

BWIS Meeting Minutes 4/12/17

Began at 12:11pm

In attendance: Kathy, Joanne, Gail, Dave, Anna, Suzanne, Shanay, Amber T, Marc, Anna G, Vivian, and Wen. Telephone attendance by Alice

- Minutes posted from last meeting online
- Colloquium series
 - March 30th update by Vivian
 - Low attendance (<30)
 - Looking for better publicity and sooner
 - Help for Vivian
 - Meeting with Will Safer and Peter G but want info 3 weeks out
 - Need to monitor easels in 400 and Berkner with posters
 - April 25th
 - Article on BNL website
 - Vivian will take care of poster
 - Speaker List
 - Having problem with people backing out so it is difficult to get advanced notice to lab
 - Discussed help from Amber or others for contacting speakers/taking care of bios/ etc...
 - How to increase efficiency and attendance
- BWIS update w/ management
 - Meeting with Doon Gibbs, his deputies and some ALDs to express our recommendations
 - Will present to management counsel asking 4 things
 - Include D&I in addresses
 - Attend D&I events
 - Encourage participation in D&I
 - Approve BWIS employee time if during work hours
- HS career Day
 - Was a success this year. Thank you Kahille!
 - Need to meet to talk about how to run it in the future
 - Too much for one person
 - Give it to OEP? With our help
 - Subcommittees?
 - We need volunteers.
- Administrator?
 - Is it possible to get a staff member for our events (Flights/bookings/orders/ etc...)
- Paypal (no update)
- Monthly Women's Group Meeting w/ other national labs
 - This month Anna and Lydia (Argonne)
 - She had a similar event to our HS career day but on a much larger scale and had over 200 volunteers
 - Lydia as a resource in the future

- She is a paid position though so there are many differences
- Update on SWE by Gail
 - Want to come in the Fall
 - Wants to invite students
 - Discussed whether it should be motivational or technical speaker
 - Want tour of NSLSII and RHIC
- Internal communications
 - We need to improve this and are taking suggestions
- Scholarships
 - Only two applicants per scholarship (2)
 - Dave discussed his and winner will be announced in May
 - Need reviewers to make the decision
 - Marc expressed concerns on Goldhaber
 - What are the rules?
 - Should we restructure?
 - Discussed finding out more about origins of the scholarships and why the rules are the way that they are.
 - May need to redefine/define the criteria and structure
 - Many expressed the desire to NOT combine the two but leave them as separate entities.
 - Need to get more applicants
- Suffrage Trail
 - Kathy, Suzanne, Anna as BWIS reps went and expressed excitement in it
 - A series of homes of prominent suffragettes
 - Coline Jenkins: her grandma was first women civil engineer in the US
 - They are now building a huge tunnel under the Hudson River and want to name the Boring Machine, Nora, after this woman engineer.
 - Discussed a BERA trip for the dedication of this machine but space is limited
 - Met members of the Association of University Women who gave a talk
 - Consider having them come for the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in New York (Anniversary Nov 6)
- List Serve
 - Some people received notifications of removal but have no fear it will all be fine
 - Also it was noted that the BWIS members list is separate from this one and Kathy takes care of that one
- Seminars upcoming
 - Seminar Monday in Physics with possible diversity background
- Poster update by Dave
 - Professional Women Success Posters ready and will be shown to the board
- ASAP collaboration by Amber T
 - Amber asked BWIS to collaborate for a BWIS/ASAP joint keynote lecture at the 2017 ECRS (Early Career Research Symposium) to be held on Nov 2nd 2017 in Berkner
 - Discussion on funds was considered along with budgets
 - Might work but ASAP needs a back-up plan but BWIS is willing to help

- In return Anna noted that it might be good for BWIS to establish collaborations
 - Amber will follow up
- SBU collaborations brought up by Alice
 - Although we partner with SBU and WISE we need a new Liaison

Concluded at 1:15pm