

ACS Portland Section EC Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2022, Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Hannah Hefely, Andrew Baggett, Angela Hoffman, Robin Terjeson, Dave Reingold, Jim Tung, Marcie Merritt, Warren Ford, Martha Dibblee

1. Call to order: 6:31pm

2. Pauling Medal Symposium. Pauling Medal Award Symposium plans are being finalized. There will be a link on the Pauling Medal Award website (<https://acspss.org/pauling-medal-award/>) and the Portland Section website (<https://acsportland.org/>) for dinner reservations. Transportation and catering are in active discussions; a caterer has been selected.

3. 2023 Portland Section Election

Jim Tung reported that a proposed slate of candidates and a call for nominations has been sent by email to Portland Section Members.

4. Cocktails with Chemists

Jim Tung reported that the second **Cocktails with Chemists** was very successful; there were 19 attendees. The Section hosted and paid for the event. The event is planned to be held regularly at varying locations across the Portland/Vancouver area. The next proposed locations are Hillsboro Wilsonville. The hope is that the people who read Section emails will promote the event to their professional circles and bring in a few new faces each time.

Four events are planned in 2023. The Section may seek an outreach grant to cover the cost of this very effective outreach event.

5. Budget/Financials

Treasurer Dave Reingold reported that there has been a significant increase in the cost of meetings at the Section's current venue, Reed College Vollum Lounge. However, bringing people together for these dinners is part of our mission as a Society and our contribution to the community and the pros of Reed College Vollum Lounge far outweigh the cost concerns, which would be incurred at any venue and which include sole access to the room, availability of audio and visual equipment and on-site catering.

Treasurer Reingold also reported that donations have been made on behalf of the upcoming Poster Symposium and Pauling Medal Award Symposium. Some donations were rolled over from unused funds during the pandemic (2020-2021). Donations are acknowledged both by acknowledgement letter and by displaying name/logo on the website, in the information booklet, and on posters at the events.

Treasurer Reingold noted that Square deducts a fee from payments made through Square (e.g., web payments and dinner meeting payments).

6. Future meetings in 2022-23

Chair-elect Arthur Glasfeld has scheduled speakers for the upcoming meeting season.

7. Harassment Free Meeting Guidelines.

There is agreement among the Executive Committee that Harassment Free Meeting Guidelines (Section Policy) should be prominently posted at dinner meetings and at the Pauling Medal Award Symposium events. There also should be a point of contact (POC) to whom violations of the policy should be reported. Chair Andrew Baggett is the temporary POC until a permanent selection can be made. Chair Baggett will reach out to ACS National to seek support if an issue were to arise. The October 13 dinner meeting will act as a "practice run" for the Guidelines Policy. It will be fully implemented at the Pauling Medal Award Symposium events.

8. National Chemistry Week

National Chemistry Week (NCW) Chair Angela Hoffman reported that Portland Section National Chemistry Week events will be October 22nd - 23rd. OMSI has agreed to host one weekend this year instead of two as they have in the past. There will be demonstrations on the topic Fibers and Fabrics and informational booklets to hand out. This year OMSI requires additional information for volunteers. An email with information on how to volunteer will be sent to the Section. NCW Chair Hoffman cautioned that persons interested in volunteering for the National Chemistry Week-end event should sign up quickly, as the vetting process takes a long time and there are only 16 available spots. A second email to K-12 teachers provides information about the K-12 poster contest, which also is part of the Society's NCW program.

9. New Business

Jim Tung reported that live broadcasting of meetings (live- stream video) has been a top priority, but so far there have been few people watching our meetings. Chair Baggett supports the live-streaming of our meetings but technical issues have plagued our efforts. Remedies are being investigated.

Martha Dibblee reported that at the upcoming 9/8/22 dinner meeting there should be an announcement about the upcoming 2023 Election that includes the members of the nominating committee. The slate of officers nominated by the Nominating Committee will be introduced during the dinner meeting.

10. Adjourn: 7:50pm