



# American Chemical Society

Richland Section Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 6/13/2018, 6:17 PM at BSEL 202 WSU Tri City Campus

6/13/18

Start: 6:17 pm

Attendance: Kristin Omberg, Susan Asmussen, Shirmir Branch, Deepika Malhotra, Sandy Fiskum, Steve Krogsrud, Mariefel Olarte

1. Minutes of May meeting, Mariefel – For the April minutes, Anna’s comments were incorporated in the councilor’s report section and the Treasurer’s report was added to the April minutes as directed last month. The Treasurer’s report was also added. However, these were not sent out to the group as intended. Members confirmed that they did not receive the two minutes. Approval was deferred to the July meeting.

2. Treasurer’s report, Sandy – The Local section has funds. No receipts. Expenses: \$165 for the City of Richland; (b) \$150 for the reservation of the Geezer Fest venue for November. Sandy noted that there are regulations for the use of the room, including clean-up after use. She requested that the rules be sent to her through e-mail and Sandy will send them out when she received the document. Confirmed that we have money on the savings and checking accounts. Report approval was moved and seconded.

Sandy noted that we might not have enough space for posters. Option may be to post them on the walls using non-defacing adhesives if we can get permission.

3. Update for picnic with AIChE – Steve noted that the picnic is scheduled on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The venue is still to be announced but it will likely be at the same place where we had it previously (Greg Gauck’s place). Sandy noted that it will be wise to bring your own chair. This is also potluck. Typically, the organizers will provide beverage and the burgers. Attendees will be invited to bring dessert and salads to share.

4. Newsletter Update – Steve said that it is already out. Next one will be late summer.

5. NORM update – There was an earlier meeting for the NORM meeting. Preparation is going well.

6. Updates from attendees and committee chairs – Also discussed during the NORM meeting.

7. Other Items – Sandy suggested thinking about doing tour group activities. We usually have several of them and these tend to be a combination of educational and entertainment, such as a winery tour. A visit to the WSU Wine School was suggested. The group was already there before. Some suggestions are:

- a. Potato plant
- b. Wastewater plant treatment – There is interest in how drugs that are flushed down the drain are cleaned out of the system. They can affect freshwater supply as well as Sandy also noted that the City of Richland has a wastewater treatment plant for winery wastes.
- c. Contacting Con-Agra - Kirstin knows of someone who used to work there.
- d. Water treatment plant near the river, north of us – Truck the potato washing liquid. They modified the starch in the water and they use these to coat the fries and chips and tots to make them crispier. In the packaging this is known as modified potato starch. Would be a good place to visit and a topic in a future newsletter. If they will not allow a visit, someone from the plant may be invited as a speaker.



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Suggestions for a speaker in Geezerfest: Previously, we had someone from the crime lab. We had a speaker from wineries before. Susan suggested a speaker from cider- or beer-making process. A speaker also from PNNL on biomass/waste conversion process. Steve noted that we had someone gave a talk already on biofuels a year ago.

Other sections have dinner group meetings. We may want to do that also. Implement maybe once a month and determine interest.

Meeting adjourned: 6:34 pm.

**ACS Richland Section  
Treasurer's Report**

June 13, 2018

**Activities**

I reserved the Activity Room at the Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park Dr. for Friday November 16, 2018 to hold our annual social. Time We need to clean up the room after our activity is over.

**Starting Balance**

Savings	\$18,892.15
Checking	\$16,539.05

**Receipts**

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
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Total receipts this period	\$0.00
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**Expenses**

To (date billed)	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
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Visual Verve	\$165.00	16a	6/7/2018	June newsletter; 1264
City of Richland	\$150.00	17c	5/18/2018	Reserve room at Richland Community House on November 16, 2018

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Total spent this period	\$315.00
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**Ending Balance**

Savings	\$18,892.15
Checking	\$16,224.05