



Richland Section Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 08/11/2021, 6:01 PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Start: 6:01 pm

Attendance: Shirmir Branch, Anna Cavinato, Ram Devanathan, Sandra (Sandy) Fiskum, Colby Heideman, David (Dave) Heldebrant, Steve Krogsrud, Whitney LaMarche, Deepika Malhotra, Mariefel Olarte, Cristina Padilla-Cintron

1. Welcome Whitney!
2. July 2021 meeting minutes – Shirmir introduces the July 2021 executive committee minutes. Shirmir asked for clarification regarding item 6, which calls out the Richland Local Section (LS) student chapters that would be eligible for scholarships. Discussion indicates that the schools to be included for eligibility are the schools listed on the most recent LS member roster and Washington State University Tri-Cities. This will be corrected in the minutes. Anna moves to approve the July 2021 executive committee meeting minutes as corrected. Ram seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Shirmir has taken the action to send the final draft of the minutes to Matt Monroe (LS website manager) for upload to the LS website.
3. August 2021 treasurer's report – Deepika introduces the August 2021 (01 – 31 July 2021) treasurer's report. Starting balance is \$45,057.40 in savings and \$34,678.67 in checking. There are no activities, receipts, or expenses to report. Ending balance is \$45,057.40 in savings and \$34,678.67 in checking. Cristina moves to approve the August 2021 treasurer's report. Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Final report is included in the minutes below.

Old Business

4. METT Grant Update – During the July 2021 executive committee meeting, Sharon Betterton was selected as the LS website designer. Deepika sent the check for this service to Sharon. Steve sent an email to the executive committee containing recommendations for a website host (Bluehost, Siteground, and DataRealm) as well as the domain name. The committee selected acsrichland.org as the domain unanimously via email. Both Steve and Matt Monroe believe DataRealm would be the best fit for the domain host due to the price competitiveness and that other LS's have been satisfied with the domain. Steve moves to select with DataRealm as the LS website domain host. Sandy seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
5. Geezerfest – The Richland Community Center has event space available for 05 and 19 November 2021. Deepika reserved the venue for 05 November and paid the damage deposit for venue reservation. While 19 November is also available, the venue already has a reservation on that date that will end very close to the preferred time slot (starting at 5:00 pm) for the annual social. If 19 November is preferred, Deepika will need to change the reservation. There are currently no additional COVID-19 guidelines in place for the venue other than mandated by WA state. Deepika will maintain communication with the community center staff as the event date approaches. Mariefel still has not gotten a response from ACS regarding COVID-19 guidelines for in-person events. Event insurance is also required since alcohol is planned to be served at this event. Anna noted that (regarding IPG

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grants) the ACS is currently approving grant proposal for in-person events. Cristina and Mariefel discussed the possibility of hosting a hybrid event. Discussion indicates that there are risks in terms of obtaining refunds for items that require deposits (i.e. catering, insurance, etc.). The policies for refunds need to be explored. There was also discussion about whether members would want to attend an in-person event. Some commented that a hybrid platform could be successful for this type of event. It is still too early to tell if an in-person event would be doable/allowed. The current path forward is to make as many reservations as possible for an in-person event while keeping track of how early things need to be cancelled. A poll should be sent to the membership to determine how many members are interested in attending an in-person event. The speaker also needs to be kept apprised of developments.

6. ACS fall scholarship – There have been no applications received for a scholarship to attend the virtual ACS Fall Meeting. Anna noted that it is summertime (in regard to student schedules), and not many students are presenting at the fall meeting. Anna has taken the action to resend the call to the membership. Whitney noted that several schools around Tri Cities, including Columbia Basin College and Washington State University Tri Cities have platforms that list scholarships available for students to apply. Whitney has taken the action to send this information to Mariefel. Anna noted that the Division of Analytical Chemistry is funding her travel to Atlanta for the Fall Meeting. The Councilor’s meeting will be held virtually at no cost. For these reasons, she will not be requesting reimbursement from the LS for attending the Councilor’s meeting.

New business

7. 2022 LS candidates – The following candidates have been deemed eligible to run for the 2022 executive committee. For secretary: Uriah Kilgore, Shirmir Branch. For treasurer: Katherine Koh, Deepika Malhotra, Whitney LaMarche. For Chair-Elect: Abhi Karkamkar, Lucas Boron-Brenner. Sandy moves to approve the candidate slate. Dave seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Each candidate’s info and photo needs to be submitted to Steve by the first week of September for inclusion in the newsletter. Shirmir will acquire the election roster from ACS prior to distribution of the ballots to the membership.
8. LS awards, Project SEED – There are two opportunities to apply for grants. The Science café proposal is due 17 October 2021. Up to \$500 can be requested. The Diversity, Inclusion & Respect (DI&R) grant proposal is due 12 November 2021. The LS was awarded a DI&R grant for an event in 2021, which Cristina successfully spearheaded with Stevens Middle School. Anna noted that there is a lot of funding available for 2022 events which the ACS need to award this year. The Committee on Project SEED successfully hosted virtual programs in the summer of 2021. Washington state does not have a Project SEED committee. Anna noted that since students can participate in Project SEED programs virtually, it might be easier for some members who work at PNNL to mentor a student. There will be an open meeting hosted on Tuesday, 24 August at 4:00 pm ET to provide more information about using this online tool. Anna will send the link for the meeting to the executive committee.

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9. NOR Board report – The NOR Board has not yet received the NORM 2019 report from the Portland LS. Completion of the report has been impacted by COVID-19. The NORM 2021 financial report has not yet been submitted. The Montana LS will host NORM 2022. The Inland Northwest LS is set to host NORM 2023 but is currently not sure about hosting due to lack of volunteers. Ram would like to remind volunteers not to take on more than they are capable of handling, especially during these uncertain times.
10. Science café – Cristina has proposed to host a professional development workshop. A potential speaker has been selected. He will be giving a workshop on project management at no cost to the LS. Projected timeline for this event will be September 2021. During discussion it was asked how long the speaker would be giving the workshop and what their flexibility would be for the time that the workshop would be given. Discussion also indicates that an in-person event would be favorable.

Other business

Committee reports

11. Programs – Updates reported above.
12. Membership – Updates reported above.
13. Nominations – No updates to report.
14. Awards – No updates to report.
15. Public Relations – Steve asks for description about each committee to be sent to him by the first week of September for inclusion in the next newsletter.
16. Education – No updates to report.
17. Diversity and Inclusion – No updates to report.
18. Government Affairs – No updates to report.
19. Women Chemists – No updates to report.

Dave moves to adjourn the August 2021 executive committee meeting. Anna seconds the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Mariefel adjourns the August 2021 executive committee meeting at 7:06 pm



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Activities

Paid damage deposit of \$436.50 to Richland Community Center for ACS Annual Social venue reservation
 Issued a check #1361 of \$850.00 to Sharon Betterton for Website update

Starting Balance

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

Receipts

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

Expenses

To	Amount	Budget Category	Date Paid	Description; check number
Total spent this period	\$0.00			

Ending Balance

Savings	\$45,057.40
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