11/08/2023

Call to order: 6:02 pm

**Attendance**: Sonia Alcantar Anguiano, Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, Vanessa Dagle, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, Colby Heideman, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Uriah Kilgore, Steven (Steve) Krogsrud, Mariefel Olarte.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes** – Vanessa presents the October 2023 executive committee (EC) meeting minutes. Dave moves to approve the October 2023 EC meeting minutes as presented. Mariefel seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Vanessa has the action to upload the October 2023 EC meeting minutes to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. **Approve Treasurer’s Report** – Sonia presents the September 2023 treasurer’s report. Starting balance is $65,691.89 in savings account and $4,565.77 in checking account. The total of the expenses for September 2023 is equal to $4,822.39 as detailed in the attached report. The total of the receipts for September is equal to $2,049.40. A total of $400.00 was transferred from the savings account to the checking account. Ending balance is $65,741.29 in savings and $2,143.38 in checking. Sonia presents the October 2023 treasurer’s report. Starting balance is $65,341.29 in savings account and $2,143.38 in checking account. The total of the expenses for October 2023 is equal to $3,103.16 as detailed in the attached report. There were no receipts in October. A total of $5,341.29 was transferred from the savings to the checking account. Ending balance is $60,000.00 in savings and $4,381.51 in checking. Sandra moves to approve the September and October 2023 treasurer’s report as amended in October. Anna seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
3. **Richland LS 2024 Elections** – Mariefel indicates that if someone has not received an electronic ballot and/ or if someone knows others who have not received their ballot to let her know so that she can address the issue. She indicates that as of November 6th 51 members have already voted out of 354. Mariefel asks if Anna could send an email to the members to remind them to vote by November 13th. Vanessa will have to submit the elections results by December 1st.
4. **Annual Social Event Summary** – Shirmir thanks everyone who came to the Reach Museum for the annual event. She indicates that she received good feedbacks from several attendees. She will put together a survey to obtain feedbacks from more participants. Both Dave and Anna will upload the pictures from the event to the share drive. Sonia mentions that in the future we should bring some containers so that people could bring back home food leftover.
5. **Saturday Science Event at CBC** – Colby indicates that on October 14th himself, Anna and few other volunteers from EOU participated to an EOU-CBC joint Saturday Science event held from 9 am to 3 pm at CBC (Pasco). Padmaja and other CBC professors presented activities related to chemistry, biology, physics, and astronomy. They received very positive feedbacks with the children having a lot of fun. Anna indicates that she already uploaded some pictures. Padmaja will request feedbacks from parents and send Anna the pictures that she took.
6. **Investigators of Science Event** – Anna reports on the Investigators of Science event held November 4th on the EOU campus. This event attracted about 100 children with a good mix of boys and girls. Activities about chemistry, biology and human health were presented to the children.
7. **Glass Event at DB studio** – Sonia indicates that the event will be held December 2nd and volunteers are welcome to join to take pictures. Sonia is also planning a planetarium event using the funding from the LS-MEET grant and she will start organizing this event.

8. **ACS Grant Opportunities for 2024** – Shirmir is asking people to let her know if they are interested in planning some events so that it can be included in the budget if needed. Sonia is planning a DEI event if she wins the ACS DEIR grant that she will submit this coming Friday (November 10th). The DEI event would be about painting pottery. The location still needs to be determined. Shirmir is planning to submit a proposal for the IPG grant to conduct a couple of short courses at Heron Bluff Winery. Vanessa is looking into the LS-MEET grant, but she needs to wait for the current one to be completed.

9. **LS Budget Planning 2024** – Shirmir indicates that we need to set a date for planning the 2024 budget. Sandy suggests that the chair-elect, the chair, the past chair and the treasurer attend this meeting. Sandy also asks Shirmir to request inputs from the committee chairs on what they are planning to do in 2024 and how much funding they would need.

10**. Committee Chairs for 2024** – Shirmir will be stepping down as the committee chair for Women Chemists since she is taking a bigger role as the Richland Section chair. She has been looking for someone to take over. Sonia might have found someone interested in leading the Younger Chemist committee. Shirmir is planning to let know the members about the available positions.

10**. ACS Leadership Institute 2024** – Shirmir indicates that the event for the ACS Leadership Institute is January 26 to 28th in Atlanta. If anyone is interested in going, they should let her know. Uriah is interested in attending.

11. **Committee Reports** –

a. Awards – no update

b. Diversity and Inclusion – no update

c. Education – see bullets 5and 6 above.

d. Government affair – no update.

e. Membership – Sandy gives an update. The section has 374 members and there are 170 community associates. There are 2 transfers, one reinstatement and one new member.

f. Nominations – see bullet 3 above.

g. Programs – no update.

h. Public relations – no update.

i. Women Chemists – no update.

j. Environmental – Uriah reports one the event at Moonshot where Glenn Fuller gave a presentation on how a small petroleum refinery is transitioning to low carbon feedstocks.

k. Safety – no update.

Uriah moves to adjourn the November 2023 executive committee meeting. Anna seconds the motion.

**Upcoming events**

* December 2nd 2023 – Glass work event at db Studio, Barnard Griffin Winery, Richland, WA

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