

## Minutes of ACS Portland Section EC March 4, 2021 at 6:30 PM Pacific Via Zoom

Attendees: Andrew Baggett, Elaine Nam, Louis Kuo, Jim Tung, Hannah Hefley, Marcie Merritt, Angela Hoffman, Dave Reingold, Warren Ford, Martha Dibblee

1) Call to order: 6:32pm

2) Zoom activities

The Women Chemists Committee (WCC) is hosting a virtual resume review event in collaboration with the Richland Section during March, which is **International Women's Month**. There also will be a virtual happy hour at the end of the month. The Richland Section will host the Zoom link for the collaborative event.

3) Scholarships

In addition to the three named scholarships (VanSanten, Zeh and Anderson) a new scholarship has been created to support minority and underprivileged candidates. The new scholarship called the Dunne-Currie scholarship (DC) honors two recently passed members who championed diversity. Its awardee will be a student entering the junior year of undergraduate chemistry studies. The EC discussed details of the DC scholarship, which may include more than one awardee.

Last year's winners didn't get an award ceremony. This year's virtual event could be for both last and this year's scholarship recipients. If they can't attend they can send a video. This would take up the whole meeting. The event could be any time after the award decisions are made.

4) Discussion of harassment-free meeting guidelines

Chair Andrew Baggett stated that ACS recommends that the harassment-free meeting statement for events be displayed. Chair Baggett is waiting for additional information from ACS on training and finalisation of Policy. Andrew will report back when hears back from ACS general counsel David Smorodin.

5) Discussion: ACS yearly allotment and recent financial committee activity

ACS will double the money they send us to provide for the operating budget. There was a meeting of the finance committee this week. Carol Henry is stepping down and the finance committee proposed ACS member Martha Dibblee in Carol's place, which required EC confirmation. The finance committee solicited guidance from the EC about scholarship monies and also asked if NWSE Special Awards are considered scholarships?

6) Looking ahead to Fall 2021/Spring 2022 Meeting Series

Chair Andrew Baggett serves as both program chair (Chair-Elect) and Chair. In his role as program chair, he is working on scheduling events<sup>2</sup>. He is more confident about in-person events for 2022. More news will be available at the next EC meeting. Send information to Andrew [abaggett@linfield.edu](mailto:abaggett@linfield.edu) for suggestions and with contact information if available.

7) Pauling award updates

Discussion about medal manufacture, scheduling and symposium logistics.

8) STEM Week Oregon mini-grant/event discussion

Councilor Marcie Merritt discussed STEM week, which is in May, for a virtual or hands-on event targeting underprivileged groups. Marcie is asking for ideas and if we should apply for a \$250 grant. If partnering with a teacher, then we will need to include the intended target group in the application.

The only other grant Marcie sees is for the senior chemist group. Warren commented that the senior chemist committee currently is on hold. Martha is willing to volunteer as a secondary contact to support the committee. Andrew suggested Neil Anderson for the committee. He retired to McMinnville and may be interested.

9) Other business?

Angela and possibly Jim are attending the councilor meeting at the Spring National Meeting virtually.

The annual report has been submitted.

Andrew just received the credentials for accessing Community Connections.

On May 11, ACS president-elect Angela Wilson is speaking at a meeting organized by the California Section. This overlaps with NORM. Andrew will find out if there will be a recording to share out later. He will send Martha the details for her to include in the newsletter. Martha mentioned we will not have a March newsletter but will have an April newsletter.

10) Adjourn: 8:10pm

By Elaine Nam, Secretary