

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
December 12th, 2016

I. Call to order

Sheri Tonn called to order the regular meeting of the ACS Executive Committee at 7:00 P.M. on December 12, 2016 at North Seattle Community College.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Sheri Tonn*, Carole Berg*, Jennie Mayer*, Mark Wicholas*, Greg Milligan*, Dharshi Bopegedera*, Craig Fryhle*, Despina Strong*, Jonathan Clark*, Charity Lovitt, David Munch, Arwyn Smalley, Leonard Andrew and Alex Stambor.

Executive Board members absent: Karen Goodwin*, Cheryl Bick*, MaLeah Huggins*, Gary Christian*, Amar Yahiaoui*, Neal Yakelis* and Nadine Gruhn*.

*indicates voting member per bylaws

Jonathan took notes.

III. Secretary's report

No secretary's report was given due to the absence of the secretary.

IV. Treasurer's report

Carole Berg presented some updates. The section has paid for some engraving and printing and has received a fair amount of money from the Pauling Symposium. Sheri T. moved and Craig F. seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

V. Business items

- a. Thanks was given by Craig F. to Despina S. for a high quality talk.
- b. Leonard A. briefed the Exec. Comm. on the April 19th Earth day event (panel speakers). Ideas centered on ocean chemistry.
- c. Dharshi B. gave an update on the status of the 2017 Career Day event. There is a limit of 42 students. There is a restriction for non-US citizens in that they must bring their passport.
- d. The ACS annual report is due on Feb 15th, 2017. Preparations for the annual report should be made soon by the chairs of each of the sub-committees.
- e. Charity L. spoke on UW Bothell hosting of the 2017 Undergraduate research Symposium on Saturday, April 29th, 2017. One room has been reserved for this. The

talk and the poster sessions will be right across the hall from each other.

Advertisements for registration should be ready in January 2017.

- f. Sheri T. updated the Exec. Comm. regarding Clarita's efforts in the Chemistry Olympiads in 2017. Prelims are in March 2017.
- g. Dates for NORM 2017 June 25th -28th.
- h. Charity L. went to a few panels recently and mentioned that she encountered interest in additional social events in Seattle for chemists to connect and network. Consistent date and location associated with a specific program (such as AWIS's regular talks) would likely draw more local section chemists. Discussion was had on seeking funding through ACS innovation project grants for events with a focus on networking. Also in the mix is the idea of putting together a handful of industrial tours (one a quarter). Hosting monthly speakers was discussed. Workshops (career building, leadership training styled events, etc.) that are focused towards topics that interest local section members are of value. More creativity will be needed on the part of the Executive Committee to develop interesting and well attended events. Volunteer support for the section events will be needed.
- i. Discussion was had about adding a note in the January newsletter to seek interest for speakers.
- j. The November Minutes were moved to be approved by Despina S. and seconded by Sheri T. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Despina S. moved and Mark W. seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Minutes taken by Jonathan Clark.

Councilor/Term: Mark Wicholas (#1, 2017), Gregory Milligan (#2, 2018), Craig Fryhle (#3, 2016), Gary Christian (#4, 2017), Despina Strong (#5, 2018) Alternate Councilor/Term: Jennie Mayer (#1, 2017), Amar Yahiaoui (#2, 2018), Neal Yakelis (#3, 2016), Dharshi Bopegedera (#4, 2017), Nadine E. Gruhn (#5, 2018)