

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2014

**I. Call to order**

Despina Strong called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:02 P.M. on October 13, 2014 at North Seattle Community College.

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Despina Strong, Cheryl Bick, Carole Berg, Robbyn Perdue-Anand, Jonathan Clark, Greg Milligan, Gary Christian, Jennie Mayer, Amar Yahiaoui, Neal Yakelis, Dharshi Bopegedera, Charity Lovitt, David Munch, Karen Goodwin, Phil Mayer, Reitha Weeks (Association of Women in Science (AWIS))

**III. Secretary's report**

Approval of October minutes tabled until next meeting. Robbyn shared a preliminary draft of ballots for the 2014 election. The draft will be edited to include Councilor and Alternate Councilor position numbers.

**IV. Treasurer's report**

Carole Berg presented the treasurer's report and a budgetary update. Recent expenses were discussed as well as funds transferred from savings and CDs to checking to cover the expenses. Reimbursement from ACS National for Councilor travel is pending. Dharshi B. motioned to approve the report. Neal Y. seconded the motion. The report was approved.

**V. Chair's report**

Despina S. discussed section events and activities. She called for volunteers to count votes. Jonathan C. and Amar Y. volunteered to be tellers.

**VI. Business items**

- a. Jonathan C. reported on the table hosted by the Younger Chemists Committee (YCC) at the Life Sciences Research Event. The YCC will hold a meeting Thursday, October 16.
- b. Dharshi B. reported on the success of the Washington College Chemistry Teachers Association (WCCTA) speaker event. Karen G. is to send photos to Jonathan C. to publish in The Chemist. Dharshi also informed the Committee that plans for the next speaker event on October 22 at Evergreen College are underway. The speaker will be Dr. Dayle Smith.

- c. Charity F.-L. shared the activities of the Sustainability Committee. The planned event in collaboration with the Pacific Science Center has been postponed pending recruitment of participants. Charity requested feedback on an abstract (regarding the Climate Change Community Grant) that she plans to submit for the ACS Denver meeting. The abstract is to be circulated to the Executive Committee members by e-mail. Feedback is requested prior to submission on November 3.
- d. Despina S. shared with the Committee about the success of the Pauling Award Symposium.
- e. Dharshi reported plans for Career Day to be held February 11, 2015. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Romesh Gautom, Director at the Department of Health Laboratories. Panelists for the event are needed.
- f. Greg M. reminded the Committee that the ACS Leadership Institute will be held January 23-25. The Committee discussed sending Cheryl B., Sheri Tonn, and potentially a YCC member.
- g. Neal Y. shared that the Undergraduate Research Symposium (UGR) is to be hosted at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) in 2015 on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Selection of scholarship recipients may be moved up to April 1<sup>st</sup> to allow those selected to be announced at UGR.
- h. Cheryl B. discussed an idea for an event at The Boeing Company at which students would hear about research at Boeing such as fuels and composites. Students would have an opportunity to shadow a Boeing employee.
- i. Despina S. gave the Committee 'homework' to look over a proposed 2015 budget that she drafted.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Despina adjourned the meeting at 8:24 P.M.

Minutes taken by Robbyn Perdue-Anand