

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2015

I. Call to order

Cheryl Bick called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 6:50 P.M. on October 12, 2015 at North Seattle Community College.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Cheryl Bick*, Despina Strong*, Carole Berg*, Jonathan Clark*, Greg Milligan*, Sheri Tonn*, Karen Goodwin*, Amar Yahiaoui*, David Munch, Gary Christian*, Richard Van Doren, and Jessica Boze.

*indicates voting member per bylaws

Executive Board members absent: Mark Wicholas, Craig Fryhle, Jennie Mayer, Neal Yakelis, Dharshi Bopegedera

III. Secretary's report

Karen Goodwin submitted a short meeting summary for the September meeting, held at the Snappy Dragon. Since this was not full business meeting, no formal minutes were prepared, however the meeting summary will be available for viewing by the membership. The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. An edit regarding monies for WCCTA was noted, minutes will be corrected. A suggestion was made (Sheri T.) to include a list of board members that are absent in the roll call – that addition has been included in these minutes. Gary C. moved to approve the minutes, Greg M. seconded. The June minutes were approved unanimously.

Sarah Vorpahl was formally appointed by Cheryl B. to the position of WCC Chair. Greg M. moved to approve, Sheri T. seconded. This information will be forwarded to ACS leadership.

Karen G. gave a quick pre-election report, and asked about reimbursement for the costs associated with setting up the elections site and the ballot mailing to those members who have opted out of electronic balloting. Monies spent will be reimbursed.

IV. Treasurer's report

Carole Berg submitted the Treasurer's report (1-Oct-15). Boeing matching gift for Women's Chemistry Retreat is complete. Dues have gone up, resulting in an increase in our budget. Carole reported that 1st financial NWB has a 1% interest offer if money is moved into checking. The finance committee will

decide if we should do that, and report next meeting. \$700 (rather than the \$500 that was budgeted) was paid to WCCTA due to a miscommunication, this should be clarified before next year's event. Karen G. moved that the Treasurer's report be approved, Amar Y. seconded. The report was approved unanimously. The treasurers report from 1-Sept-15 was also formally reviewed. Sheri T. moved for approval, Despina S. seconded. The report was approved unanimously.

V. Announcements/Reports

- a. Jonathan C. asked for newsletter events.
- b. Carole B. will look into the possibility of a social event in November. Sheri T. also mentioned a possible upcoming collaborative web event.
- c. Richard V. has volunteered to chair the Safety Committee. He presented a list of goals for the year. Cheryl will request funds from Boeing to help meet these goals.
- d. Sheri T. reported that the new budget software purchase/implementation is still in process.

VI. Business

- a. Sheri T. on behalf of the nominations committee, announced the slate of candidates for the 2016-2017 year. The candidates are: Chair – Karen Goodwin; Secretary – Malaeh Huggins and Benjamin Titus; Treasurer – Carole Berg; Councilor Position #2 – Greg Milligan; Councilor Position #5 – Despina Strong; Alternate Councilor Position #2 – Amar Yahiaoui; Alternate Councilor Position #5 – David Patrick and Nadine Gruhn. Elections will be held in late October, report in November.
- b. Despina S. announced future collaborations on events with AWIS are in the works.
- c. Despina S. expressed the need for a Pauling Award Liaison from the executive committee. She made a motion that the chair appoint one of the alternate councilors as Chair of the Pauling Award Committee, and that that person would act as liaison. Sheri T. seconded. The motion passed.
- d. Despina S. expressed the need for a specific NOR-Board (NORM) representative to maintain continuity. She made a motion that the chair appoint one of the alternate councilors as NOR-board representative. Sheri T. seconded. The motion passed by majority vote (5-3, 2 abstain).
- e. Greg M. gave a councilors report from the ACS national meeting. He will send the councilor's talking points document out electronically. We did not win the ChemLuminary award for the support of the WCCTA, but it was good that we received recognition for the event.
- f. Sheri T. reported on the Pauling Award to be held Dec. 5th. No updates have been made recently. The event may be webcasted to PLU and other locations.
- g. The ACS Leadership institute is coming up – Cheryl or the new Secretary may attend.
- h. Karen G. gave a brief report from the WCCTA meeting. The section table was manned by Karen, and 7 people expressed interest in joining the section. The list was given to Carole for follow up.

VII. Adjournment

Cheryl adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M. Minutes taken and submitted 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)