

Brookhaven Women in Science (BWIS) Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2010

1. Fredrica Grizzel- Shared two articles with us. Understanding why girls underperform at science and Study: Women have a better understanding of science than men. Thank you.
2. The 2010 Annual Wine & Cheese event was a great success. Two new memberships were awarded.
3. Career Day at BNL was also a great success. Many thought it was the best one ever held. The speakers were at the level of the students and the students asked very good questions.
4. The American Physical Society (APS) Report- Bob Lincoln who is the new Manager of Human Resources and Occupational Medicine confirmed that the report is in and that the report will be ready for us early next year. Mr. Lincoln joined BWIS.
5. Reminder of the \$10 annual membership fee. Notice will go out in January 2011. Please mail fees to Kathy Walker, building 400 while Loralie Smart is out.
6. Loralie Smart will be having surgery scheduled on December 16, 2010. If anyone would like to contribute money towards a get well gift please send donations to Kathy Walker building 400.
7. Loralie Smart will not be able to do the Chasman Mailing. Linda Bowerman, Diane Greenberg, Stephanie LaMontagne and Lorraine Davis have volunteered to help out.
8. Congratulations to Carla Vale who became a United States Citizen recently.
9. Our United Way Working Woman's Survival Kit Basket was completed and displayed on December 8 and 9th for the BNL Holiday Auction.
10. There is a possibility of BWIS to hold an oral communications/presentation skills class and a general 2 day grant writing workshop. We are working with Starr Munson of Human Resources.
11. The \$152 in the Goldhaber Account has been closed and the money has been transferred to the Chasman Account. There will be a press release for the Chasman Scholarship in January 2011.
12. The 2012 Project (recruiting women in science and technology to run for political office) is scheduled to be on site March 8, 2011 for Women's History Month. They have to obtain permission from CEGPA.
13. Numerous speakers are tentatively scheduled for Spring 2011. The following is a list of tentative speakers and dates: Sylvia Earle on February 17, Bonnie Bassler on March 24, Catherine Mohr on April 21, Andrea Palounek sometime in May, and Joana Fowler sometime in June. The contact for these speakers is Vivian Stojanoff.
14. Shirley Kendall of the BNL Diversity Office stopped by to brief us on the APS report:
 - Sam Aronson received a copy of the report recently
 - The ALD's are reviewing the report now but cannot share with BWIS at the moment
 - The APS report indicated that the tenure process has a negative impact on women, the number of women considered for tenure is low and the BNL scientific staff do not know what the process is to get promoted

- The Human Resources & Occupational Medicine Division will likely get corrective actions assigned to them as a result of this report

15. The ZONTA International Group through the United Nations has a free film regarding women in Liberia. Any interest in having the film shown here at BNL during lunch time in Berkner? Please contact Mona Rowe.