

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

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Karen G. at 7:12 pm on November 13, 2017.

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Karen Goodwin*, Len Andrews*, Sheri Tonn*, Arwyn Smalley*, Michael Meechan*, Jonathan Clark*, Greg Milligan*, Despina Strong*, David Munch, and Carole Berg

Executive Board members absent: Mark Wicholas*, Craig Fryhle*, Gary Christian*, Gwen Gross*, Amar Yahiaoui*, Alicia Taylor*, Dharshi Bopegedera*, Charity Lovitt

*Indicates voting member per bylaws.

III. Secretary's Report

October minutes were read. Len A. motioned to approve the minutes, Jonathan C. seconded, the motion passed. Michael M. brought up unanswered questions from previous minutes in 2017. Minutes are now available online. Having a section logo is not a priority at the moment. Michael M. will look at what other sections are doing. Michael M. discussed the results and logistics of the recent election. Sheri asked Michael M. to send out an announcement to the rest of the section. Executive Committee discussed the running between Gary C. and Dharshi B. Arwyn S. suggested making it a standard having two or more people per voting position. Despina S. offered to enhance protocols and bylaws to incorporate the idea. Details will be discussed at a later time.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Arwyn S. reported that several checks have been received from ACS this month. Arwyn S. would like to close one of the accounts to help simplify money management. Despina S. asked about the grants for K-12 and Arwyn S. said she will double check the numbers. Greg M. brought up the Pauling medal stock - will wait until 2020 hoping the price of gold will decrease. Len A. motioned to approve the report, Karen G. seconded, the motion passed.

V. Announcements/Reports

a. Education Committee Report

Despina S. emailed an electronic report. Jennie Mayer has volunteered to chair the Education Committee in 2018. The committee received the first request for a travel grant from St. Martin's College for the Spring National meeting. The committee has not discussed this grant yet.

b. Programming

Len A. would like to have Alison Campbell come and speak this coming 2018 spring. Karen G. thanked Len for the best programming efforts this past year.

c. Resume Workshop Event

Karen G. will allow Alicia to speak for the event so we will discuss next month.

d. Wine Fest Event

Carole B. reported about her Wine Fest event. Karen G. reminded the committee that a low turnout is still considered a success and these events are very important for connections and growth. Arwyn S. is worried about people in the Ellensburg area. Karen G. has two students from the area and possibly can create an event with their help.

e. Senior Chemist Committee

Despina S. emailed an electronic report. 14 people attended with a few showing interest in being more involved with the executive committee. Despina S. will follow up with the National Committee to let them know that we formed a new committee at the local level.

VI. Old Business

a. Elections – Announce Results

Election results were previously announced during the secretary's report by Michael M.

b. 2017 Pauling Reminder, 2020 Pauling Info

Karen G. got a head count for who is going to the upcoming meeting. 2018 at UWB and 2020 at UBC, Karen G. hasn't heard back from UBC yet. Would like UW to host in 2022, things to look at going forward.

c. Chemistry in a Box

Sheri T. talked about Chemistry Rocks. The program box had a lot of swag and students loved it. The video had a few problems. Karen G. would like to talk to ACS National and see if we can have the program be at a more convenient time for the West Coast.

VII. New Business

a. Budget

Karen G. asked the executive committee if we would like to talk about the budget now or during the next meeting in December. It is not abnormal to talk about budgets in December. Sheri T. talked about Pauling expenses and asked Karen G. to check with Charity about the UW expenses. Karen G. said she would talk to Charity L.

b. Leadership Academy Attendees – Select

Karen G. invited both Michael M. and David P. to go attend the Leadership Academy in January 2018 held in Dallas, Texas.

VII. Adjournment

Sheri T. motioned to adjourn the meeting. Len A. seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.