



Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 07/14/2021, 6:03 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Start: 6:03 pm

Attendance: Shirmir Branch, Janet Bryant, Anna Cavinato, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, Steve Krogsrud, Deepika Malhotra, Mariefel Olarte, Kristin Omberg, Tamas Varga

1. May and June 2021 meeting minutes – Shirmir reintroduces the May 2021 executive committee meeting minutes and introduces the June 2021 minutes. Comments were received electronically and revisions were made accordingly. Kristin moves to approve the May and June 2021 executive committee meeting minutes with comments incorporated. Anna seconds the motion. Discussion indicates that some revisions of the minutes did not get sent back to the executive committee meeting. Shirmir clarified that all comments received were incorporated into the most recent drafts of the minutes and will be reflected in the final drafts. Motion passes unanimously. Shirmir has taken the action to send the final drafts of the minutes to Matt Monroe for upload to the Local Section (LS) website.
2. June and July 2021 treasurer's reports – Deepika reintroduces the June 2021 (06 – 31 May 2021) treasurer's report and introduces the July 2021 (01 – 30 June 2021) report. The June 2021 report was detailed in the June 2021 executive committee meeting minutes. Starting balance in the July 2021 report is \$45,054.03 in savings and \$34,704.29 in checking. Activities, receipts, and expenses are detailed in the report below. Ending balance is \$45,057.40 in savings and \$34,678.67 in checking. Sandy moves to approve the June and July 2021 treasurer's reports as received. Kristin seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. The final report for June 2021 will be included in the June 2021 executive committee meeting minutes. The final report for July 2021 is included in this meeting's minutes below.

Old Business

3. METT grant update – During the June 2021 executive committee meeting, Steve recommended hiring Sharon Betterton to design the new LS website. Discussion agrees with Steve's recommendation given her work with the NORM website. Steve moves to hire Sharon Betterton. Kristin seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
4. IPG grant – The Local Section Innovative Projects Grant is to stand up the LS Government Affairs Committee. Due to COVID-19, ACS has changed the format for their advocacy training. The training is now in the format of an online, four-module toolkit. Support is no longer provided for in-person training. However, if a LS wants to do that online workshop, a fifth module will be provided in the form of a Q&A session with the toolkit organizers. Kristin wants to provide a hybrid workshop in which members can take the training individually or as a group via a Zoom meeting. More information about this workshop is provided here: <https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/policy/memberadvocacy/acs-chemistry-advocacy-workshop.html>. One drawback for taking the training as a group is that each individual will not be provided with a certificate of participation from ACS. Kristin proposes providing a LS certificate if members are in favor of that. Kristin proposes doing this training in two sessions: one for Washington LS members in

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September, and one for Oregon LS member in October, given that school begins at Eastern Oregon University (EOU) in September. This would allow for legislature visits in November around recess schedules. Discussion indicates breaking the training into one module per week. Each module takes ~30 minutes to complete. Mariefel noted that she has reached out to ACS regarding hosting in-person events. Kristin has taken the action to work on a final plan for inclusion in the next newsletter.

New business

5. ChemLuminary Award Finalist – The LS submitted ChemLuminary nominations for three categories: Outstanding National Chemistry Week event for a special audience (Saturday Science); Outstanding Public Outreach Event organized by a student group (virtual Girls in Science); Overall Outstanding Performance Award for medium size category. The LS was selected as a finalist in each category. The awards ceremony will be held as a virtual event during National Chemistry Week in October 2021.
6. Virtual ACS national meeting scholarship – The LS was given additional funds from ACS for virtual activities. One of the comments from the Senior Chemists activities poll that was sent to LS members indicated a lack of access to journal articles. Mariefel proposed giving a scholarship to members – particularly student and senior members – to attend the fall ACS meeting virtually. Cristina Padilla-Cintron also proposed earlier using these funds to recruit student members to the LS and ACS. Discussion is in support of using the additional funds for both of these purposes. There were concerns expressed about the timing for the scholarship to attend the meeting. The virtual meeting is scheduled for 22 – 26 August 2021. The scholarship would be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. However, scholarships should be prioritized for those that are presenting. The scholarship will be granted to up to 5 emeritus members, 10 student members, and 10 high school teachers each. For high school teachers, scholarships will be given only for the virtual meeting attendance. For students and senior chemists, scholarships will be given for memberships as well as virtual meeting attendance. Mariefel moves to create scholarships to support 5 emeritus members, 10 student members, and 10 high school teachers to attend the Fall 2021 ACS virtual meeting, as well as scholarships to support ACS memberships for 5 senior chemists, 5 students from each LS student chapter (EOU, Columbia Basin College, Walla Walla University, Whitman College) and Washington State University Tri-Cities. Anna seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
7. Volunteers running for 2021 LS executive committee – Sandy is calling for volunteers to run for the 2022 LS executive committee positions. The positions for secretary, treasurer, and chair-elect are up for election. Please send nominations to Sandy. Sandy will check with Anna to determine if the councilor position is open for election.
8. NORM hosting – The Visit Tri-Cities organization reached out to Janet to determine if the LS would be interested in hosting another NORM soon. The cycle for hosting is typically approximately every 10 years. The organization said they would be supportive of the LS hosting another meeting sooner. It has not yet been determined if the NOR board would support this move. Discussion indicates that time is needed to seek collaborations for this event. Mariefel has taken the action to notify Visit Tri-Cities that the LS will determine if it is ready to host this event ahead of the 10-year cycle.

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Other business

9. Annual social – Deepika reached out to the Richland Community Center to follow up regarding a venue for the annual social. A representative said that they will be receiving reservation requests starting 22 July 2021. Mariefel will reach out to ACS for guidance on allowing in-person LS events. Discussion indicated making the reservation as soon as possible, then adjusting based on ACS guidance. Deepika has taken the action to reach out to the EOU student chapter to determine their availability. This event will also need to be coordinated around GAC events.

Committee reports

10. Programs – Updated reported above.
11. Membership – No updates to report.
12. Nominations – No updates to report.
13. Awards – No updates to report.
14. Public Relations – Steve will be sending out deadlines for the next newsletter.
15. Education – No updates to report.
16. Diversity and Inclusion – No updates to report.
17. Government Affairs – Updates reported above.
18. Women Chemists – No updates to report.

Mariefel adjourns the July 2021 executive committee meeting at 7:10 pm



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**ACS Richland Section
Treasurer's Report**

06/01/2021-06/30/2021

Activities

Starting Balance

Savings \$45,054.03
Checking \$34,704.29

Receipts

From	Amount	Budget Category	Date	Directed to:
Interest Deposit	\$3.37	8	2021-06-30	Savings

Total receipts this period \$3.37

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Banner Bank	\$3.00	16d	2021-06-01	Paper Statement Fee; Debit
Oliva M. Primera Pedrozo	\$20.62	17d	2021-05-14	Science Cafè Family Night; check # 1356
Cristina Padilla Cintron	\$2.00	21b	2021-05-19	DI&R Grant; check # 1360

Total spent this period \$25.62

Ending Balance

Savings \$45,057.40
Checking \$34,678.67