

MI-ASM Summer conference call 7/17/15—11:00 am

In attendance: Anne Casper, Anne Spain, Jen Hess, Alan Hudson, Judith Whittam-Hudson, Harry Mobley, Josh Sharp, Mike Pressler, Ebenezer Tumban, Mike Cohen, Kris Baumgartner

Called to order by Anne Spain at 11:03 am

- I. Updates for U of M meeting—fall
  - a. Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>—milestone MI-ASM ceremony, “this week in microbiology” event
  - b. Friday evening, October 23<sup>rd</sup>—what do we want? Observatory at U of M? Historical library?
  - c. Saturday, 10/24—three speakers? One about *Vibrio cholerae* plus two others
    - i. At the U or M student Union
    - ii. Primary undergrad—student mixer plus board dinner—combined or separate, whatever the host wants—need lunch and continental breakfast on Saturday.
    - iii. Total budget? Anne Casper from EMU meeting--\$4700 (speaker travel, honorarium, dinner). Alan Hudson—says it is usually more expensive than that. \$100 honorarium to speakers
    - iv. [hmobley@umich.edu](mailto:hmobley@umich.edu)--anyone with hard data should send that Harry Mobley
    - v. Prizes for students? Yes, first place undergrad and graduate posters and speakers
    - vi. Abstract deadline (for both posters and oral presentation)—Friday, October 9, 2015.
    - vii. Josh and Ebenezer have volunteered to review abstract submissions
    - viii. Hotel room cost? Campus Inn—10 rooms reserved for PI level, new hotels 15 rooms for student.
    - ix. Mike Cohen has offered to serve as a resource for Harry.
    - x. Harry signed off.
    - xi. The theme is going to be former U of M graduate students
- II. Scholarship application—“Michigan ASM Student Travel Award”
  - a. Amount to \$500. Up to two awards.
  - b. One page application
  - c. Mike Pressler and Kris Baumgartner will be on the review committee.
  - d. Should they have to present at a regional meeting before going to a national meeting? Yes, the consensus is that presenting regionally first is preferred.
  - e. Application deadline is December 1, notified February 1. Anne will entertain changes via email, then we’ll put it on the website.
  - f. We’ll have a notice in the SCOPE and Kris will notify the student chapters.
  - g. We should remove the Gerhardt award from the website.
- III. Venue for spring 2016 meeting
  - a. Where will it be held? Near the Mackinac Bridge? Josh Sharp from Northern thinks it’s a great idea. We should contact someone from LSSU. Maybe it would be better to have the next fall meeting near there instead of spring? Fall 2016?
  - b. How about someone from the Kalamazoo area? Anne will ask John and Silvia from Western and Steve at Central if any of them will host.

IV. Miscellaneous

- a. Women in microbiology—we have \$1000 from a national funding request, besides industrial microbiology, we should spend the money to promote women in microbiology. Perhaps we suggest this to whomever is hosting the spring 2016 meeting?
- b. Corporate liaison? Mike sent out email to request a new corporate liaison. No responders.
- c. Anne emailed Anne from national to let her know that we won't be collecting dues (like last year).
- d. Will there be a registration cost? Yes. Mike Cohen will work with Harry to set the registration costs. John should work with them, too. In the past: \$60 for faculty, \$25 for students, \$0 for presenting students, \$200 for corporations.

Adjourned at 12:01 pm.