

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Karen G. at 7:04 pm on September 11, 2017.

II. Roll Call

The following persons were present: Karen Goodwin*, Sheri Tonn*, Michael Meechan*, Arwyn Smalley*, Jonathan Clark*, Mark Wicholas*, Greg Milligan*, Craig Fryhle*, Despina Strong*, Dharshi Bopegedera*, David Munch, Carole Berg, and guests Sailaja Arungundram and David Patrick.

Executive Board members absent: Len Andrews*, Gary Christian*, Gwen Gross*, Amar Yahiaoui*, Alicia Taylor*, and Nadine Gruhn*.

*Indicates voting member per bylaws.

III. Secretary's Report

May meeting minutes were not read. Michael M. will email and bring May meeting minutes to October meeting for review. Approval of May meeting minutes is under review. Alex S. has resigned as the 2017 Secretary because he is going to graduate school. Michael M. was previously motioned at the May meeting to be Secretary for the rest of the 2017 term. Michael M. was congratulated for his new job.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Arwyn S. presented the treasurers report for May. Received a grant to the amount of \$1,900 in spring 2017. Paid off bill from the undergraduate symposium. Arwyn S. will verify amount approved from previous meeting. The main differences in income between May and September reports are in "Meals" and "Rebate from ACS for Councilor Expenses" at \$647.40 and \$6140.88 respectively. Still waiting for receipts from 50/60 year old dinner for the section to pay off. Total expenses for the 50/60 year old dinner will be fixed by Arwyn S. Karen G. motioned to approve the report, Despina S. seconded, the motion passed.

V. Announcements/Reports

a. Education Committee Report

Despina S. reported that there was no education committee report.

b. YCC Report – Beers with Peers, Upcoming Events

Alicia T. electronically sent Karen G. her report. Karen G. read the report. Beers with Peers was a success and would like to do more of these types of events. Karen G. mentioned possible YCC events, such as an outreach event at University of Washington. Congratulated and encouraged big movements currently happening in YCC.

c. WCCTA – Washington College Chemistry Teachers Association

Dharshi B. shared her experiences with high remarks. The ACS is sponsoring the WCCTA conference and speakers Dr. Joel Baker and S. Andrew Satterlee.

d. Programming

Len A. electronically sent Karen G. his report. Karen G. read the report. Len A. has emailed Allison Campbell twice, no reply. Spoke with her at NORM and seems to be interested still. Need to allow her pick a date so we can move things forward. Gig Harbor Distilling event had a positive with eight people. It was reminded that reaching out to regional areas is important because not everybody can make it to bigger events held in the Greater Seattle Area. Len A. and Craig F. were at the Stem Showcase. They really enjoyed the event and even tried to encourage people to come and talk about chemistry with them.

e. National Chemistry Week

Karen G. reported that a bilingual middle school is all over chemistry week. Topic for Program in a Box is "Chemistry Rocks". Karen G. will be hosting at Centralia. Additional National Chemistry Week events should be notified to Jonathan C.

f. Intersectional Picnic

Sheri T. unfortunately was not able to make it to the event due to a miscommunication. Sheri T. shared how we should continue efforts to connect with sections from Oregon, Tri-Cities, and other sections neighboring the Puget Sound Section.

g. Awards Dinner

Karen G. reported how the dinner was a resounding success. Many loving emails were received.

h. Fall Wine Fest

New event announced by Carole B. Flyer to be sent to Jonathan C. for distribution.

VI. Old Business

a. NORM Updates

Dharshi B. attended the conference in Corvallis. The NORM board will now be NORMACS. 2018 meeting will be at PNNL hosted by the Richland Section, 2019 meeting will be held by the Portland Section, 2020 meeting will be held by the Inland NW Section and WA-ID Border Section, 2021 meeting will be held by the Sierra Nevada Section and Sacramento Section and 2022 meeting will be held by the Puget Sound Section with WWU as a potential site.

b. Pauling

Karen G. announced the 2017 Pauling Award winner. 2018 Pauling Award winner will be presented at UW Bothell. Hope to have UBC host the 2020 Pauling Award winner.

VII. New Business

a. AWIS

Despina S. asked for help with the programming of the next AWIS event. Budget is about \$100. Despina S. announced her ambitions to start a series of chemistry articles and any help with editing is much appreciated.

b. National Meeting

New topic was not included in the meeting agenda. Craid F., Greg M., Despina S., and Mark W. gave a report about the national meeting. It was announced that there was an attempt to change the bylaws at the national level in regards to international chapter funding from ACS. Despite the failed motion, the terms will be adjusted and will have a revote. The motion for the creation of a division for space chemistry also failed at the national level. Attendance was less than 13,000 people. Greg M. talked about the technology grant, can apply for a grant towards a new website. All counselors are planning on attending the upcoming national meeting.

c. Elections

The nominated committee consists of Greg M. and Sheri T. Jonathan C. and Despina S. were appointed onto the nominating committee by Karen G. Ballots should be returned by November and paper ballots sent on November 13. Trying to go completely electronic with ballot system to save costs. Executive committee voted on not filling the Alternate Counselor Position 5 until the end of 2017 term. The motion passed.

d. Famous Women Chemists Event

Arwyn S. showed interest in starting an event supporting women in chemistry. May want to talk at the Tri-Cities Section at NORMACS.

VII. Adjournment

Despina S. motioned to adjourn. Arwyn S. seconded. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.