

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2017

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Karen G. at 7:00 pm on May 8, 2017.

II. Roll call

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

Executive Board members absent: Craig Fryhle*, Gwen Gross*, Amar Yahiaoui*, Alicia Taylor*, Dharshi Bopegedera*.

*Indicates voting member per bylaws.

III. Approval of Minutes

The April meeting minutes were read. Corrections to the attendance were made. Mark W. motioned to approve the revised minutes, Gary C. seconded, the motion passed.

IV. Secretary's report

Alex S. confirmed that the past chair pin had been successfully received. Alex S. also gave Len A. a copy of the ACS directory for keeping.

V. Treasurer's report

Arwyn S. presented the treasurers report for April. Councilor expenses were submitted to ACS National. The section can submit a short form tax document this year, and Arwyn S. will submit this along with any changes in information. April represented a busy month for awarding scholarships and Arwyn S. was thanked for her contributions as treasurer. Travel funds are available for visiting the ACS conference in Washington DC later in the year. Sheri T. motioned to approve the report, Len A. seconded, the motion passed.

VI. Announcements/Reports

a. Education Committee Report

Despina S. reported that decisions about scholarships had been made last month. The undergraduate research symposium at UW Bothell was a success, and the award presentation worked very well. The committee thanked Despina S. for her help with the award ceremony.

b. Chateau St. Michelle Report

Carole B. stated that the event was underattended, although several people were willing to attend on moment's notice. Carole B. suggested that the early time of the event may have contributed to the low attendance. Carole B. also reminded the committee that a tasting event is scheduled on May 25th at 7:00pm at Glass Distillery in Seattle.

c. Undergraduate Research Symposium Report

Charity L. presented a report on the URS event at UW Bothell. Charity L. found that more T-shirts were distributed than were registered people. Catering and T-shirts represented the largest costs for the event. The space was sufficient for the number of posters displayed and pacing the talks and posters worked well. Charity L. suggested that for future events T-shirts only go to presenters. Total income from the event is not known yet. Charity L. also noted some problems with registration and suggested that Google Forms be used for registration in the future. The committee thanked Charity L. for her work on the URS. Karen G. suggested that the location of next year's URS event be decided on.

VII. Old Business

a. Programming Report

Len A. asked how many people have attended YCC events in the past. Len A. also asked about possible prizes for these events. June 22nd was suggested as a possible date for an event at the Flat Iron Grill in Issaquah. Len A. suggested that the entire membership be invited to this event. Len A. stated that there is no news regarding the Allison Campbell talk, and will follow up on it. Len A. has also spoken with Heritage Distillery in Gig Harbor regarding a tour, but the date and time are still to be determined. July was suggested as a potential date.

b. NORM Hosting Update and Pauling Symposium

Karen G. presented that Western Washington University is tentatively interested in hosting NORM in 2021 or 2022. The section does not have plans for future NORM hosting following this. University of British Columbia is not interested in hosting NORM, but suggested hosting the Pauling Symposium in 2020. Gary C. suggested that UW hold the Pauling Symposium in 2022.

c. NORM 2017 `

Dharshi B. will represent the Section at NORM 2017.

d. Earth Day Report

Karen G. reported a large elementary school attendance and a college age attendance of approximately 100. Activities represented a significant portion of the budget, Karen G. recommended that more expensive activities be reserved for college-age students.

e. March for Science

Nadine G. stated that the March for Science attracted many local section members who may not have attended other events. ACS was the only professional science organization participating in the event. The Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia March for Science organizations seek to continue their work, and the Section intends to remain in contact with them. Tacoma and Olympia events also had excellent attendance. Len did not notice any ACS presence at the Washington DC march. The committee thanked Nadine and Sheri T. for their contributions to the Seattle and Tacoma marches.

VIII. New Business

a. Fall National Meeting Attendees

All councilors are planning on attending.

b. Elections

Sheri T. recommended that the June newsletter include a call for nominees. As Alex S. will not be present to run the election, Karen G. and Sheri T. agreed to share election responsibilities.

c. Materials

Despina S. stated that materials that Nadine G. created for the URS event were ideal for tables at future events. Jonathan C. stated that a Google Drive exists for materials storage and agreed to send out a link to the committee.

d. Section Specific Logo

Jonathan C. has created a few possible logos for the Section. Karen G. suggested that at the June meeting it will be determined whether a logo is necessary or not.

e. North Seattle College

Carole B. presented that the committee meeting is not on the NSC calendar, and was given contact information to rectify this.

VIII. Adjournment

Sheri T. motioned to adjourn. Len A. seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.