

Monthly BWIS Meeting

September 13, 2017



Attendees: 22

- I. Call to order by: Anna Goldberg at 12:10 pm
- II. Comments or questions regarding minutes from last meeting: No comments/questions
- III. Report on BWIS activities:
 - Past events:
 - BERA Summer Camp Science fair
 - This Firoza Zaroni's second year organizing the science fair. There were plenty of interesting projects, including a demonstration. The youngest participant was 5 yrs old.
 - Not many people had the opportunity to attend the fair, because of its short duration. Those who missed out were able to see the projects submitted displayed in Berkner.
 - An article featuring the fair will run next week.
 - Future events:
 - Vivian is in contact with a possible speaker, though nothing has been finalized.
- IV. Open Issues:
 - There are still two Officer's positions open: Secretary and Event Participation Officer. We should be encouraged to partake in these roles, because officers need not (but are welcome to) pay dues.
 - The volunteer luncheon overlapped with the Goldhaber award ceremony because we had not put our event on the BNL calendar.
 - 2nd Annual Greater NYC WiSE summer party:
 - Gail attended the WiSE summer party and passed around photos and information about the event. The party was held at Cold Spring Harbor. Gail noted Cold Spring Harbor's focus on cancer research. There was a BBQ and Ivy Algazy spoke about leadership.
 - We are looking into possible BWIS and WiSE collaborations. Perhaps it would be possible for Ivy to do training on site for women.
 - BWIS report and budget submission: We submitted for \$11,000 for programs (account 7617), and \$2100 for speakers (account 7609)

- We are considering closing the Pay Pal account. It is costly to maintain. We are charged a yearly fee for the website and a fee per transaction. We are not going to make any immediate changes because we need to collect dues in October. Most members do not utilize the Pay Pal account to pay dues by check/cash, but in the future we may utilize conference pay pal, just for the month of October.

V. New Business:

- Member dues are being collected in October. Member dues need to be submitted in order to be considered a member in “good standing”. The benefits of such standing include: voting rights, access to resources, and priority registration for events.
- We need to be proactive about picking dates for events moving forward. Next year’s events need tentative dates to avoid scheduling conflicts.
- 2017 BERA Big Bang Pop Festival, on October 13:
 - We need volunteers to man BWIS table 5-5:45 PM. Susan Pepper volunteered.
 - We voted to sponsor deserts. We will donate \$100 toward cookies.
- September 19th is the BNL 70 photo:
 - If possible we would like to stand next to each other as a group to take the picture, in order to accomplish this we will meet in front of OEP at 2:45pm and walk over to the photograph site.
 - To appear cohesive we will wear purple or turquoise if possible.
 - In the future we might consider making BWIS t-shirts, or scarves.
- SWE conference in October- a few BWIS members are thinking of attending.
- POWER ([https://powerpedia.energy.gov/wiki/POWER - Professional Opportunities for Women at Energy Realized](https://powerpedia.energy.gov/wiki/POWER_-_Professional_Opportunities_for_Women_at_Energy_Realized)) live streaming executive training for women on 9/28 9 am – 12 pm @ energy.gov/live. Last training was packed, and had an enormous waiting list.

VI. Action Items:

- Place Calendar events in advance, and notify the board.
- Make sure you contact treasures about any expenses so we can keep track of where funds are being spent.
- Timely submission of receipts is important.

VII. Adjournment at 12:45 pm