

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2014

I. Call to order

Despina Strong called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 3:36 P.M. on September 6, 2014 at Carole Berg's house at Lake Tapps, WA.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Despina Strong, Carole Berg, Craig Fryhle, Jonathan Clark, Dharshi Bopegedera, Greg Milligan, Gary Christian, Jennie Mayer, Cheryl Bick

III. Secretary's report

Despina led the discussion and approval of the minutes from the May and June Executive Committee meetings. The minutes from the May meeting were approved. The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

IV. Treasurer's report

Carole Berg presented the treasurer's report. A question arose about one of the figures on the tentative treasurer's report (Awards – Distinguished Service \$10,500). As a result, voting on approval of the Treasurer's report was tabled until the next meeting.

V. Chair's report

Nothing to report.

VI. Business items

- a. Jonathan Clark volunteered to take minutes.
- b. Motion was made and approved to allocate \$250 for the expenses for the activities associated with Chemistry Week.
- c. The opt-out option discussed for section membership dues was discussed briefly. The topic of 'means to increase revenues' was tabled for the next meeting.
- d. NORM Report – Carole Berg gave a report about NORM 2014. There were NORM budget changes. 40% of all net revenue will go to the NORM committee and 60% of all net revenue will go to the section that hosts NORM (rather than all 100% of net revenues going to the section that hosts NORM) until the NORM financial reserves are built back up to their stated minimum value. Officers of NORM are going through a massive changeover in personnel. Next year's NORM will be in Anchorage, AK. This will be an expensive trip for

whomever we send. The next NORM meeting following the one in Alaska will be at Idaho State and will be very inexpensive (\$25/night staying in the dorms). 2022 is when our Section has placed its bid to host NORM.

- e. National Meeting – The council meeting ended an hour early. They covered the reports and did not have any contentious issues to discuss.
- f. Discussed benefits of being a member of the local section. The advertisement for the WCCTA conference was discussed.
- g. The events for National Chemistry Week, including the technical talk by Dr. Dayle Smith, were discussed.
- h. Elections – We are still short a candidate for Chair-Elect for the elections. We have candidates for most of the positions. A couple people mentioned that they know of someone who might be interested in running for Chair-Elect.
- i. Various awards were mentioned briefly
- j. “Partners for Progress and Prosperity” (PPP award)
- k. “Award for the Senior Chemists Activities”
- l. “American Association of Chemistry Teachers” (AACT award)

VII. Adjournment

Despina adjourned the meeting at 4:39 P.M.

Minutes taken by Jonathan Clark

Councilor/Term: Mark Wicholas (#1, 2014), Gary Christian (#4, 2014), Greg Milligan (#2, 2015), Craig Fryhle (#3, 2016)
Alternate councilor/Term: Jennie Mayer (#1, 2014), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2014), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2015), Neal Yakelis (#3, 2016)