9/13/2023

Call to order: 6:05 pm

**Attendance**: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, Vanessa Dagle, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Jared Kroll, Uriah Kilgore, Steven (Steve) Krogsrud, Deepika Malhotra, Mariefel Olarte, Eric Spear, Kumari Sushimita.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Vanessa presents the August 2023 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Anna moves to approve the August 2023 EC meeting minutes as corrected. Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Vanessa has the action to upload the August 2023 EC meeting minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. **Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Sonia presents the August treasurer report. Starting balance was $65,176.89 in savings and $6,708.49 in checking. The total of the expenses for August 2023 was equal to $2,143.72, as detailed in the attached report. The total of the receipts for August 2023 was equal to $515.00. Ending balance was $65,691.89 in savings and $4,565.77 in checking. The August 2023 treasurer’s report is attached to this EC minutes. Sandy moves to approve the August treasurer report with discussed amendments. Dave seconds the motion.
3. **Glass Class at db Studio & Girls Scouts Event**– Sonia shares pictures from the glass class held at db Studio on August 19th and September 6th. The event went well and was attended by 7 children for the August session and 6 children for the September session. A third session will be held in December. Also, Sonia shares pictures from the Girls Scouts event held on September 6th. The children had a wonderful time making air gliders. Sonia is asking if the Richland local section could support the teacher who helped organize the event for her to purchase supplies for her classroom. She also would like to nominate her for the teacher award. A motion is not needed since the funds were already allocated in the 2023 budget. Deepika is asking for the teacher to provide a request letter. These events were supported by the LS-MEET grant to help publicize the Richland ACS local section and encourage locals to become members.

4. **ACS Fall Meeting Debrief/ ChemLuminary Award**– Anna indicates that the San Francisco ACS was well attended with 15,019 registrations (13,363 in-person and 1,656 on-line). Anna indicates that she was elected on ConC and as a consequence she will resign as member of the Local Section Activities Committee (LSAC) but she will continue to help securing LSAC grants for our section. She also indicates that Councilor Travel Expense Program will be replaced with the Councilor Attendance Incentive Allotment, effective January 1, 2024. This new approach will provide a single payment of $2,000 per Councilor, per meeting, directly to Local Sections and Divisions that opt in to the program. Anna also indicates that there will be a change in the composition of the ACS Board of Directors with the addition of an international representative. This move reflects the fact that 20% of ACS members are from other countries. This change will have to be approved by the ACS membership before it is implemented. Deepika indicates the Richland local section 75th anniversary personalized giveaways during Sci-Mix poster session were very well received. The Richland ACS local section was finalist in 5 categories for the ChemLuminary Award and was awarded the ChemLuminary Award for the Most Creative & Innovative use of the National Chemistry Week Theme.

5. **Post Event Summary for LS 75th Anniversary**– The panel discussion was very well attended with 51 participants. Positive feedbacks were received from an on-line survey. People enjoyed reconnecting with “old friends” and networking while listening to a good panel discussion. They also appreciated the giveaways. Feedbacks received also indicate that in the future Richland ACS members would like the Richland ACS local section to collaborate with other professional societies, to hold special science events for kids and to organize some local facilities tours.

6. **Upcoming 2024 Election** – Mariefel indicates that there are 3 open positions for chair-elect, secretary and treasurer. The deadline for nominations is September 22nd. Mariefel encourages to spread the words about the elections. Anyone interested in any of the open positions should contact Mariefel. Vanessa has the action to contact ACS to obtain the election-only list.

7. **Winery Tour Debrief** – Deepika indicates that the winery tour at Heron Bluff winery in Benton City went very well. The owners offer tasting of several of their wines and conducted a tour of the vineyard while sharing stories about wine making. Shirmir is planning to put a grant proposal to hold several courses at this winery in 2024.

8. **Safety Scient Café summary**– Jared indicates that the science Café was held at the Richland public library on September 7th. 7 people attended in person and 11 people attended online to listen to Dr. Robert Hill who shared a presentation related to safety in laboratories. Anna indicates that this type of event is relevant to chemistry students, and they could be encouraged to attend if it was held during the school year.

9. **Newsletter**- Steve will add the 2024 election candidates’ biography in the October newsletter the second half of October.

10. **Annual social event update** – Shirmir is asking to increase the budget from $3,500 to $5,500 due to estimated costs. Deepika moves to approve the motion. Mariefel seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

11. **Environmental Science Café**- Uriah is planning a Science Café the week of October 11th and the speaker will be Glenn Fuller from Kern Energy in California. Uriah is looking for a venue and he is welcoming ideas.

12. **Committee Reports** -

a. Awards- no update

b. Diversity and Inclusion- no update.

c. Education- Anna, Colby and Padmaja Gunda from CBC are planning a joint “Saturday Science” event at CBC on October 14th. Padmaja obtained the flyers, and the registration is open. Anna is planning a National Chemistry Week event on October 7th and the theme is “the healing power of Chemistry”. She is also planning an Investigator of Science event on November 4th. She will prepare booklets for those two events.

d. Government affair- no update

e. Membership: Sandy sent 6 welcome letters to new members. There are 7 terminations and 1 transfer out.

f. Nominations- see bullet 6 above for 2024 election.

g. Programs- no update.

h. Public relations- no update.

i. Women Chemists- no update

j. Environmental- see bullet 11 above.

k. Safety-see bullet 8 above.

Deepika moves to adjourn the September 2023 executive committee meeting. Dave seconds the motion.

**Upcoming events**

* 07 October 2023 – National Chemistry week event at the market in La Grande (Or)
* 14 October 2023 – Saturday Science DEIR event at CBC, Pasco
* 03 November 2023 – Richland Section 75th anniversary Annual Social, REACH Museum, Richland
* 04 November 2023- Investigator of science event in La Grande (Or)
* December 2023 Glass work event at db Studio, Barnard Griffin winery Richland

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