

ACS Portland Section EC Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM Pacific on Zoom

Attendees: Marcie Merritt, Andrew Baggett, Angela Hoffman, Dave Reingold, Jim Tung, Warren Ford

Call to order: 6:33pm

1) Fall 2021//Spring2022 Programming Updates. Chair Baggett reported that presenter Carmem Pfeiffer from OHSU is moved to Spring 2022 for her talk. Chair Baggett is in contact with the November and December presenters and hopefully the Section will have in-person talks at Reed starting in November. The EC discussed health-related (masks, vaccinations) issues but no decision was made except to abide by Reed College's protocols since the Section is meeting on their campus. Reed's website is up to date on mask and vaccination policy. The Section still can offer a remote/virtual viewing option for those not wanting to attend in person.

2) Pauling Medal Award Symposium. The Portland Section is on track to host the Oct 2022 Pauling Medal Award Symposium. The Puget Sound Section is planning on a Pauling Medal Award Symposium in 2021, which was postponed from 2020. Chair Baggett is planning on attending the Puget Sound event. Julio dePaula and Dean Atkinson are willing to continue in their roles for the Section's 2022 Pauling Medal Award and Symposium.

3) Updates on recruiting candidates for Section Secretary & Chair-Elect. Nominating Committee Chair Jim Tung reported that there are 2 candidates for chair-elect and that the Section has until Sept 24th to submit additional names. Hannah Hefely is willing to run for the Secretary position. There was discussion among the EC about how the nomination process works. The nominating committee chooses the candidates that appear on the ballot. In the past people have self-nominated without knowing what the role was and then voluntarily withdrawing.

4) Discussion of timeline/plans for recently-awarded IPG. The Section has received approval for the IPG application submitted by Marcie Merritt. Oregon DEQ has agreed to help keep this an ongoing sustainable project after the initial grant funding runs out. To keep this project going, it will be helpful to have someone other than ACS be the project manager.

5) Portland Section at NSTA (National Science Teachers Association). The EC discussed the possibility of sponsoring a table at the upcoming national event. Sponsorship would be ~\$1,000 for a table. The question about ROI was raised with conclusion that our presence at the NSTA meeting is intangible but we are showing support to the chemistry teachers. Cost was discussed noting that the budget for this item was much less, notwithstanding, still affordable. More information is needed before a decision is made, including outreach to NSTA and DEQ, which is partnering with the Section in an IPG.

6) New Business. None.

7) Old business. The EC expressed their thanks to Jim Tung for attending the ACS Councilor Meeting and providing the summary minutes.

Treasurer Dave Reingold reported that the Section spent \$16,000 on scholarships, overspending the budget by \$3500, which resulted from awarding two Dunne-Currie

scholarships. No travel funds for the legacy scholarship (Van Santen, Zeh, Anderson) winners were budgeted for 2021, knowing that there would not be in-person meetings but the Section will budget for travel funds in the future. The scholarship winners get travel money and the student chapters also has a budget for travel.

8) Previous minutes. Chair Baggett will send out.

9) Minutes approved as standing.

10) Adjourn: 7:20pm