



Richland Section Board Meeting
Wednesday, 08/10/2020, 6:04 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Start: 6:04 pm

Attendance: Sandy Fiskum, Shirmir Branch, Dave Heldebrant, Mariefel Olarte, Steve Krogsrud, Megan Nims, Kristin Omberg, Deepika Malhotra, Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato

1. Approval of minutes – Shirmir introduces the July 2020 executive committee minutes. Comments/revisions were received electronically. Kristin moves to approve the July 2020 minutes as revised; Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Steve has requested that the final versions of the approved minutes from the previous months be submitted to Matt Monroe for uploading onto the Richland Section website. Shirmir has taken this action.
2. Approval of treasurer’s report – Deepika introduces the August 2020 (01 – 31 July 2020) treasurer report. Starting balance is \$45,027.79 in savings and \$20,650.85 in checking. Activities, income, and expenses are detailed in the attached treasurer’s report. Ending balance is \$45,027.79 in savings and \$19,615.85 in checking. Anna moves to approve the August 2020 treasurer report as received; Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

3. Volunteer opportunity for sustainability program – No volunteers came forward to spearhead this activity, so it will be removed as a task.
4. Newsletter – Steve sent draft newsletter to the board. Comments were received. Susan Weidner has volunteered to proofread the newsletter. Steve hopes to have the newsletter out by the end of this week. Steve has made changes in the newsletter regarding the Annual Social – with Sandy’s approval – since the event will be reformatted, due to impacts by COVID. Comments are due back to Steve by Friday.
5. Volunteer databank – Databank template has been uploaded to the Richland Local Section (LS) Google share drive. Beta testing of the Google forms survey will be conducted among the LS executive committee.
6. Governance Affairs Committee (GAC) – An outline has been created for the virtual GAC training, which is set to take place on Zoom. Kristin has opened the discussion for the pros and cons for starting the training relative to the upcoming election and the start of the school year. Kristin also noted that if the GAC interacts with a candidate before elections, there must also be enough time to allow equal interaction with anyone running against them in order to remain non-partisan. Starting the training in August would allow for programming geared toward interaction with candidates before the elections. Starting in November and beyond would allow for programming geared toward interaction with the newly elected officials before they take office. Janet advised caution with participating in these types of events since the committee members involved are running for a National ACS position. Janet emphasized that the LS must remain non-partisan in order to retain the LS’s (and ACS’s) non-profit status. Sandy suggested that the LS take a step back and look at what success for the GAC

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would look like, then focus on hosting interactions with legislative representatives after elections have taken place. Discussion indicated that this path could miss the window of opportunity for the public's enthusiasm in the upcoming elections. Another comment suggested waiting until schools were back in session, then provide tools for the public to reach out to their legislative body. Kristin will work up a draft schedule based on this discussion and send back to the executive committee.

7. WCC coordination with Puget Sound LS – The Puget Sound WCC will be hosting a webinar honoring the female awardees of ACS National Awards that would have been recognized in-person during the cancelled Spring 2020 National Meeting. The awardees include Janet Bryant and Sue Clark. This event is set to take place later in the fall after the ACS national elections.
8. Lamb Weston tour – Lamb Weston is not currently hosting tours. Mariefel will continue to follow up with her contact to determine when availability becomes likely for a visit.
9. Website update – Steve plans to meet with the website development team before the next executive committee meeting. Anna said that there is a second call for the Members Engaging Through Technology (METT) Grant. Anna encourages the LS to apply. The application deadline is 15 October 2020. This grant could be used to fund updating the website. Anna asked how the LS plans to hold event virtually (platform, max number of attendees, etc.). The METT grant would allow the LS to purchase a virtual meeting license. Kristin noted that some Teams platforms allow for meetings up to 250 people. The LS currently uses the ACS license for a Zoom account. (The ACS grants the license to Local Sections and Divisions up to 2021). Use of this account after 2021 will need to be supported by the LS budget.
10. Mutual fund – Deepika has begun research exploring long term investment options. Discussion indicates that, given the current volatility of the market, it may be more prudent to wait for a more stable market and take a moderately conservative approach when investing. Sandy noted that investing at a new financial institution could be a significant and arduous undertaking. Anna has located an investment plan from a separate non-profit organization. The plan was drafted through the collaborative efforts of that organization's board and a financial planner. Anna will send this plan to Deepika for reference. The executive committee will revisit these options in a couple of months.

New Business

11. New volunteer – Dr. Susan Wiedner has volunteered to help with the newsletter.
12. Systemic Racism diversity panel – Sandy sent out a link to the Senior Chemist committee Agenda to Address Systemic Racism diversity panel: [accessed here](#).
13. Annual social – Sandy recommends that the event go virtual, while keeping the same date. Christopher Hendon (OSU) still willing to present the keynote virtually. Discussion indicates that the 50+ year members may not be able to participate in a virtual event. Sandy suggested reaching out to a family who is able to help 50+ year members to log onto the event. She also suggested personally delivering the awards to the 50+ year members. Steve suggested creating additional features for the

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attendees to participate in (e.g. breakout rooms, polls, icebreakers, games, etc.). Anna will help Steve to coordinate this. Please send any suggestions to Anna and Steve. Mariefel suggested putting pictures of the 50+ year awardees in the newsletter. Steve has taken the action to include this in the newsletter upcoming after the currently drafted one.

14. 2021 elections – Elections results must be submitted on 01 December 2020. The bylaws can be referenced to verify how soon the elections must take place before the 01 Dec 2020 deadline. The elections will need to take place in early November. The candidates must be posted by early October. Steve has taken the action to include this in the newsletter upcoming after the currently drafted one. Kristin, as Past Chair, will be organizing the slate of candidates. The bylaws allow for a minimum of one candidate per elected position. Janet commented that if there are any positions with no candidates, the national ACS must be notified of an incomplete ballot.

Committee reports

15. Programs – The COVID awareness webinar is scheduled for 02 September 2020 at 5:30 pm with PNNL's Dr. Amy Sims. Mariefel sent the announcement to Steve for inclusion in the newsletter. Sandy also recommended sending an email the week before. A diversity panel is being planned among the WCC and Diversity committees. The Division of Professional Relations has many resources that can contribute to this event. Janet will pass this contact information to Mariefel.
16. WCC – Reports discussed above.
17. Awards – There has been no information about the Chemluminary awards. Award nominations are still on schedule for 01 Nov 2020. Ram received the ACS Fellows award.
18. Public relations – Reports discussed above.
19. GAC – Reports discussed above.
20. Education – No updates to report.

Upcoming events

21. WCC happy hour – Longship Cellars (postponed, TBD).
22. ACS/AIChE picnic (postponed)
23. Girls in Science (TBD) – Anna reached out to NEOAHEC, the organization that hosts the Girls in Science events. She suggested hosting a shorter, virtual event, by sending kits to the attendees. The activity would be relevant to COVID-19 awareness. Activities would include making a model of the virus, understanding how the virus works and is transmitted, how hand sanitizers work, etc. She received positive feedback, but the decision to host the event is still in review. Janet mentioned that two of the four plenary speakers on the opening day of the Fall ACS meeting are presenting TED-



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style talks regarding COVID-19. The ACS Biological Chemistry (BIOL) Division organized a symposium on COVID-19. All of these talks will be available to use as a resource for the Girls in Science event. Discussion indicates that the TED-style talks would be most suitable as they provide a very high-level, yet scientific, overview of the pandemic.

- 24. National Chemistry Week (TBD)
- 25. Facility Tour (TBD)
- 26. Fall PIB (TBD)
- 27. NCW: Celebration of Science, REACH museum (TBD)
- 28. Annual Social, Richland Community Center (13 Nov 2020)
- 29. Webinar honoring National ACS female award winners (TBD)

Sandy moves to adjourn; Janet seconds the motions. Motion carries unanimously.
Adjourn at 7:22 pm

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**ACS Richland Section
 Treasurer's Report**

7/1/2020-7/31/2020

Activities

Starting Balance

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

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
ACH American Chemica PRIMARY Jul - Dec 2019 COMMISSION 112**15	\$15.00	2	2020-07-17	Checking

Total receipts this period \$15.00

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Andrea Penafiel	\$50.00	21e	2020-03-12	MCSF Science Fair Award: 1344
EQU Chemistry Club	\$1,000.00	14a	2020-06-14	Contribution to EOU ticket expenses under Travel Award for ACS student expense category: 1346

Total spent this period \$1,050.00

Ending Balance

Savings \$45,027.79
 Checking \$19,615.85