

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Karen Goodwin at 7:00 pm on April 10, 2017. Introductions were made for visiting guests and new alternate councilor Gwen Gross.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Karen Goodwin*, Arwyn Smalley*, Alex Stambor*, Jonathan Clark*, Despina Strong*, Mark Wicholas*, Craig Fryhle*, Gary Christian*, Gwen Gross*, Nadine Gruhn*, David Munch, Dharshi Bopegedera*, Charity Lovitt, and guest Eric Camp.

*indicates voting member per bylaws

Executive Board members absent: Amar Yahiaoui*, Alicia Taylor*, Sheri Tonn*, Len Andrews*, Greg Milligan*

III. Secretary's report

Minutes were read and Dharshi B. motioned to approve, Despina S. seconded. Motion passed. Despina asked whether the secretary receives the "past chair" pin from national. Alex S. stated he would follow up on this.

IV. Treasurer's report

Annual ACS allotment received, and Presidential challenge for recruiting new members. Few additional expenses. Deposit paid for 50-60 year dinner. Arwyn S. also reported on the Treasurer's workshop from the ACS Spring meeting. National has requested that the section sign up for electronic deposits. Mark motioned to approve the treasurers report, Craig seconded. The motion passed.

V. Announcements/Reports

a. Undergraduate Research Symposium at UW Bothell.

Charity stated that registration for the event is still open due to power outages across the region. Three locations have been reserved for the event, but the schedule is not yet finalized. When the agenda is solidified, attendees will be informed by email. Karen G. proposed that the memorandum of understanding created for the event be adapted for other events to help streamline planning.

b. Education committee report. Despina S.

Award recipients at the UGR Symposium are likely to bring a guest, and there was some question as to how they would be included in the budget. Despina suggested that a small addition be added to the budget to compensate for the award winners and guests. Craig suggested that this would be beneficial as a precautionary measure. Despina moved to add 150 dollars from the awards dinner budget to the UGR symposium budget. Nadine seconded. The motion passed.

VI. Old Business

a. Programming report.

AWIS event scheduled for April 19.

Allison Campbell event is on track for the Fall.

b. Career day final report. Dharshi B.

Students were surveyed after the event. Word of mouth was useful in raising student awareness. Students also stated they would be likely to join the ACS or attend other ACS events. Dharshi B. also provided examples of feedback presented by students.

The committee thanked Dharshi B. for her work on the career day.

c. Dues for next year.

The committee decided not to raise dues at the previous meeting. Arwyn submitted the form to ACS National.

d. NORM 2017

Dharshi will be the Puget Sound Section's representative at the meeting in Corvallis, OR.

e. NORM 2019

Two schools had responded with regards to hosting, Western Washington University and University of British Columbia. WWU suggested that they could submit a bid for 2020. Mark W. suggested that the Section should be prepared to make bids for multiple years. Karen stated that she would contact WWU again about their bid. Despina suggested that 2021 or 2022 be considered as the bid year to allow more time for preparation and to not overlap with hosting the Pauling Award.

f. Earth Day Planning

Event at Centralia College, event is on schedule.

VII. New Business

a. Councilors report – ACS National meeting

Gary C. stated that ethics was the main item at the meeting. The process for removing a councilor was proposed to be changed, but was rejected. Craig F. stated that the finances were satisfactory for the National Society. The design of governance for the ACS was also considered at the meeting. Mark W. and Nadine G. discussed National concerns based around income from publications. Despina discussed issues related to the ACS being a society with representation in multiple nations and US states. Despina also noted the importance of promoting awards and opportunities for students. The committee thanked the councilors for representing the section.

b. Nominating committee update.

Sheri has selected a nominating committee of herself, Nadine, and Greg.

c. 50-60 year dinner. Karen had all certificates signed. Twelve 50 year members, three 60 year members, and one 70 year member were confirmed. Date set for August 5th. Craig will contact these members with information about the dinner.

d. March for Science and Night of Chemistry.

The Night of Chemistry is set for April 14th, the section will be present with a table. Nadine G. had proposed that 100 dollars be spent to alleviate travel costs for students and visitors. No motion made to allocate funding.

Eric C. stated that 100 dollars could hold the section a table at Cal Anderson Park prior to the March for Science. 20,000 attendees expected, however turnout could be greater. Five speakers have been selected for the event, with others possible. Funding for a table would come from the public relations allocation. Despina moved allocate funds, Karen seconded. Motion passed.

The committee thanked Eric for his work on the March for Science and Night of Chemistry.

e. AWIS banquet table

Despina sent an email and discussed possible sponsorship for the event. Decision tabled for the time being.

VIII. Adjournment

Mark motioned to adjourn. Gary seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 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: Gwen Gross (#1, 2017), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2018), Alicia Taylor (#3, 2019), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2017), Nadine E. Gruhn (#5, 2018)