

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016

Call to order

Sheri Tonn called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:08pm on January 11, 2016 at North Seattle Community College. Introductions were made and Sheri thanked past members of the council including past chair Cheryl Bick.

Roll call

The following persons were present: Sheri Tonn*, Karen Goodwin*, Cheryl Bick*, Carole Berg*, MaLeah Huggins*, Jonathan Clark*, Greg Milligan*, Craig Fryhle*, Gary Christian*, Amar Yahiaoui*, Neal Yakelis*, Dharshi Bopegedera*, Nadine Gruhn*, Charity Lovitt, Stephanie Hemminson, and David Munch.

*indicates voting member per bylaws

Executive Board members absent: Jennie Mayer, Despina Strong, Mark Wicholas

Secretary's report

Karen G. submitted the minutes from the December meeting. It was suggested that members print their own copy of the minutes and bring it with them to the meeting. Gary M. moved to approve the minutes, Amar Y. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There was no secretary report by MaLeah.

Treasurer's report

Carole Berg submitted the Treasurer's report (1-Dec-15). Carole handed out two packets with reports to approve with income and expenses. The End of Year date is December 31, 2015 and there has been no change since January 1, 2016 when the new fiscal year started. Carole supplied the packets on the budget, and asked the committee to make notes and contact her with suggestions. It is important to note that the end of year interest is in the amount of \$404.99 and \$40.40 as stated in the packet. In good news we were \$689 under budget ("in the black") for the year. Karen G. moved that the End of Year Financial report be approved and Greg seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Jonathan moved to approve the January report and Karen seconded the motion. The tentative 2016 budget was tabled to the end of the meeting. The budget was discussed, changes were made (50/60 year dinner from 900 to 500 dollars. UGR, 3000 to 3500. WCC 2000 to 3500. PR 1000 to 500 and meetings 2000 to 1000.) and approved.

Announcements/Reports

Career Fair – Feb 17, 2016

Dharshi B. reported on the Career Fair. There are 14 students registered. Dharshi asked members to post the career fair announcements/flyers at their respective campuses. She would like to triple the numbers attending by the time of the career fair.

Business

2016 Nomination

Sheri discussed needing nominations for committee members and chairs. We should have our nominations in by the PSS February meeting.

2016 Pauling Award

Dean Waldow of PLU and Neal are co-chairs of the Pauling Award committee. It was requested to choose a time for the Pauling Award that does not conflict with WCCTA. A call for nominations will take place in February with April 15th being the deadline.

University of Washington Bothell (UWB) has offered to host the Pauling award in 2018 and the Undergraduate Research Symposium in 2017. Sheri has worked on a MOU for the Pauling Award. A motion was made to accept UWB hosting the Pauling Award in 2018 by Neal and seconded by Gary. The motion passed. A motion was moved to accept UWB hosting the UGR in 2017 was made by Neal and seconded by Carole. Motion passed unanimously.

Association for Women Science – March 16

A geochemist panel will be held at AWIS and anyone who would like to suggest chemists with earthquake expertise should contact Charity. The cost for light refreshments will be coming out of the sustainability budget. There will be a meeting on Thursday for more information.

WCC - Women's Chemist Retreat

Stephanie Hemmingson distributed packages with information on the retreat and discussed the content in the packages. The location for the retreat will be at Camp Magruder, Rockaway Beach, Oregon. The majority of the organization team is from the University of Oregon. "One of the primary goals of this retreat is its expansion to broader audiences and different regions" and networking. Many ideas were tossed around but ultimately a motion was made by Craig with the amount that the local section would provide. Craig moved that PSS would allocate 3,500 dollars to WCC for the symposium. It was seconded by Dharshi. The motion passed.

Chemistry Olympiad

The local competitions would be held March 1-March31 with the national exam being held on April 19-25th. Last year the local exam took place at Shoreline and Bellevue College. In addition, this year the local test will be held at Centralia and Saint Martin. Two students will represent each high school and also 13 students will move on to nationals.

Employment Survey

Craig reported on the employment survey. 193 people completed the survey with 227 totals. Craig discussed the data results with the group. We are waiting for the survey to close to get a clearer picture of the data.

Adjournment

Sheri adjourned the meeting at 8:13 P.M. Minutes taken and submitted by MaLeah Huggins

Councilor/Term: Mark Wicholas (#1, 2017), Gregory Milligan (#2, 2018), Craig Fryhle (#3, 2016), Gary Christian (#4, 2017), Despina Strong (#5, 2018) Alternate Councilor/Term: Jennie Mayer (#1, 2017), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2018), Neal Yakelis (#3, 2016), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2017), Nadine E. Gruhn (#5, 2018)