

ACS Portland Section EC Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024, Zoom meeting

Attendees: Ken Schriver, Robin Terjeson, Hannah Boxberger, Martha Dibblee, Bernie Carlsen, Marcie Merritt, Andrew Baggett, David Terrell, Irving Rettig, Kathleen Carrigan, Jim Tung, Louis Kuo

Commence: 7:03

1. **January Executive Committee Minutes** were approved as corrected.
2. **Scholarships Award Chair** Louis Kuo reported that he will step down after the 2024 awards so the Section will seek a new Award Chair for 2025. Chair Kuo announced that the deadline for this year's scholarship applications is February 22. Awards will be presented at the April 11th dinner meeting at Reed College. Kuo plans to meet with the Executive Committee on March 12 to present scholarship candidates.
3. **2023-24 Service Awards** Awards for years of service in the Society will be held at the April 11th dinner meeting. Honored members will be notified by mail before the meeting and will be guests of the Section for dinner.
4. **Portland Section Annual Report** will be submitted to Society Secretariat by Feb 15th.
5. **Treasurer Report** The Executive Committee approved the 2024 budget submitted by Treasurer Robin Terjeson.
6. **Strategic Planning Retreat** The Section received funds to host a Planning Retreat. Chair Ken Schriver is seeking ideas for discussion including meeting scope and format and the use of Artificial Intelligence in teaching.
7. **Innovative Project Grant (IPG) to honor the late Elaine Nam** The Executive Committee plans to apply for a Society Innovative Project Grant (IPG) to honor late member Elaine Nam, who died in 2023. Elaine worked at Vernier, which will partner in the project.
8. **2024 Nominations** Nomination Chair Jim Tung will seek nominations for open 2025 Officer positions.
9. **Portland Section Meeting Proposal** Chair-Elect Irving Rettig proposed a new location for Section meetings that may help increase attendance of students at Section meetings. Chair-Elect Rettig's proposal addresses current transportation issues and "directed participation". The proposed location, Garden Space, is accessible from multiple transportation modalities including public transportation and walking. This venue has affordable rent, includes chairs, tables, linens and AV equipment, and allows outside food and drink vendors. Chair-Elect Rettig also proposed "directed participation", which means adjusting the meeting format to include time during a meeting for local students to speak for 5-10 minutes on their research. This may incentivize students to attend meetings and become involved with the Section.

10. Additional Items

Next Portland Section meeting will be March 14th (venue to be selected) followed by April 11th at Reed College.

NorBoard representative Bernie Carlsen announced that the 2024 Northwest Regional Meeting will be held at Washington State University in Pullman, WA on June 23rd-26th. Submission date for abstracts opens February 12th.

Adjourn: 8:07