

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 09, 2014

**I. Call to order**

Despina Strong called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:05 P.M. on June 09, 2014, at North Seattle Community College.

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Despina Strong, Carole Berg, Jonathan Clark, Amar Yahiaoui, Charity Flener Lovitt, David Munch, Robbyn Perdue-Anand, Gracie Wilson (Chemistry Club Officer at Pacific Lutheran University), Cheryl Bick (Boeing, Interim Chair-Elect candidate)

**III. Secretary's report**

Robbyn Perdue-Anand sent out the minutes from the May 12, 2014 meeting via email prior to the June 9th. 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, which included major expenses in the last two months including the Puget Sound Women Chemists Retreat, scholarships, Awards Night, Undergraduate Research Symposium, and the Leadership Institute. The treasurer's report was approved.

**V. Chair's report**

Despina Strong welcomed our guests and thanked Carole B. for a well-received Awards Night. David Munch displayed the engraved plaques, which included award winners from the event. Despina S. facilitated discussion on highlighting award winners, including publishing their bios in The Chemist and in future years, inviting university chemistry clubs, with the goal of having more of the student winners' peers present at Awards Night. Despina S. also provided an update on the recruitment process for the fall ACS Puget Sound Local Section elections.

**VI. Business items**

a) Charity F. L. gave an update on the Sustainability Committee, which met Monday, May 12. The Sustainability Committee is organizing a talk by Donald Stedman at Pacific Lutheran University on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The date was chosen to be in close proximity to his talk at St. Martin's University. Pacific Lutheran University will host a reception after the talk. They are also working on a workshop to teach undergraduates to communicate effectively about climate change. The next Sustainability Committee meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

b) Carole B. is planning the ACS Puget Sound Local Section Summer Picnic, which is tentatively to be held in August. She will send out an e-mail as initial plans are firmed up.

c) Jonathan provided an update on the Younger Chemists Committee wine tasting event. All those interested in bicycling to the event will meet at the Park and Ride on Northeast 83<sup>rd</sup> St. in Redmond at 10 a.m. on July 17, 2014. The wine tasting will be held at the Chateau Ste. Michelle

Winery ([www.ste-michelle.com](http://www.ste-michelle.com)) from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m and costs \$10/person. Jonathan will send an informational flyer by e-mail.

d) Despina S. introduced Cheryl Bick as a candidate for the Interim Chair Elect position. Cheryl B. discussed her professional background, her interest in the Interim Chair Elect position, and opportunities for collaboration between the ACS Puget Sound Local Section and industry – especially Boeing. Carole B. moves to appoint Cheryl B. as the Interim Chair Elect. Amar Y. seconds the motion. The motion passes with some Executive Committee Members casting their votes *in absentia* (Dharshi Bopegedera and Neal Yakelis).

## **VII. Adjournment**

Despina S. adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robbyn Perdue-Anand