

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2014

I. Call to order

Despina Strong called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:00 P.M. on February 10, 2014, at North Seattle Community College.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Nick Milanovich, Despina Strong, Carole Berg, Jennie Mayer, Gary Christian, Andy Zweig, Craig Fryhle, Robbyn Perdue-Anand, Amar Yahiaoui, Charity Flener Lovitt

III. Secretary's report

Robbyn Perdue-Anand presented the minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting. Carole Berg motioned and Andy Zweig seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

IV. Treasurer's report

Carole Berg presented the treasurer's report and informed the committee that there has been an increase in funding from ACS National to send councilors to ACS National Meetings. ACS National will now provide up to \$2,202 per person for two meetings. Andy Zweig motioned and Amar Yahiaoui seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved.

V. Chair's report

Despina S. described the agenda for the upcoming ACS Puget Sound Local Section Executive Committee retreat. The retreat is scheduled to be held from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2014 at Despina's home. Despina will send the preliminary agenda to the Executive Committee by e-mail prior to the retreat. Among the topics to be discussed are long-range planning objectives including a common vision and succession planning.

VI. Business items

a) Despina S. indicated that there would be a Career Day on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 in Tacoma. There are \$400 allocated for the event. A discussion about locations for the 2015 Career Day followed. Some proposed locations included Amgen, the FDA laboratory, Weyerhaeuser, and refineries.

b) Despina S. provided an update from the Education Committee. New members have joined the Education Committee, including a high school teacher. The Committee is working to simplify the application process for teacher awards. One proposed simplification strategy is to separate the teacher award application process from the regional teacher award at NORM. The Committee is also revising the student application process for scholarships and updating the website. Finally, the Committee reported that there is high participation in the Olympiad and that more funds need to be allocated for the event. Due to high levels of participation, the committee will proctor a preliminary round at two locations with one to be held on the East side possibly at Bellevue College. The final Olympiad will be held at Shoreline Community College.

- c) Charity L. provided an update from the Sustainability Committee who were to meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2014 at Seattle University. The Committee has several new members.
- d) Carole B. informed the Executive Committee that there were 90 people in attendance at the speaker event at Bellevue College (held at 9:30 a.m., February 10, 2014).
- e) Robbyn P.-A. updated the Exec. Committee on progress in planning the Puget Sound Women Chemists Retreat. Funding sources were suggested, and an idea for handling registration fees via the ACS Puget Sound Local Section web store was discussed.
- f) Despina S. initiated a discussion about nomination of a representative to NORM. The Executive Committee discussed giving alternate councilors priority to attend unless the program chair came from our section.
- g) Despina S. informed the Exec. Committee that there was a call to the Northwest Regional Board Meeting sent out by e-mail. The meeting will be held in Missoula this year. \$500 are available for a representative to attend including transportation and 1 overnight stay.
- h) Craig F. provided an update about the UGR Symposium. The local organizer is Amanda Murphy from Western Washington University. The meeting registration form, abstract template, and group registration forms are ready to go live. The deadline for applications is April 11, 2014 for the event on May 3, 2014.
- i) Andy Z. proposed a joint event between Washington and Colorado ACS Local Sections. The event would focus on the scientific and regulatory aspects of the legalization of marijuana in these states. A discussion followed around the topics of scope, funding, location, and timing for the event.
- j) Carole B. presented a revised version of the 2014 budget including a greatly reduced projected deficit from that proposed at the January 2014 Exec. Committee meeting. A discussion followed including updates to the Sustainability Committee (Carole will update the budget to reflect the \$1,300 grant money remaining) and UGR Symposium budgets (Carole will amend the proposed figure and restore the original proposed allotment of \$2,500 because the planning staff were given the original figure). Despina recommended that the budget be simplified by combining similar items into groups. This will reduce the # of lines and allows the committee more flexibility when total amounts are lumped together in larger groupings. Jennie M. moved to approve the revised budget. Nick M. seconded. The motion passed.
- k) Nick M. informed the Exec. Committee that he will not host the speaker (Youngblood) at Weyerhaeuser due to current financial constraints at Weyerhaeuser.

VII. Adjournment

Despina adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robbyn Perdue-Anand

Councilor/Term: Mark Wicholas (#1, 2014), Gary Christian (#4, 2014), Greg Milligan (#2, 2015), Craig Fryhle (#3, 2016)
Alternate councilor/Term: Jennie Mayer (#1, 2014), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2014), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2015), Neal Yakelis (#3, 2016)