

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2014

I. Call to order

Despina Strong called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:00 P.M. on May 12, 2014, at North Seattle Community College.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Despina Strong, Carole Berg, Craig Fryhle, Jonathan Clark, Mark Wicholas, Dharshi Bopegedera, Greg Milligan, Gary Christian, Jennie Mayer, Amar Yahiaoui, Neal Yakelis, Charity Flener Lovitt, David Munch, Robbyn Perdue-Anand

III. Secretary's report

Robbyn Perdue-Anand sent out the minutes from the April 14, 2014 meeting via email prior to the May 12th meeting. Several changes and corrections to the minutes were requested, and the approval process was tabled until next meeting.

IV. Treasurer's report

Carole Berg presented the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved.

V. Chair's report

Despina Strong facilitated a discussion on which councilors will attend the ACS National Meeting in San Francisco in August. Mark W., Gary C., and Greg M. are to attend. There is one spot available for an alternate councilor to attend. Despina S. extended an invitation to the alternate councilors and encouraged those who have not recently attended an ACS National Meeting to attend.

VI. Business items

a) Amar Y. gave an update from the Education Committee on the Olympiad and discussed the High School Teacher Award for Tim O'Sullivan. He reported that 2 students were selected for 2-yr. college scholarships, and 3 were selected for 4-yr. scholarships. The Education Committee is searching for teachers who would like to get involved.

b) Carole B. reminded the committee of the upcoming Awards Night and the discount for students signing up early. Craig F., Neal Y., and David M. are to get the bios of Julia Rutherford and William Wasserman and the award plaques to Despina. Craig F. moved that the Local Section provide dinner for the Rutherfords and Harriet Wasserman. Gary C. seconded. The motion passed.

c) Craig F. gave a report on the Undergraduate Research (UGR) Symposium. The UGR was well attended (173 attendees). The UGR required an additional \$152.76 over the \$2500 allocated. Craig moved to approve the additional funds. Mark W. seconded. The motion passed.

d) Despina S. updated the Executive Committee on the nomination process. Nick Milanovich is to send out an e-mail to members about the nomination process and introduce the nominating committee. Since Andy Zweig is moving out of state, an interim chair-elect must be appointed.

- e) Charity F. gave an update on the Sustainability Committee's activities. The Sustainability Committee is planning an event for the third weekend in October at the Pacific Science Center. In this event, undergraduate students will design climate games and then test the games with the Discovery Corps (a team of high school students trained as part of a youth development program at the Pacific Science Center). There will also be an involvement opportunity for graduate and post-doctoral chemists. The undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students will talk with the Discovery Corps about college life and education & career choices. The Sustainability Committee currently has \$1500 remaining in their budget to fund this event. Charity is to send out an e-mail flyer about the event to circulate.
- f) Neal Y. proposed that funds from the PR budget be used to reach teachers at the Washington College Chemistry Teachers Association (WCCTA) event by sponsoring the guest speaker, Chris Sabine. As sponsors, we will be able to include a page in the program about ACS Puget Sound Local Section Events that are relevant to those in attendance. Neal motioned to approve \$400 towards the sponsorship. Mark W. seconded. The motion passed.
- g) Despina S. led a short review of upcoming Local Section events. Craig F. motioned to co-sponsor (\$250) an Evergreen graduate who will speak on clean fuels. Greg M. seconded. The motion passed.
- h) Carole B. requested suggestions for the date of the Local Section picnic.

VII. Adjournment

Despina adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robbyn Perdue-Anand