

## ACS Portland Section EC Meeting Minutes

November 7th, 2023, Zoom meeting

**Attendees:** Ken Schriver, Hannah Boxberger, Jim Tung, Marcie Merritt, Martha Dibblee, David Terrell, Andrew Baggett, Bernie Carlsen, Robin Terjeson

**Commence:** 7:04pm

### 1. Review of October Meeting Action Items

The Executive Committee is investigating more productive media functionality to improve communication among all demographics of membership and seeks recommendations from members and partners. Portland Section participated in the vendor fair at the Oregon Science Teachers Association (OSTA) conference 10/14/23. Networking with school district administration appears to yield an improvement in communication with science educators.

### 2. Dinner Meetings Update

The November Portland Section monthly dinner meeting features Juan Carlos from Hewlett-Packard. His talk on November 9<sup>th</sup> will be at a location to be announced. The December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting features Charlie Springer, which will be held at another new location, Revolution Hall. The Section will see if these locations are suitable for future events.

### 3. National Chemistry Week Recap

There was no report.

### 4. Pauling Medal Award Symposium Report

Two Portland Section Executive Committee members attended the Pauling Medal Award Symposium hosted by the Puget Sound Section at the University of Puget Sound on Nov. 4. It was heavily computational chemistry focused.

Attendance was reported to be poor, with discussion on how attendance for future Pauling Medal Award Symposiums can be improved, but the meeting was very well done.

The Oregon Section is hosting the 2024 Pauling Medal Award Symposium. The Portland Section will host the Pauling Medal Award Symposium in 2026.

### 5. Request for two NWSE Special Awards

The Executive Committee voted to authorize funds for two Special Awards for the Northwest Science Expo (NWSE) at a value of \$250 each.

## **6. Section Election**

The Portland Section 2024 Election will be held during the month of November. The slate of candidates will include incumbents for Councilor Position 2 Jim Tung and Alternate Councilor Position 2 Marcie Merritt. A candidate for Chair-Elect is pending. The EC further discussed EC appointments that would assist and understudy secretary and treasurer positions.

## **7. Bylaws Revisions Requested by ACS**

ACS National requires that Portland Section update their bylaws to be compatible with recently amended National bylaws. A revision committee has been established.

## **8. ACS Grant Proposals**

The Final Report for the Innovative Project Grant (IPG), which paid for a portion of the recent the Dunne Symposium, is being completed so that the Section will be eligible to apply for a new IPG to honor Elaine Nam, who passed away in September. Elaine notably contributed to the Portland Section's Women Chemist Committee and had a career in Science Education.

The EC will apply for a special grant offered by the Society to support a Strategic Planning Retreat.

## **9. Additional items?**

A comment from an EC member reminded the EC that community colleges have lately not been very involved in Section activities, and suggests the Section is not reaching out to them appropriately. The Section plans to brainstorm better ways to reach out to them and let them know they are welcome, and membership is not required to participate in events.

**Adjourn:** 8:11pm