5/10/2023

Call to order: 6:00 pm

**Attendance**: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, Vanessa Dagle, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Colby Heideman, Steven Krogsrud, Jared Kroll, Cristina Padilla Cintron, Deepika Malhotra, Dinapaiooh Mohammadhasan, Mowei Zhou.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Vanessa presents the April 2023 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Anna moves to approve the April 2023 EC meeting minutes. Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Vanessa has the action to upload the April 2023 EC meeting minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. **Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Sonia presents the April 2023 (01 – 30 April 2023) treasurer’s report. Starting balance is $60,131.65 in savings and $7,941.54 in checking. The total of the expenses for April 2023 is equal to $4,885.86, as detailed in the attached report. The total of the receipts in April is equal to $4,145.00. Ending balance is $60,131.65 in savings and $7,200.68 in checking. Cristina moves to approve the April 2023 treasurer’s report as presented. Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The April 2023 treasurer’s report was viewed and approved with the May 2023 EC meeting minutes.
3. **LS-MEET grant-** Sonia is working on a proposal to obtain funding to boost the ACS local section membership. Proposals are due May 31st. Potential activities include a visit to the planetarium, and/ or an event at a brewery, bakery, and/ or a glass blowing shop. Sonia is still welcoming ideas for activities/ events.
4. **Science Café at Eastern Oregon University (EOU), Lagrange** – Anna is holding a science café at EOU as part of the 75th Anniversary of the ACS local section. Deepika, Shirmir and Mowei are invited guest speakers. They will share their career path and research work.
5. **Chemists Celebrate Earth Week-** Anna and her colleagues at EOU held an event at the Public Library (La Grande) where they had 3 activities related to algae. The event was attended by about 30 people within a 2-hour period. Shirmir and Sonia organized two events in Tri-cities to celebrate earth week. The first event was held at Leona Libby middle school and was attended by about 50 students. A second event was held at the Reach Museum. It was very well attended and Shirmir is awaiting to hear back from the Reach Museum to get more information regarding the attendance. Both Tri-cities events were related to algae and children received slime as a gift. Sonia indicates that it was focused on chemistry with activities for children. Anna is requesting a summary from Shirmir about these events to upload on the website.
6. **Earth day Event Summary**- See 5 above
7. **Leona Libby STEAM Night Summary**- See 5 above
8. **DEIR Event Planning and Logistics**- Shirmir indicates that the event will be held June 17th at the Pasco Farmers market. Shirmir requested 5 booth for holding children activities related to the 5 senses. Shirmir needs at least 12 volunteers. Each volunteer will get a free Tee-shirt. Shirmir ordered the materials for the activities. Shirmir would like to get feedback from people attending this event. She is looking on how to implement it (e.g., QR code to do a survey, fill up survey and enter a raffle for a gift, etc.). Anna indicates that if we want to include pictures for the report, the children need to be wearing goggles. Sonia explains that it would be good to have more guidance on when goggles are really needed.
9. **Chemistry Olympiad**- Padmaja is not on the call. No update.
10. **IPG Grant- 75th Anniversary event update**- Deepika is organizing a panel discussion with past chairs to celebrate the 75th Anniversary. Deepika is planning for the event to be held at Country Gentleman. They can accommodate up to 150 people and they are well equipped with a screen, a projector, and a microphone. They can also provide food and drinks. If the minimum of $1,000 is reached for food and beverages, Country Gentleman will waive the fees for the room location. Deepika will hold a meeting with a smaller group to discuss the logo for the event, the “guests list”, and the giveaways.
11. **Annual social update**- Shirmir reached out to few additional places to hold the event. Bookwalter has not responded yet. Tagaris winery capacity is too small. Terra Blanca is asking for $5,000.00 for labor fees and food. The Reach Museum may be another option. Shirmir is still looking for a speaker.
12. **Committee reports**
    1. Awards- no update.
    2. Diversity and Inclusion- Anna has no update.
    3. Education- Colby and Anna are going to meet with Padmaja to plan for an event in the fall.
    4. Government affair- no update
    5. Membership: Sandy sent 8 welcome letters to new members. The local section lost 8 members to termination and to transfer.
    6. Nominations- no update
    7. Programs- no update.
    8. Public relations- Mowei posted and add for the science café on linkedIn. Mowei will be leaving the area and he is looking for someone to take over his activities within ACS.
    9. Women Chemists- Shirmir is planning to organize a luncheon.
    10. Environmental- no update.
    11. Safety-Jared Kroll is planning a Science Café. He is planning to invite Robert Hill (Chair of the Safety Culture Task Force within ACS) to come speak at the event. Given that the students will be on vacation in July, Jared is thinking to hold the event in the fall.

Deepika moves to adjourn the April 2023 executive committee meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

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