

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2017

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Karen Goodwin at 7:04 pm on March 13, 2017. Introductions were made for visiting guests.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Karen Goodwin*, Len Andrews*, Arwyn Smalley*, Alex Stambor*, Jonathan Clark*, Greg Milligan*, Despina Strong*, Nadine Gruhn *, David Munch, Carole Berg, Gary Christian*, Dharshi Bopegedera* and guest Michael Meechan.

*indicates voting member per bylaws

Executive Board members absent: Amar Yahiaoui*, Mark Wicholas*, Craig Fryhle*, Alicia Taylor*, Charity Lovitt, Sheri Tonn*.

III. Secretary's report

Len A. motioned to approve the minutes, Arwyn S. seconded. The motion passed.

Despina S. suggested posting the minutes on the website. Karen noted the importance of transparency

IV. Treasurer's report

Arwyn S. presented the treasurers report. Notably, a data entry error was corrected in the January Treasurer's Report and it was discovered that the ACS uses a standard 7-year retention time for financial records.

Additionally, the Portland and Oregon sections provided reimbursement for Pauling Award Expenses. Funding also arrived from ACS National.

Karen G. moved to approve the treasurers report. Greg M. seconded. The motion passed.

V. Announcements/Reports

a. Undergraduate Research Symposium at UW Bothell

For the event, UW Bothell requested a memorandum of understanding. Karen G. suggested that a template memorandum of understanding be created for future events.

b. Upcoming social events. Carole B.

April 29th – San Michelle Winery, private tour and tasting. Same date as the Bothell URS. One, possibly two tours.

August 5th – 50-60 year dinner. Two weeks ahead of the East Coast National convention.

July 29th – Free Lake Tapps summer picnic.

Carole B. also proposed a new spring vodka tour, and the possibility of returning to Theo's Chocolates. Carole will post these events to section calendars.

c. Round Table event

University of Puget sound hosted a speaker from Harvard and held a panel centered around chemistry education. These were not ACS events, and Dharshi B. suggested the possibility of the section working with UPS faculty and possibly having them host a panel at WCCTA.

VI. Old Business

a. Program in a Box. Karen G.

Program was very well attended. The technology for the event worked well, and Karen plans on holding the event twice yearly at Centralia.

b. Fishtale Brewery Tour

Was well-attended by the committee and by visitors. Many new people expressed future interest in programs and events. Some visitors traveled a distance to attend the event.

Len A. suggested the possibility of holding an event at Heritage distillery in Gig Harbor. The committee expressed interest in setting up the event. Karen G. plans to follow the brewery tour with a group email to exchange contact information. Pictures from the event will be posted to the section website.

c. Programming report – Allison Campbell talk. Len A.

Section is working with UW to incentivize attendance. Current date set for the event is in the Fall. The AWIS Earth Day meeting in progressing, currently has three speakers. April 19th at Fred Hutchinson.

d. Education Committee Report: Chemistry Olympiad and scholarships.

Despina S. clarified that the preliminary testing is underway. Deadline is set for March 15th for scholarships. Broad participation from 2-year schools, less so from 4-year schools. Students are late to apply, and as such deadline may be extended. The process will be revised next year.

e. ACS Career Day - report. Dharshi B.

Event went very well, 34 attendees. Registration and security clearance worked very well. FDA covered the cost of snacks and provided the keynote speaker. Donations received, and students provided excellent feedback. Many expressed enthusiasm for future ACS events. The FDA were excellent hosts.

f. Alt Councilor position #1 vacancy. Nomination committee chair.

Karen G. moved to appoint Gwen Gross to the interim position. Len A. seconded. The motion passed.

VII. New Business

a. NORM 2017 – Corvallis June 25-28

Alternate councilors are traditionally given the first choice to represent the section to give them a chance to travel. Dharshi B. stated she would look at her calendar.

b. NORM 2019 - hosting

Western Washington University has expressed an interest in hosting NORM in 2019. Karen G. experienced difficulties in contacting the NORM board regarding applications. If 2019 does not work, the section plans to make the next bid for 2022.

c. Dues for next year – Discussion/vote.

The committee discussed the possibility of increasing section dues. Arwyn S. moved keep dues at their current rate. Dharshi B. seconded. The motion passed.

d. Earth Day Planning

Event in cooperation with Centralia College. Expecting a high turnout of elementary school students to attend. Day is open to the public. Dedicated funds go to providing supplies for the students. Karen G. also noted that the funds for Earth Day may go to a variety of events.

e. Carole B. presented that the Bellevue science fair was well attended, with many posters. Many high schools from both the greater Bellevue area and Seattle were represented.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Arwyn S. motioned to adjourn, Despina S. seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Councilor/Term: Mark Wicholas (#1, 2017), Gregory Milligan (#2, 2018), Craig Fryhle (#3, 2019), Gary Christian (#4, 2017), Despina Strong (#5, 2018) Alternate Councilor/Term: ----- (#1, 2017), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2018), Alicia Taylor (#3, 2019), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2017), Nadine E. Gruhn (#5, 2018)