

Michigan Branch of the ASM Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2009 at Delta College

Minutes by Audra Swarthout (w/ notes from J. Whittum-Hudson)

Attendance: Mike Ryan (FSU), Mike Cohen (UM), Kris Baumgarten (Delta), Sheri Mayerberger (UM-Flint), Sue Bagley (MTU), Mary Ann Cardani, Judith Whittum-Hudson (WSU), Britton Ranson-Olson (LSSU), Jeffrey Ram (WSU), John Geiser (WMU), Ola Olapade (Albion), Chris Werstrom, Audra Swarthout (Delta)

I. Meeting called to order

II. Minutes from February 11, 2009 approved

III. Update on Fall meeting in the U.P. by Sue Bagley and Britt Ranson-Olson

- meeting rooms at Sissler Center on Oct. 3rd and 4th
- hotel holding 30 rooms for Friday and Saturday, other hotels \$85/night, camping
- food \$10-12 for lunch, \$8-9 for breakfast
- looking into: AV costs, taping, parking
- do we need passports?

IV. Introductions of:

- Board Member at Large: Ola Olapade will work as Board Member at Large and work as a college liason with J. Ramm and A. Swarthout
- guests from Nanbio in Ann Arbor, they would like to be more involved in the MI-ASM (names?)

V. Reports:

Treasurer's report, Alan Hudson:

- Paid: CMU \$414
- Have current balance of \$14, 545.05
- Rec'd check from National for general purposes \$1900
- dues collected: \$240.00
- balance will be \$16, 685.05
- CD purchased in January will mature in mid-July, \$6100
- plan to purchase new CD for \$5000

-discussion regarding paying 1/2 year dues at each meeting (Spring & Fall) + meeting fees, students to pay \$20 per calender year

-discussion regarding Gerhardt awards, motion made to give \$600 in Spring for travel, \$400 in Fall for research for a total of \$1000 maximum

Corporate sponsors report by Mike Cohen:

- we have 29 partners
- 10 partners are up to date, eligible to exhibit: pay \$100/year membership, \$100/meeting to exhibit
- Phizer Animal Research paid \$500 for breakfast for the Spring 2009 meeting at Delta

Discussion regarding allowing non-profits to exhibit at meetings:

- National says that it is at the discretion of the Branch
- Mike Cohen, Jim VandenBosch and Chris Werstrom will work on a policy to cover non-profit exhibitions

Secretary's report, Audra Swarhout: requests registration information from meeting

VI. Introduction of new board member Chris Werstrom from Emergent BioSolutions and LCC

VII. Discussion regarding meeting registration

- John Geiser suggests using PayPal on website for registration, cost approx. 3%, could build cost into meeting registration fee
- registration fee varies based on food and meeting costs, students are subsidized
- Chris W.: meetings are resume-building, have registration fee, plus penalty for late registration

VIII. Spring 2009 post-Meeting comments

Dr. Kramer found our Branch to be very active, was impressed by the turn-out

Suggestions for future meetings:

- have MI-Branch speakers to visit undergrads for recruiting, information
- have student forums before mixers where students compare notes, could set this up on the Web

IX. Update on Western Meeting, Spring 2010

- Jim V. suggests industrial micro as a topic, cites presence of Kellogg, Welches, will try to find ASM speaker, fall-back topic: Pathogenesis
- Discussion regarding putting club advisors contact information on the web to encourage more student posters/presentations
- Secretary will make list of all colleges and universities in our membership
- Mike C. suggests for future meeting the beautiful new Dexter Library, can be reserved by residents for \$0