

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2015

I. Call to order

Cheryl Bick called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:00 P.M. on February 9, 2015 at North Seattle Community College.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Despina Strong, Cheryl Bick, Sheri Tonn, Carole Berg, Karen Goodwin, Jonathan Clark, Greg Milligan, Craig Fryhle, Amar Yahiaoui, David Munch, Dharshi Bepgedera, Gary Christian, Sailaja A.

III. Secretary's report

Karen Goodwin, submitted the minutes of the January meeting. Sheri T. moved to approve the minutes, Despina S. seconded. The January minutes were approved. Karen reported that the 2015 committee chairs form was submitted on January 27th. It was clarified that both hard and electronic copies of any forms should be saved by the secretary.

IV. Treasurer's report

Carole Berg submitted the January Treasurer's report. She indicated that about \$150 less money had been received from national than was expected. Otherwise, the report was all updated as of this point (including all interest). The question of new accounting software was brought up again, there was still no consensus on whether new software is needed. Sheri T. moved that the Treasurer's report be approved, Amar Y. seconded. The report was approved.

V. Reports

- a. Dharshi B. reported that 70 people from 14 different institution were registered for the career event – this is the highest ever.
- b. Sheri T., Greg M., Karen G. and Jonathan C. gave a summary of the ACS leadership conference. Sheri reported that there will be work done between the local sections of the NW, including Eastern, Portland, and Richland sections. Currently being discussed is a joint destination meeting at Maryhill Winery. She also reported that there is a need to publicize the Pauling in Eastern WA and Richland. Jonathan reported that he had attended the conference as the recipient of the YCC Leadership Development Award. Greg reported that he had signed up for a Program-in-a-box webinar event, Chemistry of the Silver Screen. This will be held at St. Martin's on Feb. 24th.

VI. Business

- a. As part of the discussion of local section participation, a question was raised about free survey tool. Despina will look into this. Karen will run a report using the section roster to try and determine geographic data for our members.
- b. Regarding the Memorandum of Understanding to be reviewed/developed before the next Pauling Symposium in 2016 – Sheri T. volunteered to lead that effort. David M. will assist her, and also try and involve Mark, as he was involved in development of a previous document.
- c. Carole reported that she was investigating an event for March at a vodka distillery. The date that was selected for this event was March 28th, and the cost is estimated to be \$15 a person.
- d. Amar reported on the planning for the Olympiad. Neal, Jennie and Amar are involved with this effort. There will be several local sites for the exam (Bellvue, Shoreline, and PLU), and Shoreline will be used for the National exam location. A need to reach out for sites and participation from north of Seattle was expressed.
- e. Discussion was had regarding web visibility. It was agreed that there should be a pie chart showing the use of the budget, with a link to the mission. Other suggestions were a new member spotlight, a “meet our executive committee” section, and also that we should make our annual report more visible.
- f. Jonathan took a few minutes to ask some questions of the committee regarding several initiatives and technologies, including Partners for Progress and Prosperity, Project SEED, the use of RealMagnet for an e-mail system. A desire to have a way to contact other members of the executive committee via individual e-mails was discussed.
- g. It was announced that Sheri T. had agreed to join the finance committee.

VII. Adjournment

Cheryl adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Minutes taken by Karen Goodwin

Councilor/Term: Mark Wicholas (#1, 2017), Gregory Milligan (#2, 2015), Craig Fryhle (#3, 2016), Gary Christian (#4, 2017) Alternate Councilor/Term: Jennie Mayer (#1, 2017), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2015), Neal Yakelis (#3, 2016), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2017)