

## MI-ASM Board Meeting Minutes

Conference call, Wednesday, June 11, 2014 @ 11:00 am

In attendance: Jen Hess, Steve Gorsich, Mike Pressler, Sue Bagley, Judy Whittum-Hudson, Alan Hudson, John Geiser, Audra Swarthout, Kris Baumgartner, Chris Snabes

1. Minutes from spring conference? No, but we'll try to see if we can round up what was discussed.
2. Who went to the National meeting? It seems Sonia Tiquia from UM Dearborn went to the meeting and attended the branch officer meeting.
3. John Geiser: Treasurer report: We went \$750 in red at last meeting, but this was offset by money from national, so it's about a wash. We have about \$33,500 in the bank in CDs. We should transfer the CDs to two \$10000 CDs, which would leave us with \$13000 cash on hand? We voted yes. So John will go ahead
4. Anne Casper: Spring Conference: April 10-11, 2015—"Yeast" is the theme—Eastern Michigan University.
5. Fall meeting: Traverse City: October 24-25, 2014—API is sponsoring; Chris Snabes is the contact person. "Good Food Gone Bad"—All four speakers lined up. The speakers will make the reservations, then MI-ASM will reimburse them. It's fine for the speakers to spend more than one night in Traverse City. Hotel: Bay Shore Resort (\$87/night)—right next to the Hagerty Center where the conference will be.
  - a. Hagerty Center—two conference rooms. Rate for just the rooms is \$450 (7am-7pm). This is contingent on us ordering food from them. Chris will price out the food and then we'll go from there. We can cover this by raising registration fees. Breakfast might be \$6.95/person. Lunch—buffets options—\$17.44/person—soup and sandwich buffet. Coffee should be available for poster session.
  - b. Saturday: Registration, 7:45-8:45; intro 8:50-9; 9-10 speaker on Norovirus, 10-11 posters, 11-12 student speakers, 12-1:15 lunch and business meeting, 1:30-2:30 Food microbiology speaker, 2:30-3:30 speaker on *Salmonella*. Adjourn at 3:30.
  - c. Friday: local winery—30 minute drive—Black Star Farms—everyone load up at 4:30 at Friday? API will hire shuttles. 5:00 winery tour; 6:00 Food safety keynote speaker; 7:00 student mixer at the restaurant at Black Star Farms, while board dinner occurs concurrently. 9:30 back to the resort. Do we think this would work? Yes. Spouses could also go. We should have a date to register to ensure that people would have access to the shuttle. John and Chris will take care of the reservations. We have portable easels, and someone will have to get name tags.
6. Corporate rate: needs to be updated from \$100 to \$200 on the website.
7. We need to get Amazon or some kind of gift cards for the student awards.
8. Who will decide the student speakers? Steve will help with that.
9. MI-Tech has hired a clinical microbiologist. They will try to get that person involved with MI-ASM. The environmental microbiologist search is still ongoing. (Note they needed to hire two people to replace Sue!)
10. We'll see everyone at the fall meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:44 am