

Monthly BWIS Meeting

October 11, 2017



Attendees: 30

- I. Call to order by: Wen Hu at 12:00 pm
- II. Comments or questions regarding minutes from last meeting: No comments/questions
- III. Report on BWIS activities:
 - Welcome new BWIS Executive Board Members. Contact info can be found here: <https://www.bnl.gov/bwis/membership.php>
 - a) Director of Membership
 - ✓ BWIS annual membership drive start (October 1-31st). Membership Drive table from 12:00-1:00 pm in Berkner Lobby on Oct. 18th.
 - ✓ New BWIS Membership Form available: <https://www.bnl.gov/bwis/Files/pdf/BWIS-MembershipForm-FY18.pdf>
 - b) Director of Communications
 - ✓ Email and communicate with all BWIS members.
 - ✓ Upcoming BWIS events is available on BWIS calendar <https://www.bnl.gov/bwis/events/>
 - ✓ Write and publish BWIS articles/news <https://www.bnl.gov/bwis/news/>
 - ✓ TIAA Live Workshop on Nov. 13
 - c) Director of Programs
 - ✓ BWIS round table discussion with Dr. Guarini (partner with CFN) Oct. 18th
 - ✓ BWIS Speaker Series, "Amazing Women and How They Got the Vote" Oct. 26th
 - ✓ BWIS annual networking event: Wine and Cheese Dec. 6th
- IV. Open Issues:
 - BWIS documentation storage on line at <\\bnlfiles2\BWIS>
 - BWIS event calendar, updating event on line with help of director of communication.
 - Current open positions on Board: Secretary and Event Participation officer

- A BWIS member/meeting attendee raised an issue about discrimination in the workplace that was overheard at another meeting onsite. The BWIS Board said they would look into this concern and provide an update.
 - UPDATE: On 10/30/2017, the BWIS President sent an email to all members with an update on this issue which stated the following:
 - “BWIS determined that it was not about specific events that had occurred at BNL, but about an article that was read in The New York Times (“Unintended Consequences of Sexual Harassment Scandals”). Lab Director Doon Gibbs invited BWIS leadership to meet with him and the Associate Lab Director for Human Resources Bob Lincoln to discuss the concern, clarify the facts that originated the concern, and reiterate the Lab’s commitment to pursuing a diverse and inclusive working environment. We will discuss this issue further at our next General Meeting. In addition, Doon and Bob have offered to attend an upcoming BWIS general meeting to discuss this issue specifically.”

V. New Business:

- BWIS Table at BERA Big Bang Pop Festival on Oct. 13, Berkner Hall, Lobby
- STEM Exposition for Rocky Point UFSD students. BWIS participate and demo show.

VI. Action Items:

- BWIS group photo at 12:30 pm.
- Lab Lab’s 70th Anniversary Photo, today at 3:00 pm
- New BWIS articles on Oct. 16 Monday memo

VII. Adjournment at (12:45 pm)