

## Minutes

MI-ASM Board Meeting, Summer conference call, August 2, 2013

Present: Jen Hess, Steve Gorisch, John Geiser, Kris Baumgarten, Audra Swarthout, Ola Olapade, Jim Vandebosch, Anne Casper

Meeting called to order by Steve, 12:05 pm EDT

1. Minutes from the Spring 2013 conference at Ferris were approved.
2. Fall meeting update from Audra: October 18 and 19, 2013 at Delta. We received \$1000 from national for education outreach. As least some of that money will be used at the Delta meeting. Amy Cheng-Vollmer, from Swarthmore College, will come and present a community session on Friday evening. It will be about using microbiology to teach scientific literacy. On Saturday, Dr. Robert Bonomo, from Case Western will speak about Gram negatives and antibiotic resistance. Also, BJ Helton, Manager at Covenant Health Care will be speaking on Saturday. The theme for the conference will be "Microbiology: a Little Something for Everyone". The meeting will be at the Delta College planetarium both days. The Doubletree hotel in Bay City is next door. The Atrium will be the restaurant for Friday night. The student mixer will be at the same venue, but the seating areas will be separate. Mike Pressler is trying to keep the student mixer budget under \$300.

We don't have to pay for the facility and parking at Delta. So, we will just pay for the speakers' travel, continental breakfast, and pizza/pop for the Friday event. John will get this information up on the website as soon as possible.

3. John, Treasurer's report: We have \$19,845 on hand in cash and \$13,381 in CDs. John thinks we're doing fine. We lost a little at the spring meeting, but not much. We will have only one registration fee at the meeting, not dues. We will not be having people pay branch dues via the National ASM website.
4. Jen, Secretary's report: The email list has been narrowed in that addresses have been removed after 5 years of participants not attending a branch meeting. Jen will work on producing "The Scope" for Fall 2013 after she gets the President's report from Steve and the website information is up to date with fall meeting information. The issue should be mailed out electronically by the end of September 2013.
5. Corporate partner report: suggestions for Mike Cohen? John thinks we're not hurting for cash, so there are no suggestions for now.
6. Student chapter update: all handled directly through national. So, no update.
7. National meeting update? No one on the call attended.
8. Davenport spring meeting update: Kris—human biome project planned for the spring meeting. No final details yet except that the meeting will be held on the Davenport Grand Rapids campus on March 28 and 29, 2014.
9. Brainstorming about the branch division: how many meetings do we need?
  - a. John—do two meetings still work for people? Only a problem when no one wants to plan the meetings.

- b. Steve—used to think one was good, but now thinks only one would alienate the participants who can only attend one meeting.
- c. Steve—one clinical then one research might be a good idea?
- d. Jim—best turnout when we held meeting near big population centers. But we need to move it north sometimes to get people from northern schools to attend. Two meetings also align more closely with semesters. Also, education based meeting might not be interesting to students. Also, clinicians are gone, so might not be the way to go.
- e. John—maybe have one speaker who is clinical and/or education at each meeting.
- f. Audra—that's what they were trying to do this year at Delta.
- g. John—we've been working with a model that we have no money. But, we have money. Maybe we could use the money to raise attendance. We can use national speakers (at least once a year).
- h. Let's bring our ideas to the fall meeting.

10. New business: none mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 pm.