

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2015

**I. Call to order**

Cheryl Bick called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:00 P.M. on April 13, 2015 at North Seattle Community College.

**II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Cheryl Bick, Despina Strong, Carole Berg, Karen Goodwin, Jonathan Clark, Mark Wicholas, Greg Milligan, Gary Christian, Amar Yahiaoui, Dharshi Bopegedera, Charity Lovitt, David Munch, Jessica Boze, and Richard VanDoren

**III. Secretary's report**

Karen Goodwin submitted the minutes of the March meeting. Greg M. moved to approve the minutes, Despina S. seconded. The March minutes were approved. The news of additional councilor positions being added to our section was mentioned, and tabled until later in the meeting.

**IV. Treasurer's report**

Carole Berg submitted the March Treasurer's report. There was a \$1000 donation to the Women's retreat. The councilor travel, etc. for National has not been reimbursed yet. The Science fair winners have been paid. Karen G moved that the Treasurer's report be approved, Despina S. seconded. The report was approved.

**V. Announcements/Reports**

- a. Karen G gave a brief update on the upcoming Earth Day outreach event at Centralia College. There will be a passport system for students to get stamps for participation in several activities. Completion of 6 activities will earn a prize. Receipts were turned in for \$200, with an additional \$100 of funding secured for the event from the College sustainability committee.
- b. Jonathan gave a quick update on new member involvement initiatives.
- c. The status of the new budget software was presented – we are waiting for proof of our non-profit status to be accepted.
- d. Jonathan C. again asked for active committee chairs to write up a description of the committee responsibility and send it to him for posting on the website.
- e. Despina is continuing work on the grant protocols as discussed in March.

## **VI. Business**

- a. The addition of an additional councilor and alternate councilor position was discussed. The new positions will be added to the call for nominations
- b. The nominating committee, chaired by Despina S., put out the first call for nominations. The open positions are chair elect, secretary, treasurer, 2 councilors, and 2 alternate councilors.
- c. A representative from the section is needed at NORM in Idaho. Karen G. was planning on attending, and will now represent the section at the meeting.
- d. Charity L. reported on the Climate Toolkit symposium that she presented at the National meeting. The sustainability committee is planning a joint activity with the Portland section in the Fall.
- e. The counselors that attended the National meeting gave a report on upcoming changes. Gary reported that the ACS dues will be increasing to \$162 a year. Mark reported that there will also be an increase in registration fees for National meetings.
- f. For the Pauling Award, being presented this year by the Oregon section, a new award chair has been announced, and the call for nominations has now appeared. The symposium seems to be back on track.
- g. The Spring Fling at Glass Vodka will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-7:30. People were reminded to RSVP, and the executive members were encouraged to attend, as there will be several new people there.
- h. Planning for the 50/60 year awards banquet is underway. 8 members will be receiving awards. While the event has generally be held at Bellvue College, it was suggested that other venues be explored. Suggestions should be sent to Carole, and the decision will be made in May for the event in June.
- i. Amar reported on the Olympiad. 35 students took the local exam. We sent forward 13 students from 9 different schools to the National exam to be held on Friday. It would be nice to expand this even further next year.
- j. Despina S. reported on the scholarship recipients, that will be announced at the Undergraduate Research Symposium. There were 4 students that applied for the 2 year college award, and 12 students (from 5 different schools) that applied for the 4 year award. Moving the awards venue from the 50/60 year dinner to the Undergrad Research Symposium may help with the visibility of the scholarship program.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Cheryl adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Minutes taken by Karen Goodwin

Councilor/Term: Mark Wicholas (#1, 2017), Gregory Milligan (#2, 2015), Craig Fryhle (#3, 2016), Gary Christian (#4, 2017) Alternate Councilor/Term: Jennie Mayer (#1, 2017), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2015), Neal Yakelis (#3, 2016), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2017)