

Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 09/14/2022, 6:04 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Call to order: 6:04 pm

Attendance: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Shirmir Branch, Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato, Vanessa Dagle, Mohammadhasan Dinpajoo, Colby Heideman, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Jaelynne A King, Jotheeswari Kothandaraman, Sankarganesh Krishnamoorthy, Deepika Malhotra, Mariefel Olarte, Cristina Padilla Cintron, Johnny Saavedra Lopez, Honghong (Crystal) Shi

1. Previous meeting minutes – Shirmir presents the August 2022 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Minutes were sent to the EC via email. Anna moves to approve the August 2022 EC meeting minutes as presented. Deepika seconds the motion. 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 reports – Cristina presents the August 2022 (01 – 31 August 2022) treasurer's report. Starting balance is \$45,070.92 in savings and \$30,503.40 in checking. Expenses and receipts are detailed in the report below. Deepika suggests changing the budget category of the receipt items to reflect the appropriate source. The item in the amount of \$1,996.94 should be from the METT Grant. The item in the amount of \$45.00 has an unclear source. Cristina has the action to contact Katherine regarding the budget category for this item. Ending balance is \$45,070.92 in savings and \$32,258.64 in checking. Dave moves to approve the August 2022 treasurer's report as amended. Deepika seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The final draft of the treasurer's report is in these minutes below.
3. EOU Outstanding Award from ACS – The Eastern Oregon University (EOU) ACS student chapter received the Outstanding Student Chapter award for activities hosted during the 2021 – 2022 academic year. The students hope to travel to the 2023 Spring ACS Meeting in order to receive the award in person. Anna would like to thank the LS for their support of the EOU student chapter. It was noted that the student chapter has received the Outstanding Award for the past 12 years. Dave suggests putting this information on the LS website. Anna and Colby have the action to write an advertisement about the award for inclusion in the next newsletter.
4. Katherine's leaving – Katherine Koh has taken a job outside of the Tri Cities and will be stepping down as treasurer immediately. According to the LS Bylaws, the EC can appoint someone as interim treasurer until the next general elections for 2023. Sandy Fiskum has been asked to step in to fill this interim position and she has agreed. Anna moves to appoint Sandy as the Richland LS interim treasurer for the remainder of 2022. Janet seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Meet and greet event – The event was held at Leslie Groves Park on Saturday, 13 August 2022 at 9:00 am. The event was well received. Several new members were in attendance. There were a lot of spiders at the event location. For future events, it was commented that an attendance sheet should be present to be able to send information to attendees for feedback. Deepika has the action to write a summary of the event for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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6. Science Café: Morris Bullock – Dr. Morris Bullock received the 2022 ACS Award in Organometallic Chemistry. In recognition of this honor, Dr. Bullock will be sharing his research to the LS membership. The event will take place on 06 October 2022 at 5 pm at the Richland Public Library. Deepika has the action to send the announcement to the LS membership. Anna noted that Richard T. Hallen, Johnathan E. Holladay, and Michael A. Lilga – from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) – received the ACS Award for Affordable Green Chemistry, sponsored by Dow and endowed by Rohm and Haas. Discussion is in favor of recognizing these scientists in the upcoming newsletter as well as inviting them to speak on their research to the membership.
7. Annual social – Deepika has reached out to Dr. Omar Cornejo (Washington State University) to speak on the chemistry of chocolate. The annual social is schedule for 18 November 2022 at 6 pm at the Richland Community Center. Deepika has the action to contact Kristin Omberg to procure event insurance for the venue. The seminar portion of the social will be in a hybrid format.
8. ChemLuminary Awards– The Richland Section was as a finalist for two ACS 2022 ChemLuminary Awards: 1) Best Overall Local Section Minority Affairs and 2) Most Innovative New Activity or Program. The Section won the award for Best Overall Local Section Minority Affairs along with the Midland LS. Congrats to the Richland LS!
9. Election nominations – The current slate for nominations is below. Dave noted that candidates can run for only one position at a time. The call for nominations is open until 14 October 2022. The EC will then vote on the final list of candidates and their profiles will be included in the next newsletter. The next EC meeting is 12 October 2022, before the call for nominations closes. It was suggested that another call for nominations go out to encourage participation from non-PNNL members. Cristina suggested announcing the call for nominations at the Science Café on 06 October 2022. Cristina also noted that the ACS has created a new membership level (source: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/cen-10021-comment>), Community Associate. Any member with an inactive membership status gets automatically moved to this membership level. This level does not grant full benefits to the members in this level. Given the career fluidity impacted by COVID-19, it was also commented that this new membership level played a role in the decrease of ACS members, both locally and nationally. It is highly suggested that the EC find more pathways to reach members (e.g. LinkedIn).
 - a. Chair-Elect: Shirmir Branch, Honghong “Crystal” Shi
 - b. Secretary: Vanessa Dagle
 - c. Treasurer: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Roza Wojcik
 - d. Councilor: Anna Cavinato, Dave Heldebrant, Sankarganesh Krishnamoorthy

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10. Committee reports

- a. Women Chemists (Chair: Shirmir) – Shirmir has reached out to Longship Cellars to schedule a happy hour social and wine production facility tour in October. A confirmation should be received by the end of this week.
- b. Government Affairs (Chair: Kristin) – No updates to report.
- c. Membership (Chair: Sandy) – No updates to report.
- d. Public Relations (Chair: Steve) – No updates to report.
- e. Programs (Chair: Deepika) – Updates reported above.
- f. Environmental improvement (Chair: Uriah) – No updates to report.
- g. Safety (Chair: Johnny) – Chemical Safety Day is scheduled for 17 October 2022, 3:00 – 5:00 pm at PNNL. The event format will be hybrid. The panel will include 3 presentations (20 – 30 mins) followed by Q&A.
 - i. Topic 1: Switch to Safer Chemicals. Beverley Thorpe from Clean Production Action
 - ii. Topic 2: R&D for safer chemicals, PNNL case. Johnny is asking for help contacting potential speakers.
 - iii. Topic 3: Company case. Johnny has reached out to speakers in industry. If there are other potential speakers, please contact Johnny directly.
- h. Awards (Chair: Mariefel) – The 2022 Esselen Award call for nominations is open. Nominations are due 14 October 2022. This prestigious annual award is given to a chemical scientist whose scientific and technical work has contributed significantly to the public well-being thereby communicating the positive values of the chemical profession. For more information, please see <https://www.nesacs.org/award/gustavus-john-esselen-award/>, or contact Mariefel directly.
- i. Diversity and Inclusion (Chair: Anna) – The Committee on Local Section Activities has invited Sonia to give a talk about the Química Bajo el Sol events hosted in June 2022. The talk will be given on 29 September 2022 at 3:30 pm EST.
- j. Education (Chair: Colby) – Planning has started for the Girls in Science event at EOU. The EOU student chapter is also planning to reach out to Padmaja Gunda at Columbia Basin College (CBC) to stand up the CBC student chapter.

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- k. National chemistry week (NCW) (Chair: Anna) – The 2022 NCW theme is “Fabulous Fibers: The Chemistry of Fabrics.” The EOU student chapter plans to incorporate some of this NCW theme into their Saturday Science event. The EOU student chapter also plans to participate in a Saturday Market in La Grande, OR on 15 October 2022. If anyone wants to purchase materials for NCW through the ACS store, please contact Anna directly. Sonia asked if the LS is allowed to order paraphernalia from other companies with the ACS logo on them. Anna noted that, as NCW coordinator, she can order several items from the ACS store at a significant discount. The ACS also has a set of guidelines in place for branding. Discussion is in favor of hiring external vendors to make paraphernalia with the LS logo, especially for the 75th anniversary in 2023. The REACH museum has asked the LS to participate in their October STEAM workshop, which will feature the NCW theme. The event will take place on 15 October 2022 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Shirmir has the action to send out a call for volunteers for this event.

Dave moves to adjourn the September 2022 EC meeting. Anna seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Cristina adjourns the September 2022 executive committee meeting at 7:14 pm.



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Treasurer's Report

08/01/2022--08/31/2022

Activities

Starting Balance

Savings \$45,070.92
Checking \$30,503.40

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
ACH AMERICAN CHEMICAL BOFA-CHCK- CCD	\$1,996.94	5	15-08-22	Mett grant
ACH AMERICAN CHEMICAL BOFA-CHCK- CCD	\$45.00	2	29-08-22	Jun-Dec 2021 Commission
Total receipts this period				\$2,041.94

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Steve Krogsrud	\$20.00	16c	09-08-22	#1317, website domain registration
Steve Krogsrud	\$44.55	16c	09-08-22	#1390, website hosting
Winco	\$114.73	17b	15-08-22	#debit card, ACS picnic
Target	\$10.92	17b	15-08-22	#debit card, ACS picnic
Costco	\$75.95	17b	15-08-22	#debit card, ACS picnic
Sandra Fiskum	\$20.55	17b	22-08-22	#1320, ACS Picnic, name tags and ice bags, meet and greet.
Total spent this period				\$286.70

Ending Balance

Savings \$45,070.92
Checking \$32,258.64