

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014

I. Call to order

Despina Strong called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:00 P.M. on March 10, 2014, at North Seattle Community College.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Despina Strong, David Munch, Dharshi Bopegedara, Carole Berg, Greg Milligan, Jennie Mayer, Jonathan Clark, Gary Christian, Andy Zweig, Craig Fryhle, Robbyn Perdue-Anand, Amar Yahiaoui, Charity Flener Lovitt, Karen Goodwin (Centralia), Bob Kostric, William Stiel

III. Secretary's report

Robbyn Perdue-Anand presented the minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting. The minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's report

Carole Berg presented the treasurer's report. A discussion about the budget followed, and no changes were made to the budget. The treasurer's report was approved.

V. Chair's report

Despina S. thanked Nick M. for his completion of the ACS PSS annual report. Despina S. discussed creating an ACS PSS event calendar and an award calendar for the upcoming year. Award nominations were discussed including a nomination of Robbyn P.-A. for the Stanley C. Steele Award for Diversity and Clarita Bhat for a Service Award.

VI. Business items

- a) Dharshi B. gave a report on the Career Day event. The event was well received and came in under budget. She was given a thank you card for organizing the event.
- b) Jonathan C. requested that information about upcoming and completed events be sent to him to include in The Chemist.
- c) Jennie M. gave a report on the Central Sound Regional Science and Engineering Fair. A Redmond High School student won first prize.
- d) Jonathan C. reported that the Younger Chemists Committee held an event about cell membranes at an elementary school.
- e) Volunteer judges were requested for a science fair at St. Catherine's School on Thursday, March 13th from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- f) Charity F. L. updated the Committee on the Sustainability Committee's plans for World Water Days at the Brightwater Center on March 22nd from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. They plan to partner with the Pacific Science Center.
- g) Amar Y. discussed the plan for the Olympiad in April. Preliminary exams are to be held in Bellevue on March 22nd and 29th. In the final Olympiad, each school can send up to 2 students.

- h) Robbyn P.-A. updated the Committee on the Women Chemists Retreat. Graduate students, post-doctoral researchers, and early career chemists are encouraged to apply.
- i) David M. proposed including a summary of the ACS PSS Executive Committee Meeting Minutes in The Chemist.
- j) Carole B. updated the Committee on the plans for Awards Night to be held at Bellevue College on June 7th.
- k) Despina S. requested that those interested in serving on the Nominations Committee contact her or Nick M.
- l) Despina S. initiated a discussion about the amount requested for the ACS PSS local section dues. A discussion followed. Robbyn P.-A. motioned to approve a suggested dues increase to \$10. Greg M. seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

VII. Adjournment

Despina adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robbyn Perdue-Anand