

Monthly BWIS Meeting

February 13, 2018



Attendees: 15

I. Call to order by: Wen Hu at 12:00

II. Comments or questions regarding minutes from last meeting:

- a. We need to more actively advertise
- b. BWIS can create an affiliation with OEP programs
- c. Possible BWIS & SWE joint event

III. Report on past BWIS activities:

- a. **Jan. 13, 2018:** American Physical Society Conferences for Undergraduate Women in Physics at Barnard College.
 - i. Vivian and Laurie hosted networking tables at Columbia University on behalf of BWIS. 50 female students participated in the event.
 - ii. Many had not been aware of the existence of BWIS.
 - iii. These women were particularly interested in internship opportunities at the Lab.
- b. **Jan. 25, 2018:** The BWIS lecture “Where Electrical Engineering Meets Biology” BingXin Shen.
 - i. The lecture was successful. 40 people attended, which is less of a crowd than the previous few talks have drawn, but overall a better turn out than what we have seen in previous years.
- c. **Jan. 25, 2018:** BWIS participated in a call-in meeting “POWER Teleconference on women’s leadership and advancement at the Department of Energy (DOE)”.
 - i. Women from all different DOE sites participated in the teleconference.
 - ii. Overall the message the undersecretary conveyed was very positive, with an emphasis on promoting and supporting women in the DOE
 - iii. We don’t know how often these conferences will be made available to larger groups of people. Normally it is kept to only one line, one time a month. When the conferences have guest speakers, the invitation is extended to more people.
 - iv. There will be a similar conference call with a guest speaker Feb. 22nd

d. **Feb. 1-April. 1, 2018:** BWIS Now Accepting Applications for 2018 Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber Prize

i. There are three started applications

ii. We will send out reminders

e. **Feb. 7, 2018:** BWIS hosted a four-part webinar session of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Strategic Leadership Learning Series

i. These webinars will be every Wednesday from 3-4pm

ii. Amber will add them to the BWIS calendar

IV. Report on future BWIS activities

a) **Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb. 28, 2018:** Professional Development Webinar:” Close the Leadership Gap”.

i. BWIS hosts a SWE professional development webinars: Strategic Leadership Learning Series. 3-4 PM

b) **Feb. 2018:** Black history month.

i. Perhaps our speaker’s lecture will be tied in to Black History Month.

c) **Mar. 3, 2018:** The 4th International Women Day 2018 Symposia: Girl Power in STEM - Press for Progress!

i. We are not advertising for this yet, because the website is not ready.

ii. When the website it completed we will put this event on the BWIS calendar

d) **April 20, 2018:** High School career day.

i. We did a brief overview of the agenda

ii. BWIS volunteers will be needed, once we have more details an email notice will be distributed

iii. Perhaps we will open up a time slot after lunch for questions. This will provide an opportunity for students to touch base with teachers, solidify their questions, and make meaningful contact with the scientific staff.

V. Open Issues:

a) In general we should try to share more broadly and perhaps vaguely, and provide corrections and details as new information arises.

- b) 2018 Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber Prize:
 - i. Three applications have been started
 - ii. We need to keep advertising
- c) Renate W. Chasman Scholarship. Update on first stage of review process
 - i. Nine applicants have been narrowed down to four. There will be an external review held of these applicants.
- d) BWIS members should become 'speaker identifiers'.
 - i. BWIS members should nominate people inside their field of expertise to speak.
 - ii. By broadening the speaker pool, we can attract a larger audience.
 - iii. Vivian supports this idea, has it has been difficult to obtain and maintain speakers in the past.
- e) New BWIS secretary: Kayla Hernandez, 23rd board member
- f) Luna Fest Update
 - i. The DOE is not comfortable with corporate involvement in an event held onsite.
 - ii. We are exploring offsite event venue options.

VI. New Business:

- a. BWIS & SWE joint event opportunity in April.
 - i. We need a fly and tentative dates in order to move forward.
 - ii. BWIS members can give tours
 - iii. Tons of logistics to be considered
 - iv. Food will not be available able onsite, because the cafeteria will be closed
 - v. Perhaps the 28th , or in early May
- b. Welcome Ken White in the Office of Educational Programs (OEP) to speak on SULI and other opportunities (Ken White). Come to discuss on how BWIS can grow its presence with OEP's programs