10/11/2023

Call to order: 6:03 pm

**Attendance**: Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, Vanessa Dagle, Alyssa Espley, Colby Heideman, Jared Kroll, Steven (Steve) Krogsrud, Deepika Malhotra, Eric Spear.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Vanessa presents the September 2023 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Deepika moves to approve the August 2023 EC meeting minutes as corrected. Shirmir seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Vanessa has the action to upload the September 2023 EC meeting minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. **Approve Treasurer’s Report** – The treasurer was not able to present the September treasurer report and it will be presented during the November EC minutes meeting.
3. **Newsletter**– Steve is working on the October Newsletter for which he will highlight the coming elections and some recent activities. He obtained all the information he needed for the elections. The November 3rd annual social event will be highlighted in the newsletter, and he has all the information he needs. Steve needs more information from Sonia regarding the glass event at db studio. Steve also needs some pictures and a paragraph from the panel discussion that was held at Country Gentleman to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Richland local section. Steve is also looking for some pictures and a paragraph regarding the safety event held at the Richland Public Library September 7th. Steve attended the winery tour at Heron Bluff, and he had all the material he needs for this event. Steve asks to those who will attend the Science Café at Moonshot on October 12th to send him some pictures. Steve needs all the information by the end of the week. Steve also indicates that the website was upgraded to make it more user friendly.

4. **Richland LS 2024 Elections**– Deepika indicates on behalf of Mariefel that we have 3 candidates with 1 candidate for each open position. Sonia, Vanessa and Padmaja presented their candidature for the positions of chair-elect, secretary and treasurer, respectively. The ballots will open November 1st, and they will close on November 13th.

5. **NCW outreach Event summary**– Anna indicates that EOU held their National Chemistry event at the Saturday market in La Grande, OR. There were several activities focused on the healing power of chemistry. Many children stopped by the booth, and they enjoyed the activities.

6. **Investigators of Science summary** – Anna indicates that the Investigators of Science event will be held November 4th on the EOU campus. This event will include multiple activities related to chemistry, biology, mathematics, and computer.

7**. Saturday** **Science event at CBC** – Anna and Colby will participate in an EOU-CBC joint Saturday Science event held from 9 am to 3 pm at CBC on Saturday October 14th. Padmaja and other CBC professors, will present activities related to chemistry, biology, physics, and astronomy. Over 50 children selected from underrepresented groups are expected to attend this event. Deepika indicates that this joint event may be a good case for a ChemLuminary Award.

8. **Annual Social Event update** – Shirmir reminds everyone that the annual social event will be held November 3rd at the Reach Museum. A bartender will be coming and if some volunteers can bring some wine to be served that would be much appreciated. Richard Hermens confirmed his presence as the speaker. Shirmir is still looking for a DJ and is asking for some recommendations. The kitchen of the baker who was going to make the dessert exploded and they are unable to make the dessert. Shirmir is now looking at different bakeries for the dessert. Shirmir is finishing up the flyer for this event. Deepika would like to send postcards to the members to let them know of the event. Anna will share the members roster with Shirmir to get the members addresses for the postcards.

9. **Teacher Award** – Shirmir is asking how to proceed with the teacher award. Given that we are awarding the funds, Anna recommends not to ask the teacher to provide a request letter. Deepika indicates that in the coming years she would like to see the section put more effort into awarding teachers and students and would like the section to start thinking on how to proceed.

10. **ACS grant opportunity for 2024** – Shirmir is planning to submit a proposal for the IPG grant (due January 15th 2024) to conduct several courses at Heron Bluff winery. Sonia will submit a proposal for the LSAC Diversity Equity Inclusion grant as part of a DEI event for which she is collaborating with the librarian at Curie STEM Elementary in Pasco. Opportunities for grants can be found on the ACS website following this link <https://www.acs.org/funding.html?ACS%3Afunding-type%2Fgrant=true&selectedPage=1>

11. **Budget Planning for next year** – Shirmir indicates that it is time to start planning the budget and if some members of the executive committee are interested in organizing events, they should let her know to account for the funding in next year budget.

12. **Environmental Science Café** – Deepika indicates that Uriah is organizing a hybrid Science Café at Moonshot on October 12th at 5:30pm. The speaker will be Glenn Fuller who is from the petroleum refinery industry. He will discuss the transition to low carbon feedstocks.

13. **Committee Reports** –

a. Awards – no update

b. Diversity and Inclusion – see bullet 7 above.

c. Education – see bullets 5, 6 and 7 above.

d. Government affair – no update.

e. Membership – Deepika provides an update on behalf of Sandy. The section has 382 members and there are 161 community associates. A new member joined the section and there are 8 terminations.

f. Nominations – see bullet 4 above.

g. Programs – no update.

h. Public relations – no update.

i. Women Chemists – no update.

j. Environmental –see bullet 12 above.

k. Safety – no update.

Deepika moves to adjourn the October 2023 executive committee meeting. Anna seconds the motion.

**Upcoming events**

* 03 November 2023 – Richland Section 75th anniversary Annual Social, REACH Museum, Richland, WA
* 04 November 2023 – Investigator of science event in La Grande, OR
* December 2023 – Glass work event at db Studio, Barnard Griffin Winery, Richland, WA