

Monthly BWIS Meeting

April 12, 2019



Attendees:15

I. Call to order by: Kathy Walker at 12:10pm

II. Comments or questions regarding minutes from last meeting:

III. Report on BWIS activities:

a) Director of Membership:

- i. Membership numbers: one life time and two new regular new members. The new life time member donated 100 dollars in addition to the 100 dollar lifetime membership.
- ii. Treasurer's report: Loralie will put the extra 100 dollars in the BWIS account

b) Director of Communications:

i. Publicity status:

c) Director of Programs

i. Past events:

1. International Women's day 3/8 & 3/9:

- a. There were two workshops. They spoke about leadership and mentorship. There were about 45 people registered for the workshops. Several attended both workshops. Vivian will make a formal report of this.
- b. The Stonybrook event had 120 registered, everyone didn't come about the same time. It was about 90 people in the room at any given moment.
- c. Cathy Cutler and Gail Matson each gave a lecture in addition to a physicist, Shobhana Narasimhan, who also talked on Friday.
- d. The last lecture was by a film producer Catalina Jimenez which drew similarities between the struggles of women in stem and the women in film.
- e. There was also a panel discussion and two networking events. One on one speed networking and discussions about certain subjects like standing up for women and developing curriculum about

standing out. The program is of the network for those who are curious.

- f. There were photos taken for the website and facebook.
 - g. Next year Vivian would like this to only be at BNL. It will be easier to organize, and we would not have to pay for space. Even though the participation of students is important, Vivian doesn't think that WISE brings in students. On our own, we attract students for summer Sundays and high school students.
 - i. Can we partner with OEP to bring in women students if we shift over here?
 - 1. In a meeting with Bob Tribble, Kathy suggested that we get an extra bus to shuttle students. He did not object.
 - ii. Maybe we can partner with PR and stakeholders office to get more students to show up?
 - h. The posters were awesome at SBU, but Vivian did not steal any.
- 2. March 21st:** A cryptographer, Graciela Diaz de Delgado, gave a talk. She had a difficult time getting back to Venezuela she had to walk over the bridge.
- 3. April 9th:** Sabine Hossenfelder's Talks:
- a. The talk was recorded, and we may be able to watch online. It was recorded by a videographer not just by the set up in physics.
 - b. Kashmira has spoken to Amber, the videos are available to the public, she has linked to them from the facebook page.
 - c. Vivian wants the videos to be more accessible.

ii. Upcoming events

- 1. High School Career Day 4/29:** For now, this will be in Brookhaven center. The Brookhaven center might not work out. There seem to be some strange smells. It's not really a place you want to bring the public in. We need to find a better space for career day.
- 2. Chasman Scholarship ceremony in May:**
 - a. Chasman award winners have been announced there will be both 1st and 2nd place awards. We were fortunate to fund a second-

place prize for a total of 500 dollars with the money donated by the NSLS and CFN USERS.

- b. We partnered with NSLS and CFN joint users meeting. The event will be held May 22nd.
 - c. The winner will have a 20 min time slot to present her PHD thesis. The winners are users, they will be among their peers.
 - d. Vivian and David will co-host. Conference room A is available to host the event, in addition to the rest of Berkner hall. The capacity is 50 persons. Family members, peers, they will be invited as well. The details haven't been sorted out yet.
 - e. Amber and Will will do communications and announcements moving forward.
- 3. May 23rd:** The May speaker will be Pamela M. She was suggested as a speaker by one of our members last year. We don't have the title of her talk yet.
- 4. BWIS 40th Anniversary Celebration: 6/14 Spring networking**
- a. We contacted past retired members to be on a panel 6/14. Lunch will be served
 - b. Amber is organizing. If you have questions ask either Amber, or Kathy.
- 5. August:** Sophie Scott will come speak, Aug. 25th tentatively. BSA is sponsoring, but it is an event. She did an NPR ted talk. She will speak about the power of laughter. This will be part of the 40th Anniversary.
- 6. Notes:**
- a. We were hoping the February speaker would reschedule for April but she cannot. Kimberly Jackson did not come in February because of weather conditions.

iii. **Work Life balance update:** None

IV. Open Issues:

- a) Call for proposals from NPP
- b) IWD update including webpage
- c) Possible small networking lunch Speaker for March/April (Kahille)

V. New Business:

- a) **Proposed event for INWES (Gail Mattson):** Gail is the president of the INWES, she has invited a group of them here. They will meet individually with the ERGs. She would like BWIS to sponsor a happy hour for them. She has submitted the event form. She explained she doesn't have a cost year because there would first need to be a head count.
 - i. Gail would like BWIS me members to come in and give some information about their jobs.
 - 1. Will Gail get her own volunteers?
 - a. Guimei thinks Gail would also like BWIS volunteers
 - 2. Should we buy everything from the cafeteria?
 - a. Outside we can save a lot.
 - b. Gail will also use her own money to help pay.
 - 3. Do we want to use BWIS funds, or dedicate a specific amount of funds?
 - 4. Maybe Gail can submit an I&D proposal?
 - a. They need the money for April 30th asking for I&D Money would be cutting it close
 - 5. Gail has about 30 guests in addition to the BWIS members
- b) Quarterly meeting with Lab
Leadership update
- c) Directorate I&D Council updates
- d) Other business

VI. Action Items: