

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2014

**I. Call to order**

Despina Strong called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:00 P.M. on December 8, 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, Jennie Mayer, Neal Yakelis, Charity Flener-Lovitt, David Munch, Karen Goodwin, Craig Fryhle, Sheri Tonn, Sailaja Arungundram, Jessica Boze, Stephanie Hemmingson, Alison Thompson

**III. Secretary's report**

Robbyn Perdue-Anand submitted the minutes of the November meeting of the Executive Committee. Craig F. motioned to approve the November minutes. Neal Y. seconded. The November minutes were approved. Robbyn P.-A. reported that the voting results of the election for 2015 officers have been submitted to ACS National.

**IV. Treasurer's report**

Carole Berg presented a financial report. Neal Y. motioned to approve the report. Greg M. seconded. The motion passed. Carole informed to Exec. Committee that \$8500 have been requested for the 2016 Pauling Awards. Additionally, in 8 years, the Local Section will need to purchase more Pauling medals. Carole anticipates that these exceptional expenses may be offset by our recently increased Local Section membership dues.

**V. Chair's report**

Despina Strong informed the Executive Committee that annual reports are due in February and should be submitted as soon as possible.

**VI. Business items**

- a. Jonathan C. reported that the 2015 elections had a record turnout of 13%. Turnout was approximately 6% in 2014. The increased turnout was likely due to the use of Survey Monkey, and its built-in reminders, to gather votes.

- b. Jennie M., Despina S., and Alison T. shared about the panel on marijuana, which was part of a joint event with the Association of Women in Science (AWIS) Seattle Chapter. The event had a high turnout.
- c. Charity F.-L. asked the group for ideas on how to target a broader audience with speaker events. One challenge is that academic institutions usually have cheaper rates for meeting rooms, and therefore, students benefit most frequently from these events.
- d. Despina S. requested that the decision to hold the 2016 Pauling Award Symposium at Pacific Lutheran University be brought to an official vote. Neal Y. motioned to approve the decision. Greg M. seconded. The motion passed.
- e. Charity F.-L. indicated that the University of Washington at Bothell (U. W. Bothell) is interested in hosting the 2018 Pauling Award Symposium. Jennie M. motioned to approve a decision to hold the Symposium at Bothell. Carole seconded. The motion passed. Charity F.-L. later requested that this vote be nullified pending an official vote by interested parties at U. W. Bothell. Craig F. motioned to nullify the prior vote. Neal Y. seconded. The motion passed.
- f. Carole B. reviewed the proposed 2015 budget. A discussion followed, and some adjustments were made to allotments. Craig F. motioned to approve the proposed budget. Jennie M. seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- g. Jonathan C. asked for suggestions for The Chemist. Greg M. suggested a section that highlights what activities and services Local Section member dues support. Jonathan C. also shared that he won a Leadership Development award! Along with this award, he received financial support to travel to the Leadership Institute in January 2015.
- h. Robbyn A.-P., Alison T., and Stephanie H. provided a report on the 2014 Puget Sound Women Chemists Retreat and shared plans for the 2015 event.
- i. Carole B. announced that the holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at her home.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Despina adjourned the meeting at 8:27 P.M.

Minutes taken by Robbyn Perdue-Anand