

Attendees: 14

We have new members from USPAS!

1. Comments or questions regarding minutes from last meeting:

- a. No comments

2. Report on BWIS Activities:

a. Director of Membership

i. Membership numbers:

Juanita is expecting new members from the Wine and Cheese

ii. Treasurer's report:

- o Kelly Anne Conway: Loralie is printing the reports today, the reports should be the same as last month no new transactions

b. Director of Communications:

i. Publicity status:

- o Amber spoke with Mary Rodgers we reached out to Dr.Jackson (feb.21st speaker) we are cohosting with AAAG.

c. Director of Programs:

i. Past events:

- o December 14th: Islip Highschool visit. WISE at SBU asked BWIS to pitch in.
- o January 18th-29th: We went to the conference for undergrad women in physics. There was a storm and the conference was condensed to one day instead of two. There was a panel discussion, a workshop on science communication, and a networking fair.

The event was well organized and well attended. There were several academic institutions and companies at the networking fair.

There were 80 people to visit the booth. 30 business cards were collected. It was noted that there is an unfortunate gap in opportunities corresponding to times when prospective students are between high school and undergrad, or undergrad and grad school.

Many students were graduating in May and wanted to have time to do research with a BNL group before going to grad school. A similar want exists with High school students graduating in June cannot do research at the lab (cannot continue research).

Vivian would like to explore why there is this gap. Anna had a similar problem, SULI won't let freshman apply.

We want repeat students. Maybe we can have a committee? Noel Blackburn would be interested in pursuing this. There is no mechanism to have a graduate student work with us directly. BNL cannot HOST students. We can bring this up at the quarterly meeting to get some direction.

ii. Upcoming Events:

- February 21st: speaker- We are co-hosting with AAAG
- March 8th: International Women's day. There will be two workshops, people will be able to choose the time they will be able to follow the workshop.
- I.** We are finalizing web pages. Vivian will talk to Amber about publicizing. Vivian talked to Maggie, she will follow up with her for future workshops. Registration will be set up one for a workshop and one in SBU.
- II.** We need to finalize the agenda. We need volunteers to help with Science demos.
 - Gail's speaker will speak Friday Marc 8th at 12pm. We are trying to have it at berkner. Gail is not available to host on the 11th. This is something to look into.
 - Chasman update
 - Goldhaber update
 - Work-life balance update

III.

IV. 3. Open issues

V. a. BWIS 40th Anniversary Celebration

- VI.** i. Spring networking event – possibly 6/14 (tentative). Kathy has made preliminary contact with our 'panelist'. We have Sophie scot in april we are co sponsoring with the speaker series. We are not sure about the date. Amber says Sophie has done ted talks previously, and she is funny!

VII.

VIII.ii.BSA talks have refreshments after talks, maybe we should touch base with them and see what they offer, and what would be expected of us. There is no main 40th anniversary event, there will be three events

IX.

X. b. Go through BWIS boxes in Kathy's office- scholarship information

XI. i. This has been finished.

XII. c. Call for proposals from NPP

XIII. i. Still collecting proposals for I&D efforts What other events could we do to further the I&D at BNL.

XIV. ii. Marc Andre is out contact.

XV.c. Could we promote an additional workshop for leadership. We should try to do something like that.

d. Video uploads onto BWIS website:

- i. Update from Web Services: Video from blue jeans.
- ii. Physics uses a different website type, and they do not want to cross post. We can not post a link to the physics department.
- iii. We asked Rodger for a videographer for our own recording.
- iv. The physics building got picked because of timing. The physics department's large seminar room is outfitted for the videos.
- v. Blue Jeans videos are not available on BWIS website.
- vi. Maybe we can post this to the Facebook page. Tom is who will contact to ask about this.

e. IWD update including webpage:

4. New business:

a. Monday meeting rescheduling poll results:

- i. We will switch to the 1st Monday of the month

b. Update on conference of undergraduate women in physics – Vivian

c. Update on meeting with ESH ALD, Steve Coleman:

- i. First black ALD at BNL, great diversity achievement
- ii. Coleman offered mentorship, either coaching for placing people in other groups.
- iii. He offered to engage BWIS leadership with his areas of expertise
- iv. He will distribute out emails to ESH, Amber will add him to the distribution list

- v. He will add an I&D council to his directorate or implement the ideas of the other directorate's councils.

d. Directorate I&D Council updates:

- a. No updates from Vivian

5. Other business:

- i. Thanks for the help with the wine and cheese. We had a great event great turn out, Doon came.
- ii. Lesson learned: After the event there were extra bottles of wine left over taken home by volunteers. We shouldn't do that. We should keep that within the BWIS coffers.
- ii. There is a retired Chemist willing to have a lunch with BWIS numbers to discuss her career. We need a bio and a number of people to invite. We will send the invite to goodstanding members first. She calculated radio isotope decay and analyzed samples from Apollo missions.
- iii. Promote positions to be filled on BWIS website.
- iv. There is an opportunity to collaborate with NSLS2 for a I&D Event. A special related speaker, or a workshop with priority registration for light source users.

6. Action items:

- i. Doon Quarterly meeting: how can we bring in high school student, grad students, seniors, and freshman.
- ii. Look at video positing to Facebook