

MI-ASM Board Meeting Conference Call

Monday August 13, 2018

11:00am

Present: Laura Harris, Susan Gunn, Anne Casper, Skip Price, Kris Baumgarten, Chris Snabes

I. MI-ASM meetings

At today's conference call, Anne Casper and Skip Price volunteered to organize and host the MI-ASM 2019 Spring Meeting at Eastern Michigan University. The date for this meeting is not yet set, but it will be in either late March or early April, 2019. Anne and Skip will set the date soon and will e-mail the Board with information on the theme for the meeting and speakers. One of the speakers will be from the ASM Distinguished Lecturer Program.

Note: There is no fall meeting of MI-ASM. Board members present at the in-person Board Meeting following the Annual Spring Meeting on March 24, 2018 decided to discontinue the annual Fall MI-ASM meetings. Board members decided that we will hold only one annual meeting each year, in the spring.

II. MI-ASM funds

It was noted on today's conference call that MI-ASM has lost money on our two most recent meetings. It was agreed that this trend is worrisome and we need to change it. Anne and Skip will contact vendors for donations to the upcoming spring meeting at EMU. Susan Gunn will send information on applying to ASM for meeting funds. Anne Casper (MI-ASM Treasurer) informed the board that we have over \$10,000 in our bank account. She said she would e-mail the board soon with details of our current financial position.

III. MI-ASM website

Laura Harris is our new website manager. She has recently gained access to the MI-ASM website and has begun to update it.

IV. MI-ASM Board membership

There are many inactive members of the MI-ASM Board. These people are listed on our website as Board Members, yet have not recently participated in either a Board Meeting conference call or an annual meeting. There are no requirements for MI-ASM Board membership in our Constitution and By-Laws. Board members present at this conference call have proposed that the By-Laws be amended to add a new section as follows:

Board Members

Any active member in good standing can serve as a MI-ASM Board Member. Approval of the President and at least one other elected Officer is needed for a person to be added to the MI-ASM Board. Board members are required to attend at least one Board meeting each year, either by conference call or in person. Any Board Member who has not attended a meeting of the Board within 12 months shall be dropped from the Board. Board Members while on active duty with the Armed Forces may remain in good standing without attendance at Board meetings.

The MI-ASM Board members request that the MI-ASM Secretary distribute this proposed amendment to the By-Laws to all Board members and included in all announcements of the upcoming MI-ASM Spring Meeting. This proposed amendment shall be voted on during the Business Meeting at the 2019 MI-ASM Spring Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30. Minutes taken by Anne Casper.