

Minutes

MI-ASM Board Meeting, Spring meeting, Ferris State University, April 6, 2013

Present: Jen Hess, Audra Swarthout, Joan Rose, Sue Bagley, Mike Ryan, Steve Gorsich, Mike Cohen, Anne Spain, Rob Peters, John Geiser, Mike Pressler, Susan Gunn, Julie Cohen,

Meeting called to order by Audra: 3:40 EDT

1. Minutes approved from the Winter teleconference
2. Welcome to new elected officials
3. Treasurer's report: John—we'll be down a little or up a little
 - a. Our net worth is about \$18000
 - b. We got \$1000 from regional and \$2000 from national to be used for educational purposes.
 - c. Delta will get a microbiology/education speaker for their conference.
 - d. Student groups should apply to the branch for annual funds (must submit a report first).
4. Registration and dues update: went smoothly. John will figure out a per person estimate and will let us know. A person is a member once they pay dues for one meeting a year.
 - a. We do want to keep the membership as active as possible to the best of the secretary's ability.
5. Meeting wrap-up—attendance low 60's—very respectable
 - a. Email receipts to John—food already paid for
 - b. Grad student mixer didn't really happen—look at this further?
 - c. Try to promote the grad student mixer on Friday better. On website? For undergraduates too! One more try?
 - d. Create an event, like an industry mixer? Or graduate programs mixer?
 - e. Board dinner with the students for a time? Then combine the dinners?
 - f. Maybe there's a check box on the website for attendance with a write-up to get more accurate counts.
6. Fall meeting update—Delta College, October 19, 2013
 - a. Working out the details—Friday night—October 18
 - b. Planetarium downtown Bay City
 - c. Sue would like someone to work with Joan—Steve will help
7. Spring 2014 meeting—Davenport—March 29, 2014
 - a. The Grand Rapids campus
 - b. The microbiome project will be the topic?
 - c. The new speaker list for national can be consulted on the website.
 - d. Will speakers be allocated according to fiscal years or academic years? The year goes July 1-June 30.
8. New student chapter—Ferris State chapter, started by Julie Cohen
 - a. ASM contact—Steve as the ASM President—they will be a student chapter of the national organization chartered through the MI branch

- b. Ferris has students who are interested and they are growing. The branch can recognize and approve the chapter as provisional.
- 9. Meet in the summer as a board to craft vision?
 - a. There seems to be some interest. We can see if we can find some time. Have a face to face meeting, others could call in. Steve will send out a doodle poll.
- 10. Corporate partners
 - a. Mike Cohen—our corporate base has evaporated. What should we do? Pfizer in Kalamazoo has now been sold off, too. If we could have our suppliers contact Mike Cohen, he'll make contact with them and try to engage them. MichBio database?

Meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.