8/09/2023

Call to order: 6:03 pm

**Attendance**: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Lucas Boron-Brenner, Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, Vanessa Dagle, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Jared Kroll, Deepika Malhotra, Dinpajooh Mohammadhasan.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Vanessa presents the July 2023 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Anna moves to approve the July 2023 EC meeting minutes as corrected. Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Vanessa has the action to upload the July 2023 EC meeting minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. **Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Sonia presents the July treasurer report. Starting balance was $65,176.89 in savings and $7,401.46 in checking. The total of the expenses for July 2023 was equal to $692.97, as detailed in the attached report. There were no receipts in July. Ending balance was $65,176.89 in savings and $6,708.49 in checking. The July 2023 treasurer’s report is attached to this EC minutes. Shirmir moves to approve the July treasurer report with discussed amendments. Sandy seconds the motion.
3. **ACS Fall meeting** – Deepika and Anna share the poster that will be presented at the ACS fall for 25th Annual ChemLuminary Award for which the Richland local section was selected as a finalist. The poster highlights the activities organized by the Richland local section in 2022. The event 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 presents the Richland local section personalized giveaways (50 pens and 50 drawstring bags) purchased from an ACS $200.00 mini-grant that will be given during the Sci-Mix.
4. **LS 75th Anniversary 2nd event update** – Celebration for the 75th Anniversary of the local section will be held August 23rd (5:30 pm) at Country Gentleman. Deepika indicates that Steve advertised the event in the August Newsletter. 14 responses have already been received and 22 people are already planning to attend. Deepika presents the 75th Anniversary giveaways (75 ice cooler bags and 75 tumblers) that will be given to attendees. Deepika also ordered some 75th anniversary personalized mugs for the panelists. Deepika started to put together a list of questions for the panelists and she will share a draft later.

6. **Post-event summary: Planetarium Tour** – Shirmir indicates that the planetarium tour was successfully attended by 45 people. Aaron Steiner, the planetarium director gave a tour of the night sky and then a movie was shared with the attendees. Feedback was great with people particularly appreciating the kid friendly science events. Shirmir indicates that the planetarium staff lost a $25.00 check given to them. The planetarium did say that the check does not need to be replaced.

7. **2024 Elections** – The last date for the submission of nomination is September 22nd. The nominees are asked to provide their biography and a picture. Anyone interested in running for a position should contact Mariefel. Vanessa has confirmed that she will be running as secretary and Sonia has mentioned that she will be running as treasurer. Sandy mentions that it would be good to encourage people outside of PNNL to volunteer.

8. **Winery tour update** – Shirmir reminds everyone that this event will be held September 8th (6:00 pm) at Heron Bluff Winery. The owner will give a small tour of the winery and a wine tasting will follow up. The tasting room is small and only 25 adults will be allowed in the room. The local section will pay for 1-2 servers in the tasting room and the cost is $25.00/hour for each server. The local section is also going to purchase 6 bottles of wine. The event was advertised in the August Newsletter and a flyer will be sent later for members registration. Sandwiches will be ordered for the event. Shirmir is asking for some volunteers to help clean up after the event.

9. **Safety Science Café update** – Jared indicates that the event will be held September 7th at 3:00 pm to accommodate the speaker Dr. Robert Hill who will be presenting on zoom from the East Coast. The gallery room at the Richland Public Library is reserved as well.

10. **2023 LS-MEET grant logistics** – Sonia is organizing a glass work event at Barnard Griffin Winery August 19th and 26th. There will be three classes for children of different ages. Each class can accommodate 8 children and the cost is $45.00/ child. The event will be held in August and given that the funds from ACS has not been received yet, Sonia is asking for the local section to cover some of the cost (about $360.00) and get a refund when the grant money from ACS ($2,000.00) is received. Deepika makes a motion to support the cost and get a refund when the money from ACS when it is received. Anna and Sandy second the motion. The motion is unanimously approved.

11. **Committee Reports** -

a. Awards- no update

b. Diversity and Inclusion- There will be a Saturday Science event at CBC October 14th. Anna is planning this event with Padmaja. The event will be related to the outdoor space (e.g., eclipse). Padmaja will have colleagues from varied field (i.e., biology, physics and geology) participating to the event.

c. Education- no update

d. Government affair- no update

e. Membership: Sandy sent 8 welcome letters to new members. There are 2 terminations and 4 reinstatements.

f. Nominations- see bullet 7.

g. Programs- no update.

h. Public relations- no update.

i. Women Chemists- No update

j. Environmental- Deepika indicates that Uriah is still trying to organize an event.

k. Safety-see bullet 9 above.

Deepika moves to adjourn the August 2023 executive committee meeting. Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Upcoming events**

* 13 – 17 August 2023 – ACS Fall 2023, San Francisco, CA & hybrid
* 19 August & 26 August 2023 – Glass work event at Barnard Griffin Winery, Richland
* 23 August 2023 – Richland Section 75th anniversary IPG panel, CG Public House, Kennewick
* 07 September 2023 – Safety event at the Richland public Library, Richland
* 08 September 2023 – Winery tour, Heron Bluff, Benton City
* 14 October 2023 – Saturday Science DEIR event at CBC, Pasco
* 03 November 2023 – Richland Section 75th anniversary Annual Social, REACH Museum, Richland

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