00	21e	14-03-22	#1379, _MCSF_Award
Cristina Padilla	\$305.17	21d	24-03-22	#1382, Olympiad, T-shirts
Cristina Padilla	\$21.10	21j	31-03-22	#1383, Earth day, Celebrating Chemistry book
Amazon purchase	\$98.58	21b	20-04-22	#debit card, Quimica Bajo el Sol
Amazon purchase	\$983.36	21b	20-04-22	#debit card, Quimica Bajo el Sol
Amazon purchase	\$76.00	21b	21-04-22	#debit card, Quimica Bajo el Sol
Amazon purchase	\$30.60	21b	22-04-22	#debit card, Quimica Bajo el Sol
Amazon purchase	\$32.14	21b	22-04-22	#debit card, Quimica Bajo el Sol
Amazon purchase	\$151.80	21b	25-04-22	#debit card, Quimica Bajo el Sol

Total spent this period	\$1,773.75
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Ending Balance

Savings	\$45,067.55
Checking	\$35,882.52