

# Monthly BWIS Meeting

May 8, 2018



Attendees: 20

**I.** Call to order by: Wen Hu at 12:10

**II.** Comments or questions regarding minutes from last meeting:

**III.** Report on past BWIS activities:

a. **April 20, 2018:** High School Career Day

- i. The high school career day was an incredible opportunity to reach out to schools with hefty minority populations. Hempstead's student body is 75% Latino, 35% of which is first generation. The students that attended from this school were very engaged, but unfortunately there had been a lot of 'no show' students.
- ii. The most impactful part of the career day was the speech. The talk was raw, and open.
- iii. Aleida will get the total cost of the event, so that we can further prepare for next year. Aleida mentioned she would like to accommodate more than four schools moving forward, and that it might be advantageous to reach out to schools in Nassau county.

b. **April 26, 2018:** BWIS Lecture and Lunch Networking

- i. The lunch was well attended 25 people signed up and 20 people came. The talk however, only had 14 attendees. Unfortunately it had coincided with a BSA talk.
- ii. Previously Vivian had requested to access to the calendar for these talks, and been denied. After this incident however, Vivian was approached by Christie Nelson, who affirmed that moving forward there will be improved communications between BWIS and the BSA lecture organizers.
- iii. We know that the next BSA talk will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

c. **April 28, 2018:** Society of Women Engineers & BWIS Networking Lunch and Tour

- i. This event had 16 attendees from SWE.
- ii. SWE was very interested in the lab and plan to return for Summer Sundays.

**IV.** Report on future BWIS activities

**a) May 16, 2018: BWIS Chasman Award Ceremony**

- i. The ceremony will be held in Hamilton Seminar Room Bldg. 555
- ii. The food necessary for this event has been ordered, certificates have been printed, the checks are prepared, and both the photographer and videographer have been arranged. The speaker for this event has confirmed.
- iii. This will be a public event, though it is still pending approval. In the future it will be best not to publicize an event as public, until it is approved.
- iv. A poster is in development for this event. In addition to the posters, there will be a main gate sign.
- v. There will be a homepage article released prior to the event, and outlook invitations will be sent to upper management via email.
- vi. Chasman's husband was adamant that he would not speak at the ceremony, but he still may attend.
- vii. The ceremony will start at 11 am, there will be a 10-15 min introduction, the speakers, and then lunch from 12:15-1pm

**b) 2018 Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber Prize**

- i. The applicants were all very well qualified. Everyone agreed on the top three applicants, but choosing the winner required Marc Andre to act as tie breaker.
- ii. An email will be sent to the winner to and to the other applicants, informing them of the outcome, and encouraging those who will still be eligible to apply again next year.
- iii. The ceremony will be held sometime from the end of June –July, depending on the availability of the winner, and organizers.

**c) BWIS Spring Networking Lunch**

- i. June is when this event is normally held. College interns will arrive at BNL on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and it would be nice to include them in the event.
- ii. Perhaps it would be ideal to postpone the event to the last few weeks of June to balance it with the wine and cheese event, which can take place in January instead of December. This way there will be a budget in place, before the event is held.
- iii. June is a busy month, there will be a safety expo on the 20<sup>th</sup>, the BSA talk on the 28<sup>th</sup>, and teacher training from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. We have to be careful not to

overlap too heavily with another event, or at the very least we need to be strategic about the overlap.

- iv. The budget for this event is ~600 dollars.

## V. Open Issues:

### a) **Bridge Hampton STEM Day: Improving communications**

- i. We did not attend this event. Not enough volunteers were available on such short notice. There exists the concern, that we will agree to participate in events like these, but end up stranded without volunteer support.
- ii. Perhaps moving forward we can make an effort to obtain more information about what will be expected of volunteers and include that information in the emails distributed to BWIS members.
- iii. We need to find a way to communicate with the schools that host these events, so that we have more notice in the future. This can be tricky because a majority of these events are sub contracted with the schools, and have not been forthcoming about dates.

### b) **Update on BWIS plaque wall:**

- i. There had been plans to hang a plaque of Nora Stanton Barney, the first female engineer. She graduated from Cornell University and had ties to Long Island.
- ii. It was deemed not goof for BNL, and there have been communications with SBU to try to establish a plaque wall there.

### c) **BWISH 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

- i. There will be a survey of BWIS members. The survey will consist of three open ended questions
  - 1. What kind of event would you like to participate in to celebrate the anniversary
  - 2. What time/day would you prefer this event be held?
  - 3. Would you like to serve on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee?
- ii. Getting the committee together early, so that there is plenty of time to plan and allocate budget, is ideal.

### d) **Purchasing tote bags: 150 for \$292.80 or 250 for \$460.95 (Anna)**

### e) **Proposed Event Request Form (Anna)**

- f) BERA Summer Camp Science Fair

## **VI. New business**

- g) Possibly: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County workshops (Firoza)