

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2018

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Len A. at 7:00 pm on February 12, 2018.

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Len Andrews*, Alicia Taylor*, Karen Goodwin*, Michael Meechan*, David Munch*, Jonathan Clark*, David Patrick*, Gregory Milligan*, Dharshi Bopegedera*, Despina Strong*, Carole Berg*, and Natalie Merrill*

Executive Board members absent: Craig Fryhle*, Gwen Gross*, Amar Yahiaoui*, and Charity Lovitt*

Guest: Lexine Kagiya

*Indicates voting member per bylaws.

III. Secretary's Report

December and January minutes were read. Karen G. motioned to approve the January minutes, Carole seconded, the motion passed. Karen G. motioned to approve the December minutes, Carole B. seconded, the motion passed. Michael M. introduced an event idea to include other sections along the West Coast.

IV. Treasurer's Report

David M. reported the treasurer's report. We are now able to access our two accounts online. Karen G. motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Despina S. seconded, the motion passed.

V. Business

a. 2018 Committee Chair Nominations

Len A. presented the updated list of nominations. Michael M. mentioned that Sheri Tonn is not interested in being the Long Range Planning Committee Chair. Positions and leadership can be easily changed online.

VI. Announcements

a. ACS Career Day – Jan. 31 Center for Urban Waters Research Laboratory, Tacoma

Dharshi B. reported the Career Day event in Tacoma. Everybody was engaged and feedback was positive, given through evaluation survey. Total cost of event was \$392. A second career event projected to be held in the North Sound.

b. Undergraduate Research Symposium – April 28th at Evergreen State University

Dharshi B. said there were many volunteers involved with the event. The event has been advertised by flyer and online. Dharshi asked Jonathan to have all details posted online by the end of February. Registration cost for students will be \$12. Possible scholarship presentation, presented by Awards Committee.

c. NORM 2018 Richland, WA June 24-27

Karen G. asked David P. about Western hosting NORM. Greg, faculty from Western, has not made a bid just yet. Despina S. suggested selecting a NORM representative. Carole B. said that the abstracts are now being accepted.

d. Allison Campbell

Michael M. spoke with Allison Campbell and Alicia Harris, Allison's secretary, at the ACS Leadership Conference expressing the section's interest to have her give a talk in Seattle this spring. Michael M. will give Len A. contact information.

VII. Reports

a. Education Committee

Jennie M. electronically submitted her report by email. Request of \$100 for the Central Sound Regional Science and Engineering Fair has been made, request granted pending. Scholarships for 2-year/4-year students are due March 15, details uploaded on website. \$400 has been awarded to St. Martin's for their Student Affiliate group to travel to the ACS National Conference in New Orleans. Bridgeway Christian Academy pending for \$500 award for science activity. Chem Olympiad preliminary exams in March at four locations. Lauren W. suggested a "Big Day of Chemistry" event held in Tacoma – contact Lauren W. if interested.

b. Younger Chemists Committee

Alicia and Michael reported for YCC. Second event for the IPG award was successful with 20 students attending. Teri, member met at ACS Christmas party, is interested in doing a talk. Michael M. is working on starting a student affiliate chapter at UW.

c. Program Committee

Carole B. said a Webinar in a Box would be held at Bellevue College on Tuesday, February 27 at 4:00pm.

d. 2018 Pauling Symposium Committee

Charity L. electronically submitted her report by email. The Pauling website went live in early January. Charity L. will provide Jonathan C. with a sharable link to post to social media. Kim Gunnerson will be establishing the 2018 Selection Committee.

VIII. Old Business

a. Honoring Mark Wicholas

Despina S. talked about how we can honor Mark W., such as naming the URS or an award after him. Further discussion will be made later.

IX. Adjournment

Karen G. motioned to adjourn the meeting, Carole B. seconded, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.