



Richland Section Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 07/08/2020, 6:10 PM, Teams Meeting

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Start: 6:10 pm

Attendance: Shirmir Branch, Sandy Fiskum, Anna Cavinato, Mariefel Olarte, Deepika Malhotra, Ram Devanathan, Dave Heldebrant

1. Adhoc discussion – Sandy has questioned members on the actions the Local Section (LS) executive committee could take to engage the membership. Discussion included soliciting speakers to give a virtual seminar.
2. Approval of minutes – Shirmir introduces the June 2020 executive committee minutes. Comments/revisions were received electronically. Due to lack of quorum, Shirmir will incorporate comments received and resend the final draft to the executive committee for electronic voting.
3. Approval of treasurer report – Deepika introduces the July 2020 (01 – 30 June 2020) treasurer report. Starting balance is \$45,016.60 in savings and \$20,650.85 in checking. There are no pending activities to report. Ending balance is \$45,027.79 in savings and \$20,650.85 in checking. The bank charged \$4 fees for online transfer made last month to ACS for Leadership Institute. Deepika was able to get the fee waived. A check in the amount of \$1000 has been sent EOU chemistry club to help offset losses for student travel. Ram has mentioned the creation of a stock market balance fund for some of the section's financial assets. This is expected to provide a higher rate of return (as opposed to \$40- \$50 per year in bank interest). Deepika will connect with Ram to gather the necessary information to pass onto the LS executive committee. Due to lack of quorum, Deepika will send the final treasurer draft report to the executive committee for electronic voting.

Old Business

4. Updated Bylaws – The bylaws have been posted on the LS website.
5. #ShutDownSTEM – The below statement has been submitted to the LS:

Every member of the ACS Richland section benefits from the talents and experiences of our peers, from the mutual respect we exercise and from the growing and diverse scientific community we serve. Our members are committed to create an environment that respects the dignity and civil rights of all persons, particularly those from groups that have experienced discrimination and persecution. We condemn racism, discrimination and harassment in all forms and are committed to embrace long-lasting, transformational change. Recent events have reminded us that much work needs to be done to achieve racial equity. We encourage every member of our section to commit to work towards this goal.

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If you are interested in helping the section develop programs that promote diversity and inclusion and eradicate racism in our community, please contact Sandy Fiskum, [sandy.fiskum@pnnl.gov](mailto:sandy.fiskum@pnnl.gov)  
The Richland Section Executive Committee

- a. John Cox has replied pledging his services to whatever initiative the LS comes up with. Mariefel suggested hosting a panel. She will reach out to Anna (diversity chair) and Megan (WCC chair) to begin organizing a program. Anna has mentioned a panel happening tomorrow. Anna will send details to the LS executive committee.
6. Sustainability program grant – No response received to email call to arms.
7. Newsletter – Newsletter has been sent for organization.
8. Volunteer databank – Megan and Shirmir have a draft of the call for volunteer databank information. The request will be sent to the LS via email and the fall newsletter. Shirmir has requested access to the LS google drive to store the databank and send the Google Forms survey for the databank.
9. GAC on-line training – No discussion. Kristin is absent.
10. Puget/Richland WCC event – The Puget Sound WCC section wants to hold a panel for the female recipients of ACS national awards. Two of these honorees (Janet Bryant and Sue Clark) are from the Richland LS. Megan is corresponding with the Puget Sound Section to plan the event.
11. Lamb Weston tour – Mariefel’s Lamb Weston contact mentioned a potential tentative starting facility tour date on 01 August 2020. However, that date depends on whether the local area has moved to Phase 2 Safe Start. Mariefel will keep following up.

New Business

12. Annual social – Deepika reported that the Richland Community center will not reopen until the city of Richland has moved to Phase 3 Safe Start. Discussion indicates hosting a virtual event. Mariefel reached out to Christopher Hendon (OSU) about participating in the annual social if the event went virtual and he responded that he would be willing to do either. Sandy is concerned that the 50+ year members who are typically honored will not be willing to engage in a virtual event. Anna mentioned that Richard Herman (one of the 50+ year award recipients) wrote an essay about the history of the Richland Section. Anna will reach out to him to ask where this essay is.

Committee reports

13. Programs – Reports discussed above.
14. WCC – Reports discussed above.



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15. Awards – Anna asked if there has been any announcement about the Chemluminary awards. Discussion indicates that there has not been.
16. Public relations – Reports discussed above.
17. GAC – No updates to report.
18. Education – No updates to report.

Upcoming events

19. WCC happy hour – Longship Cellars (postponed, TBD).
20. ACS/AIChE picnic (postponed)
21. Girls in Science (TBD)
22. National Chemistry Week (TBD)
23. Facility Tour (TBD)
24. Fall PIB (TBD)
25. NCW: Celebration of Science, REACH museum (TBD)
26. Annual Social, Richland Community Center (13 Nov 2020)
27. Webinar honoring National ACS female award winners (TBD)

Adjourn at 6:45 pm



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**ACS Richland Section  
 Treasurer's Report**

6/1/2020-6/30/2020

**Activities**

Issued check #1346 to EOU Chemistry Club under ACS Student Travel award: \$1000.00

**Starting Balance**

Savings	\$45,016.60
Checking	\$20,650.85

**Receipts**

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
Interest Deposit	\$11.19	8	2020-06-30	Savings

Total receipts this period	\$11.19
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**Expenses**

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number

Total spent this period	\$0.00
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**Ending Balance**

Savings	\$45,027.79
Checking	\$20,650.85