

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2014

I. Call to order

Despina Strong called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:03 P.M. on April 14, 2014, at North Seattle Community College.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Despina Strong, Carole Berg, Jonathan Clark, Mark Wicholas, Greg Milligan, Jennie Mayer, Amar Yahiaoui, Neal Yakelis, Charity Flener Lovitt, David Munch, Karen Goodwin (*Centralia*), Erika Mole (*Boeing*), Richard Hederlund (*Friend of Erika*)

III. Secretary's report

Robbyn sent out the minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting via email prior to the April 14th meeting. Despina officiated the discussion of the minutes in Robbyn's absence. Two corrections were requested: William Stier's last name was misspelled. Also, under business item f), "They plan to partner with the Pacific Science Center." was requested to be changed to "They plan to partner with the Pacific Science Center on future activities." as the Sustainability Committee had not yet partnered with the Pacific Science Center. The minutes were approved. Jonathan Clark took notes for Robbyn (Secretary).

IV. Treasurer's report

Carole Berg presented the treasurer's report. A minor issue with the PayPal account was discussed and resolved in short order. The treasurer's report was approved.

V. Chair's report

Despina Strong reported that she is still working on the follow-up from the Executive Committee Retreat.

VI. Business items

a) Amar gave an update from the Education Committee. The Chemistry Olympiad is scheduled for April 25, 2014 at Shoreline Community College. More schools participated during the preliminary round and 10 students will participate on April 25. David Munch brought up the topic of a specific grant recipient who received grants in several consecutive years. The Education Committee will discuss limiting K-12 grants to an individual in non-consecutive years only. Desire was expressed to have greater communication with the membership regarding grants and scholarship opportunities.

b) Communication with the membership was discussed as a general and pervasive issue that the section is currently working to address.

c) Mark, Neal and Greg gave the Councilors' report from the ACS National Meeting. The runners for ACS president-elect for 2015 were announced. One local section is being dissolved. Madeline Jacobs will be stepping down from her role as Executive Director. A new head of the

Chemical Abstracts Service has been chosen. The Rainbow Salts demo has been recommended NOT to be used due to safety concerns that were brought to light in the accident in New York.

d) Mark and Greg confirmed that they planned to go to the Fall National ACS Meeting. Karen said that she could hook people up with some housing arrangements that would be inexpensive.

e) Carole and Despina gave an update on the Awards Night dinner with a jazz band for June 7, 2014 at Bellevue College. An online system to register for the event is in the works.

f) Despina S. gave a short report on the Executive Committee Retreat. 'We got a lot done.' Despina was thanked for opening up her home and leading such an effective retreat.

g) Despina S. led a short discussion on creating a Communications Committee to address various communication topics that the section encounters on a regular basis.

h) Charity gave an update on the Sustainability Committee's activities. The Brightwater event was a great success. Charity Lovitt, Despina Strong and Chris Whitehead volunteered. The ACS booth was visited by about 300 visitors. A thank you letter from the Brightwater Center was given to us for our participation. A Sustainability Committee meeting will be scheduled for some time in the next month. The request was made for people who are interested in participating to contact Charity directly.

i) Raffle items were requested for the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Carole Berg still has one Merck Index. The Public Relations budget was discussed as the appropriate source of funds for the raffle items. \$200 was approved for Neal to purchase books for raffle items for the Undergraduate Research Symposium. Any ideas for raffle items should be forwarded to Neal or Craig.

j) Charity gave an update on the national speaker, Donald Stedman, who will be in the region this fall. There is interest in hosting Donald as a speaker for a science talk in September.

VII. Adjournment

Despina adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robbyn Perdue-Anand