6/14/2023

Call to order: 6:00 pm

**Attendance**: Shirmir Branch, Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Colby Heideman, Uriah Kilgore, Mariefel Olarte, Cristina Padilla Cintron, Deepika Malhotra, Dinapaiooh Mohammadhasan.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Deepika presents the May 2023 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes on behalf of Vanessa. Cristina moves to approve the May 2023 EC meeting minutes. Janet seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Vanessa has the action to upload the May 2023 EC meeting minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. **Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Sonia was not able to present the treasurer report. Sonia emailed the May 2023 treasurer report to Vanessa. Starting balance was $60,131.65 in savings and $7,200.68 in checking. The total of the expenses for May 2023 was equal to $1,915.74, as detailed in the attached report. The total of the receipts in May was equal to $8,335.42. Ending balance was $60,131.65 in savings and $13,620.36 in checking. The May 2023 treasurer’s report is attached to this EC minutes. Treasurer report to be approved in July.
3. **EOU Chemistry club report-** Anna indicates that the EOU students and herself wrote the EOU Chemistry club report. The report describes 4 activities conducted over the past year. Given that some activities were conducted in collaboration with the ACS Richland local section, Anna suggests leveraging this report when writing the ACS local section annual report. Anna also mentions that because of the strong interaction between EOU students and the ACS local section, the section could consider applying for a ChemLuminary Award next winter.
4. **Science Café at CBC for EOU-CBC collaboration** – Anna explains that before the covid 19 pandemic the EOU chemistry club had received a grant from ACS national to initiate a collaboration with WSU but because of the pandemic the connection with WSU was lost. Anna engaged with Padmaja Gunda from CBC who expressed interest in establishing some collaboration between the two institutions. Anna, Colby and Padmaja recently met and agreed to hold a common “Saturday Science” event at CBC on October 14th. Anna asks to look at the ACS local section budget to understand how much funding is allocated for this event. Deepika indicates that the ACS Richland section allocated $500.00 for support for Washington State Chemistry Club. Sandy indicates that this event could be advertised in the ACS Richland section newsletter.
5. **“Chemmunication: “overcoming the barriers in science”-** Deepika explains that a second Advancing Respect & Retention in Bilingual Areas program’s event regarding the Chemmunication: workshop “overcoming the barriers in science” was organized in collaboration with the young chemist committee and ACS. The speaker was Dr. Stephanie Santos Diaz and this virtual workshop on June 10th at 1:00-4:00 PM (EST) via the Zoom platform was focused on addressing the challenges faced by Spanish speakers and how to overcome them and topics on oral and written scientific communication. There will be a third virtual event and more details will be given at a later date.
6. **DEIR event, Pasco Farmer’s market**- Shirmir indicates that the event will happen June 17th. There will be 5 booths and activities will be related to the 5 senses. Shirmir reached out to 15 volunteers and 14 of them are available for this event. Shirmir sent the Pasco market organizers the ACS logo for advertising.
7. **Planetarium tour** – Shirmir explains that there will be a tour at the planetarium on July 22nd from 10 am to 12 pm. This will include a tour of the facility and a 20 min movie. Deepika recommends looking at the budget to determine whether some funding needs to be reallocated or not. Deepika indicates that it may be good to ask people to pre-register since the facility can only accommodate 75 people.
8. **Heron Bluff vineyard tour**- Shirmir indicates that there will be a tour at Eric Hoppe’s winery September 8th to initiate a wine education series. The number of people that can be accommodated still needs to be determined. Shirmir will be out of town, and she will not be able to attend. She will need someone from the ACS Richland local section to help with the planning and take leadership on her behalf for that day. Shirmir is thinking to maybe apply for an ACS grant next year to continue this wine education series.
9. **IPG Grant- 75th Anniversary event update**- Deepika indicates that the event to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the ACS Richland local section will be held on August 23rd at Country Gentleman from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Deepika is working on a guests list and giveaways.
10. **Annual social update**- Shirmir indicates that Richard Herman agreed to be the speaker for the annual social event. Shirmir needs to follow up with the Reach Museum to determine whether this is a possible location or not to hold the event.
11. **Genius Olympiad**. Dave indicates that Nava Nune is very grateful for the grant he received from the ACS Richland local section to help me participate to the event.
12. **Committee reports**
    1. Awards- Cristina is planning to nominate the local section for the Stanley Israel Regional Award for advancing diversity in the chemical sciences. Cristina will work with Anna to write the nomination package. Cristina indicates that she is moving out of Tri-Cities this summer and she will no longer be local
    2. Diversity and Inclusion- no update.
    3. Education- see bullet 4 above
    4. Government affair- no update
    5. Membership: Sandy sent 7 welcome letters to new members.
    6. Nominations- no update
    7. Programs- no update.
    8. Public relations- no update.
    9. Women Chemists- no update.
    10. Environmental- Uriah indicates that his project was approved, and he will reach out again to a potential speaker that he had already identified.
    11. Safety-no update

Dave moves to adjourn the June 2023 executive committee meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

**Upcoming events**

* 17 June 2023 – Kid’s Day at the Market, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Pasco Farmers Market
* 28 – 30 June 2023 – ACS NORM 2023, University of Montana, Bozeman
* 22 July 2023 – Planetarium visit, 10:00 am, Columbia Basin College, Pasco
* 13 – 17 August 2023 – ACS Fall 2023, San Francisco, CA & hybrid
* 23 August 2023 – Richland Section 75th anniversary IPG panel, CG Public House, Kennewick
* 08 September 2023 – Winery tour, Heron Bluff, Benton City
* 03 November 2023 – Richland Section 75th anniversary Annual Social, REACH Museum, Richland

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