7/12/2023

Call to order: 6:05 pm

**Attendance**: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Shirmir Branch, Janet Bryant, Vanessa Dagle, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Uriah Kilgore, Steven Krogsrud, Jared Kroll, Mariefel Olarte, Cristina Padilla Cintron, Deepika Malhotra, Dinpajooh Mohammadhasan.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Vanessa presents the June 2023 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Janet moves to approve the June 2023 EC meeting minutes as corrected. Cristina seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Vanessa has the action to upload the June 2023 EC meeting minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. **Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Sonia presents the May treasurer report. 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 June 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 was attached to the June EC minutes. Sonia presents the June treasurer report. Starting balance was $60,131.65 in savings and $13,620.36 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 June was equal to $45.24. Ending balance was $65,176.89 in savings and $7,401.46 in checking. The June 2023 treasurer’s report is attached to this EC minutes. Cristina moves to approve the May and June treasurer reports with discussed amendments. Shirmir seconds the motion.
3. **NORM update**- Deepika indicates that the NORM 2024 (June 23-26) will be held in Pullman (WA). Anyone interested in organizing a symposium should contact Kris Waynant (kwaynant@uidaho.edu).
4. **ACS Fall meeting** – Deepika indicates that the Richland local section was selected as a finalist for a ChemLuminary Award (categories: Best Overall Local Section Minority Affairs, Most Creative NCW Celebration Using the Yearly Theme, Most Innovative New Activity or Program, Outstanding NCW Event for a Specific Audience, Outstanding Performance by a Local Section - Medium Small Size Category). As part of it, the section is invited to present a poster highlighting its 2022 activities that led to its selection as a finalist. This will be held August 15th from 8 pm at Marriott Marquis, Salon 8-9, located at 780 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 during the ACS fall meeting in San Francisco. Deepika is working on the poster with Anna and will share the draft with the section at a later date. Deepika also indicates that local section has been invited to participate in the ACS Local Section Showcase that will take place during the ACS Fall 2023 Meeting at Sci-Mix on Monday, August 14 from 8:00-10:00pm. Deepika and Anna will attend Sci-Mix to represent the section and need to think of what giveaways to bring. A total of $200.00 mini-grant was allocated by ACS for the giveaways.
5. **Post-event summary** - DEIR event at Pasco Farmers Market- Shirmir indicates that the event was very well attended, and the organizers of the market asked if the local section could come back again. The local section also received a lot of interest from other organizations including a girl scout troop and the Mid-Columbia Children’s Museum. Sonia suggests having more people helping with the organization of the event in the future given the workload.

6. **LS Past Chair Change** – Cristina needs to step down from the past chair position and Mariefel (previous past chair) agreed to take over and act as past chair for the remaining of the year. Vanessa contacted Donica Young at ACS national to let them know of the change.

7. **Richland 50-, 60-, and 70- years members** – Sandy identified 5 people who have been members of the Richland ACS local section for 50+ years. She will send them invitations for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary at the Reach Museum.

8. **Planetarium tour update** – Shirmir indicates that the planetarium tour at CBC will be July 22nd at 11:00 am. Shirmir will send the flyers to members July 12th and ask them to RSVP by Thursday 20th.

9. **Winery tour logistics** – Shirmir reminds everyone that there will be a tour at Heron Bluff Winery on September 8th at 6:00 pm. Shirmir will not be able to attend, and Deepika agrees to lead the event on that day.

10. **Safety Science Café update** – Jared has no major update. He is still trying to find a location for the event (perhaps the Richland Library).

11. **LS 75th Anniversary 2nd event update** – Celebration for the 75th Anniversary of the local section will be held August 23rd at Country Gentleman. Steve will advertise the event in the Newsletter.

12. **Newslette**r – Steve would like to get the Newsletter out the first week of August and he needs inputs from everyone on July 24th.

13. **Annual Social Update** – Shirmir scheduled the Reach Museum for November 3rd. She will cancel the Richland community center. She sent requests for catering and bartending and she is awaiting responses.

14. **Committee Reports** -

a. Awards- Cristina indicates she will start working on the nomination package soon since they are due August 1st.

b. Diversity and Inclusion- There will be a Saturday Science event at CBC October 14th. Anna is planning this event with Padmaja.

c. Education- no update

d. Government affair- no update

e. Membership: Sandy sent 3 welcome letters to new members. There are 6 terminations and 6 reinstatements. Total number of members is 376.

f. Nominations- Mariefel have some suggestions but would like more suggestions if people have ideas.

g. Programs- no update.

h. Public relations- no update.

i. Women Chemists- Shirmir might have found a post bachelor who may be available to plan a WCC event.

j. Environmental- no update.

k. Safety-see bullet 10 above.

Deepika moves to adjourn the July 2023 executive committee meeting. Sandy second the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Upcoming events**

* 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

