

American Chemical Society Puget Sound Section (PSS)  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2018

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Len A. at 7:03 pm on September 10, 2018. This was the first meeting that utilized video conferencing.

**II. Roll Call**

The following persons were present: Len Andrews\*, Karen Goodwin\*, Michael Meechan\*, David Munch\*, Jonathan Clark\*, David Patrick\*, Gregory Milligan\*, Craig Fryhle\*, Dharshi Bopegedera\*, Despina Strong\*, Carole Berg\*, Charity Lovitt\*, and Natalie Merrill\*

Executive Board members absent: Gwen Gross\* and Amar Yahiaoui\*

Guests: Jennifer Marsalla, Thomas Nguyen, and Jennie Mayer

\*Indicates voting member per bylaws.

**III. Secretary's Report**

June minutes were read. Dharshi B. made a motion to approve the minutes, Greg M. seconded, the motion passed. A vote was made allowing Executive Board members voting rights while attending remotely.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

June treasurer's report was read. Some profit was made from the Undergraduate Symposium primarily due to donations. Despina S. made a motion to approve the report, Charity L. seconded, the motion passed.

**V. Announcements**

- a. Esselen Award Call for Nominations Northeastern Section ACS

The Esselen Award is a prestigious award given to someone whom has contributed a great deal to the public. If there is any interest or anybody who is qualified, please notify Len A.

- b. 50/60/70 Year Award Dinner | Sept. 8

Carole B. said there were 24 attendees and everybody had a great time. Almost broke even with \$100 spent for wine and beer. All bills will be sent to David M. when available.

c. WCCTA | Oct. 11-13

Dharshi B. sent a letter to the WCCTA and we now have a page in the program. Funding will go towards hosting the two speakers at the event.

d. Women in Chemical Engineering UW | Nov. 8

Alicia Taylor applied for a \$1000 grant and we received it so we will be proceeding with the event. Participants will be paired with mentors from industry. The event is open to anybody who is interested. Len A. will receive the ACS tablecloth from Dharshi B. Women Chemists Committee and YCC showed interest in helping to support this event, mainly financially if needed.

e. 2018 Pauling Symposium UW Bothell | Nov.17

Catering, fundraising, and registration are still in progress. Jonathan C. created a donation link through PayPal. Charity L. will have medal engraved by a local jeweler. The event will be advertised through NORM and local section emails – possibly C&EN and Seattle Times? Charity L. will receive Pauling family contact information from Dharshi B.

f. 2019 Career Day

Dharshi B. will distribute flyers across the WCCTA. Limit to 50 participants for the event.

## **VI. Business**

a. Councilor Attendance at Boston National Meeting

Women Chemists Committee goal is to distribute more technical awards and have more nominees. National membership has decreased since 2007. Thinking of raffling off a few free memberships for students attending the Undergraduate Symposium.

## **VII. Reports**

a. 2019 Nominating Committee

Karen G. said there are candidates for every position.

b. Education Committee

Jennie M. thanked those who helped with scholarships this past spring. Jennie is compiling a list of high school chemistry teachers in the area – would like some help with this. National Chemistry Week theme is “Chemistry is Out of This World” and focuses on chemistry as applied to outer space. Representative from Skagit Valley College is donating \$300 to help fund an event – possibly the Pacific Science Center?

c. Senior Chemists Committee

Nothing was reported.

d. Younger Chemists Committee

Monthly meetings will start up again. Michael M. would like to connect any active chemistry-related clubs and chapters in the section by using the YCC website to display contact information. Greg M. said Michael M. should apply for the Innovative Project Grant for future YCC events.

e. Program Committee

Nothing was reported.

f. Safety/Sustainability Committee

Natalie M. said there are 82 members in the safety committee. Natalie M. would like to do another sustainability event as done in the past. Next big safety meeting is planned to occur in January 2019.

g. NORM 2018

Carole B. was sponsored to attend NORM 2018 in Richland, WA. Carole B. toured PNNL and LIGO, as well as leading a presentation on chemical education. NORM 2019 will be held by the Portland Section. Richland Section accepted our NORM bid for 2020.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Despina S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Greg M. seconded, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.