

Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, 10/12/2022, 6:02 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Call to order: 6:02 pm

Attendance: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Shirmir Branch, Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato, Cristina Padilla Cintron, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Jotheeswari Kothandaraman, Sankarganesh Krishnamoorthy, Steve Krogsrud, Deepika Malhotra, Satish Nune, Mariefel Olarte, Kristin Omberg, Mowei Zhou

1. Previous meeting minutes – Shirmir presents the September 2022 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Minutes were sent to the EC via email. Comments were received electronically, and revisions were made accordingly. Janet moves to approve the September 2022 EC minutes as amended. Dave 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 report – Sandy presents the September 2022 (01 – 30 September 2022) treasurer's report. The report was sent to the EC via email. Starting balance is \$45,070.92 in savings and \$32,358.64 in checking. The report includes two charges from 03 and 08 August 2022, respectively, since they were not reflected in the August 2022 report. Additional expenses and receipts are detailed in the report below. No comments were received. Ending balance is \$45,076.82 in savings and \$29,878.64 in checking. Janet moves to approve the September 2022 treasurer's report as presented. Deepika seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The final draft of the treasurer's report is in these minutes below.
3. Newsletter – A draft of the next newsletter will be ready for the EC to review early next week. Steve is still waiting for a profile and picture from one candidate. Steve has the action to contact this individual. The newsletter will include, but not be limited to, the following topics: annual social, recent ChemLuminary award, Eastern Oregon University (EOU) chemistry club, 2023 EC candidates, August meet and greet, and the Lamb Weston tour. Sandy requested that Steve also include an overview about the ACS's new membership levels. Mowei has the action to send Steve a write-up highlighting the new LS LinkedIn page. Janet requested that the newsletter also include a write-up encouraging the membership to vote in the national ACS elections.
4. Bullock seminar – A Science Café was hosted to recognize Dr. Morris Bullock being awarded the ACS Award in Organometallic Chemistry. Dr. Bullock presented on his research, "Making and Breaking Metal Hydride Bonds," throughout his career, including at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL). The event was hosted in the hybrid format on 06 October 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Richland Public Library. The event was attended by 26 people, which consisted of in-person and virtual attendees. Deepika has the action to send a write-up of the event to Steve for inclusion in the newsletter. Anna noted that three other PNNL scientists won ACS awards this year. Mariefel identified these scientists as Richard Hallen, John Holladay (formerly of PNNL), and Mike Lilga (formerly of PNNL). Mariefel has the action to work with Deepika to invite these scientists to share their research at a Science Café. It was also commented that a write-up recognizing these scientists be included in the next newsletter.

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5. Annual social – The LS Annual Social will be hosted on 18 November 2022 at the Richland Community Center starting at 6:00 pm. Thanks to Kristin for obtaining the event insurance from ACS! A quote for catering has been requested from Pacific Pasta Grill. Deepika will also speak with the caterer company about hiring a bartender to serve wine. Deepika has invited Eric Hoppe (PNNL) to present the seminar at the Social. Sandy requested that the ACS awardees from the LS be honored at the social. Cristina mentioned inviting the students that presented research posters at the ACS national meetings to present their posters at the Social. Cristina and Deepika have the action to review the final agenda. Discussion is in favor of hosting the Social as an in-person event, with the seminar and award presentations broadcast virtually. Attendance is expected to be around 75 people. The room reservation begins at 5:30 pm. The EC is requested to arrive by 5:30 pm to help with setup. The students are also welcomed to begin setting up their posters at this time. The students will need to bring posterboards and easels. Anna and Colby will work with the EOU chemistry club to bring these materials. Anna noted that the social occurs on the Friday before Thanksgiving, so student attendance may be low. If anyone has any other ideas/requests for the Annual Social agenda, please contact Deepika or Cristina directly.
6. Elections – The 2023 LS EC candidates are listed below. Shirmir has the action to request the list of members eligible to vote from the ACS Records Office. Matthew Monroe will be preparing the website for electronic voting. Steve has the action to distribute the paper ballots to members who have not provided an email address. The paper ballots should be returned to Marieffel.
  - a. Chair-Elect: Shirmir Branch, Satish Nune
  - b. Secretary: Vanessa Dagle
  - c. Treasurer: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Roza Wojcik
  - d. Councilor: Anna Cavinato, Dave Heldebrant, Sankarganesh Krishnamoorthy, Karthi Ramasamy
7. Girl scouts – Amber Donley is organizing a Girl Scouts event for the Get to Know Nuclear Patch. The event will be hosted on 12 November 2022 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at Columbia Basin College (CBC). Amber has requested volunteers for this event. Sandy noted that the LS has \$75 budgeted for Girl/Boy Scouts, under item 21(i), in the event that Amber needs financial support. Cristina asked what expertise the volunteers needed to have. Sandy noted that a background in nuclear sciences would be recommended. Anna recommended determining if members of the EC are able to volunteer, then reach out to the membership, listing the expertise needed to volunteer. Sandy recommended that Amber reach out to other local professional societies, such as the American Nuclear Society and the Health Physics Society, for volunteers as well.

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8. NCW outreach events – The LS will participate in a STEAM workshop at the REACH Museum in Richland on 15 October 2022 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The workshop will feature activities representative of the National Chemistry Week (NCW) theme, “Fabulous Fibers: The Chemistry of Fabrics.” A call for volunteers was emailed to the membership and posted on the LS website. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Shirmir directly. The EOU chemistry club will be participating in the La Grande Farmers Market on 15 October 2022 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The chemistry club will host a table featuring activities from the NCW theme. Anna purchased NCW paraphernalia for both events. The chemistry club will also be participating in the EOU homecoming parade on 21 October 2022. Mowei has the action to post about these events on the LS LinkedIn page.
9. LSAC meeting – The ACS Committee on Local Section Activities presented a Science Café and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Respect (DEIR) grant webinar on 29 September 2022. Sonia presented an overview of how the LS used the DEIR grant funding to host the Química Bajo el Sol events in June 2022. Sonia spoke on how the events went, how the funding was used, volunteer turnout, etc. The DEIR grant proposal for 2023 is due on 12 November 2022. Shirmir has the action to submit the proposal.
10. Treasurer information – Sandy wants to destroy paper records prior to 2015. Dave asked if the records can be digitized in the case of an audit from the IRS. Kristin moved to destroy items that are older than the timeline for a standard audit. Discussion indicates that this should be seven years. Cristina suggests sending an email to the ACS to confirm how far back an audit can reach before destroying any paper records. Sandy has the action to email ACS to confirm a timeline for an audit.
11. Leona Libby math club – Dave was contacted by students at Leona Libby Middle School about receiving financial support to start a math club. Cristina has the action to determine if the LS can justify this support. This topic will be discussed either offline or at the next EC meeting.
12. Committee reports
  - a. Women Chemists (Chair: Shirmir) – The LS WCC is exploring options for a wine education Science Café series. If anyone is interested in helping with the planning process for the 2023 Women’s History Month, please contact Shirmir directly. The national WCC is hosting a virtual workshop on 21 October 2022 at 3:00 pm Eastern. Cristina encourages members to attend.
  - b. Government Affairs (Chair: Kristin) – Kristin reached out to Senator Maria Cantwell’s office to organize an event around when she will be in the Richland area. Inviting other local representatives will occur after the elections take place.
  - c. Membership (Chair: Sandy) – As of 30 September 2022, there are 377 members: 3 new members; 7 member terminations, 7 reinstatements, 4 transfers, and 1 death (John McClusky).
  - d. Public Relations (Chair: Steve) – Updates reported above.

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- e. Programs (Chair: Deepika) – Updates reported above.
- f. Environmental improvement (Chair: Uriah) – No updates to report.
- g. Safety (Chair: Johnny) – No updates to report.
- h. Awards (Chair: Mariefel) – No updates to report.
- i. Diversity and Inclusion (Chair: Anna) – The Girls in Science has become Investigators in Science to be more inclusive. The Investigators in Science will take place on 29 October 2022. The in-person event will have 100 spots available for students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The event will feature a crime scene investigation following the NCW “Fabolous Fibers” theme. The event is open to students from middle schools in La Grande throughout Southeastern Washington. For those interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Anna directly. Anna has suggested hosting a Saturday Science in the spring to held at CBC. This would involve the grant that was awarded to the EOU chemistry club to host a joint event with another LS chemistry club. Satish has the action to contact Padmaja about hosting this joint event.
- j. Education (Chair: Colby) – No updates to report.
- k. National chemistry week (NCW) (Chair: Anna) – Updates reported above.

Kristin moves to adjourn the October 2022 EC meeting. Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Cristina adjourns the September 2022 EC meeting at 7:12 pm.

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**ACS Richland Section  
 Treasurer's Report**

09/01/2022 – 09/31/2022

Presented on 10/13/22 by SK Fiskum

**Activities**

Note: August 3 and 29 data presented herein because I did not see it presented previously.

**Starting Balance**

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

**Receipts**

| From                        | Amount   | Budget<br>Category | Date      | Directed to: |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|
| ACS Jan-Jun 2022 LS dues    | \$680.00 | 7                  | 9-07-2022 | Checking     |
| Interest on savings account | \$5.90   | 8                  | 9-30-2022 | Savings      |

Total receipts this period \$685.90

**Expenses**

| To               | Amount     | Budget<br>Category | Date Paid | Description; check number  |
|------------------|------------|--------------------|-----------|--|
| ACS              | \$594.86   | 20                 | 8-03-2022 | #1319, ACS Leadership Institute registration and additional  |
| Deepika Malhotra | \$248.36   | 21a                | 8-29-2022 | #1321 \$145.12 was for the two folding tables and \$103.24 was for the safety goggles for kid's experiment   |
| Deepika Malhotra | \$8.67     | 14e                | 8-29-2022 | #1322 Lamb Weston Tour trivia winner gift  |
| NA               | \$0.00     | na                 | na        | #1323 Voided check   |
| Anna Cavinato    | \$1,792.00 | 19                 | 9-13-2022 | #1324 Travel subsidy for councilor   |
| Anna Cavinato    | \$416.01   | 21c                | 9-30-2022 | #1325 NCW supplies English/Spanish booklets, , pencils, buttons, Nan-O-Moles, Proud to be a Chemist stickers |

Total spent this period \$3,059.90

**Ending Balance**

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Savings  | \$45,076.82 |
| Checking | \$29,878.74 |