

## MI-ASM Board Meeting Minutes (A. Swarthout)

2 pm, Tuesday, July 27, 2010

A. Swarthout (Delta), Carol (LCC), John Geiser (WMU), Cori Fatahar (MSU), Kris Baumgarten, Jennifer Hess (Aquinas), Silvia Rossbach (WMU), Mike Ryan (FSU), Joan Rose (MSU), Sue Bagley (MTU), Rachel McNinch, Jim VandenBosch (EMU), Jeff Ramm (WSU)

1. Welcome New Officers: John as President and Joan as Pres. Elect
2. Acceptance of Minutes from April 2010
  - a. Add date
  - b. Minutes approved
3. Treasurer's Report-skipped, Alan absent,
  - a. lost \$10 from Spring mtg
4. Discussion of Gerhardt Endowment Fund (Jim, Alan, Mike R.)
  - a. Discussion regarding increasing fund due to inflation:
  - b. Our investment is modest, so we won't have much to disperse
  - c. Keep the funds flexible, more discussion to come at fall meeting
  - d. Will ask for donations on website
  - e. Jim proposes the following wording for a piece in the newsletter regarding the endowment:
    - f. "All interest earned by the endowment will be reinvested with the purpose of growing the principle until such time that the investment strategy can be shifted to allow for disbursements that do not erode the real value of the endowment."
  - f. Discussion regarding by yield, how much to invest, how much to disperse
    - Once the account reaches X\$, then we can give out fund
    - Add option to donate with dues
5. Deadline for Newsletter (John)
  - a. August 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Need Treasurer Report (from Alan)
  - c. Fall Meeting Info (from Joan)
  - d. Others?
    - i. Joan will provide brief intro of herself & lab, possibly pic as pres elect
    - ii. Cori will provide brief summary of attendance at Biology Scholars Program thru ASM
    - iii. Changes to scheduling for National meeting

6. Application for funds from National
  - a. November 30<sup>th</sup> is new deadline to apply
  - b. What type of initiative should we apply for?
    - i. Discussion/suggestions:
      1. Silvia suggests asking for support to fund 2 meetings
      2. Sue: some of the money is for additional support for students to attend both meeting
      3. Can get some money from regional, some from national
      4. Jim: have pres elect write grant, as they will be the pres acting it out, as the funds come in after the pres writing the grant is out of office when the funds come in
      5. John: how can we capitalize on the fact that we are one of the few branches that has more students than faculty
      6. Kris suggests: have a meeting where each chapter (students) present something
      7. Sue suggests that students can present types of activities they are doing/involved with, each chapter having an info booth
      8. Mike: have student board, where student reps meet, on-line, Facebook type format, accessed through our webpage, have reps/liason to our Board
      9. Education liaisons should come up with a proposal to get students more involved
      10. John needs forms filled out on how chapter funds were spent
7. Spring 2011 Meeting??
  - a. Jenn from Aquinas is looking into hosting the Spring 2011 meeting. She has contacted "conferencing people", there are some new areas at the college
  - b. Will look into 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> weekends in April, will use info from last Spring meeting, will coordinate with John
8. Fall 2010 Meeting – MSU (Joan)
  - a. Budget, venue, etc finalized
  - b. Hiccup: one speaker has not been responsive, will need to be replaced
  - c. Friday: speaker unknown, 5:15pm in Natural Resources Bldg, followed by student mixer at Reno's Sports Bar N Grill with a pizza package for students, option to buy their own drinks, karaoke. Board dinner: Can have at Reno's with students or nicer restaurant (Beggar's), Rachel will make reservation, each member pays their own dinner, branch pays for speakers.
  - d. Sat: MSU union, student meeting area, parking free, no football game, 8am continental breakfast & registration, 9am start w/ Mark Mazola (NeoGen) (food safety), posters in the Ballroom, lunch in Ballroom, food near corporate sponsor tables, 11:30 student presentations, then lunch (Italian), then Chris Wolverton (ASM lecturer), then Awards,

3:30 Board meeting, possible speaker: Joan's colleague who has looked into Giardia in latrine pits along the Crusades, or Mike Sidowski (micro of Great Lakes)

- e. Can post map on website, newsletter, maps of parking, metered parking on Fri, free Sat.
  - f. Rachel sent budget to John and Alan, will send outline of proposal to Board
  - g. John: books for awards: texts that speakers have authored
9. Encourage your students to apply to Branch for funds – Judy?
- a. Alan received money & disperses

Adjourn 2:58