

**MI-ASM Board Meeting**  
**April 2, 2005**  
**Delta College**

**Members present:** Kris Baumgarten (Delta College), Mary Ann Cardani (University of Michigan – Flint); Daniel Clemans (Eastern Michigan University), Michael Cohen (Pfizer), Ralph Gorton (Lansing Community College), Michael Huband (Pfizer), Donald LeBlanc (Pfizer), Jeffrey Ram (Wayne State University), Silvia Rossbach (Western Michigan University), Michael Ryan (Ferris State University), Sonia Tiquia (University of Michigan-Dearborn), Judith Whittum-Hudson (Wayne State University), and Jim VandenBosch (Eastern Michigan University)

**Call to order:** The MI-ASM board members met after the spring meeting at Delta College. The meeting was called to order at 2:40pm by the president, Silvia Rossbach.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January 10, 2005 meeting were approved.

**New Members:** Silvia introduced and welcomed the new board members: Jeff Ram, Mike Ryan, Don LeBlanc and Sonia Tiquia.

**Sp 05 meeting attendance:** Board members expressed their appreciation to Kris Baumgarten for hosting an excellent meeting at Delta College. There were 122 people in attendance.

**Employment postings:** Mike Cohen discussed posting employment opportunities on our Mi-ASM Website. Ralph can post the information, but he needs someone to co-ordinate the page. Silvia will lead a working group to thrash out the details. Mike Cohen, Judith, Ralph and Jeff agreed to assist Silvia. All board members should pass employment opportunity information to Ralph. Mike suggested charging our sponsors \$100/quarter for the postings. Jeff suggested that this site could also be used to post internships, but academic institutions would not be charged for this service.

Additional postings on the MI-ASM website could include seminar notices, summer undergraduate opportunities, and upcoming meetings. Mike C pointed out that this service may entice other Michigan microbiologists to use our site. We could provide links to relevant sites and also monitor the number of users.

**Election results:** The following people have been elected to the board: Dr. Donald LeBlanc, president-elect; Debra Hanna, treasurer; Michael Huband, alternate councilor.

**Fall '05 meeting:** The Fall MI-ASM meeting will be held on Saturday October 8, 2005 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The title of the meeting is New Perspectives and Paradigms in Environmental Microbiology. The speakers are Dr. James Tiedje (MSU), Dr. Matthew Fields (Miami of Ohio) and Dr. Darryl Chandler (Argonne National Labs).

Kim Feiner will present a workshop for microbiology educators in the afternoon after the final speaker. Board members agreed that student posters should be displayed in an open area where participants can view them before the meeting and during breaks.

A meeting announcement should be sent to all Michigan colleges and universities. Mike Ryan joins the board as an education liaison. He will be responsible for disseminating this information.

Spring '06 meeting: A possible topic is Animal Microbiology. Pfizer of Kalamazoo or MSU were suggested as potential sites for this meeting. The National Sanitation Foundation is also interested in participating/sponsoring one of our meetings.

Membership list: Mary Ann pointed out that there are currently at least three different membership lists. To bring some order to the confusion posed by multiple lists, Mary Ann will send out a copy of the current list(s) to all board members. Each member should look over the list and indicate any names that can be removed. She will then compile an updated membership list.

Responsibilities for each board position: In an attempt to clarify the job descriptions, each board member should e-mail Silvia a list of responsibilities associate with their position. Silvia will incorporate these into a spreadsheet. Members should check our MI-ASM constitution as well as the National ASM constitution for duties of each office.

Corporate liaison: Mike Cohen asked that we alert him of any vendors who might participate as corporate sponsors in MI-ASM.

Funding: Silvia submitted a request to national for \$8000. She anticipates notification within a few days. Last year we received \$4600. We need \$2100 for support of our student chapters (National provides \$300/student chapter). We also receive some regional funding for our students.

Treasurer's report: Mike H announced that Debra Hanna will be taking over as treasurer on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We have \$21,000 in the bank at this time. Pfizer will donate \$4000 for 2005 (\$1000/Pfizer employee serving on our board). They also contributed \$4500 for the meeting. The Board wishes to express our sincere appreciation of the support provided to us by Pfizer.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be held in mid June at the Sheraton in Lansing. The secretary will notify members of the date via e-mail.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Attendance by institution (Taken from Registration List)

Albion	7
CMU	8
Colorado	1
Delta College	34
EMU	14
Ferris	1
Grand Valley	1
LCC	4
MI Dept of Health	1
MSU	1
MTU	5
Montcalm	1
Oakland	1
Pfizer	5
Tuscola	1
U of D	1
UM Flint	6
UM Dearborn	1
Wayne	6
WMU	2
Corporate Sponsors	3
Speakers	3
<u>Other</u>	<u>3</u>
Total	110

(Official Count was 122)