

BWIS Meeting Agenda – January 29, 2024

1. **Welcome**

- a. DEI Quarterly Theme – Inclusion
- b. <https://www.bnl.gov/training/professional-development/dei-quarterly/inclusion.php>

2. **General updates**

- a. iSpeak Clearly Workshop – Megan
 - i. Contract has been signed and approved (\$4977)
 - ii. Scheduled for March 20th – pending room confirmation from Amber
 - iii. Program is 6 hrs long, with space for up to 25 participants
 - iv. Lunch is tentatively included – pending board approval
 - v. Call for participants will go out early to mid-February
 - 1. Board members will have first choice.
 - 2. If there are vacancies afterwards, sign-ups will then be opened to members of good standing.
- b. Networking Breakfast – David, Xi and Lacy
 - i. Scheduled for April 2nd
 - ii. Panel discussion with BNL women in science (last hour of the event)
- c. DEI Activity Survey
 - i. Working on resolving issues brought up in the survey
- d. BWIS Retreat – Jenn
 - i. Feb 23, 3 - 5 pm at the BERA rec center
 - ii. Activities: 30 min to 1 hr of meditation/relaxation; 1 hr for art making
 - iii. Trying for a fireside chat
 - iv. Open to board members and members in good standing who are interested in becoming board members
- e. BWIS LinkedIn – Jenn
 - i. Will become integrated into BNL showcase page
 - ii. Part of an attempt at consolidating social media, but each organization will maintain creative control.
 - iii. No concerns were raised about BWIS LinkedIn page being part of the broader BNL page.
- f. BERA trip to see “Suffs” on Broadway
 - i. Saturday, March 30th
 - ii. \$115 total for ticket (seat in mezzanine) and LIRR trip.
 - iii. Available for purchase at the BERA store.

3. **Awards**

- a. Fowler Award – Megan and Sanjaya
 - i. We physically received both the \$1500 (HR) and the \$500 (EPS) for the award – as confirmed by Kelly Anne
 - ii. Updating the webpage to capture past winners
 - iii. Working on releasing the application. Application submission will be open for 2 months
 - iv. About to start selection for review committee
- b. Goldhaber Award – Marc-André and Jessica
 - i. Finished collecting donations, need to ensure all funds are transferred to BWIS account.
 - ii. Starting process of opening applications for 2024.
 - iii. Deadline of April 1st for submissions.
- c. Chasman Award – Ed and David
 - i. Announcement to go out soon.
 - ii. Funds for two awards.
 - iii. Revised grading system.

- iv. Ready by late spring, early summer.
- d. Mentorship Award – David
 - i. Award is all set to go. Agreement is in place.
 - ii. Ready for late spring, early summer.
 - iii. Still need a separate account?
- e. Interested in becoming an award officer? – It's a good way to meet yearly DEI goals!
- f. Kelly Anne asked if all donors could Cc her on the email

4. Upcoming events

- a. No upcoming events on the calendar for February.

5. Other updates

- a. March 8th – Dr. JoAnne Hewett
 - i. Not finalized yet
- b. March 20th – iSpeak Clearly Workshop
- c. March 21st – Kate Maxwell (interlaboratory speaker)
- d. April 2nd – Networking Breakfast + Panel Discussion: Invite BNL Women in Science with different backgrounds
- e. TBD – Tracy Johnson (UCLA - dean of life sciences)??