

Michigan Branch of the ASM Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2010 via teleconference
Minutes by Audra Swarthout

Attendance: Kris Baumgarten, Judith Whittum-Hudson (WSU), Britton Ranson-Olson (LSSU), John Geiser (WMU), Audra Swarthout (Delta), Steve Gorsich (CMU), Alan Hudson (WSU), Jim VandenBosch (EMU)

I. Fall 2009 meeting minutes approved

II. Clarification of mini-CUE by Kris B.

III. Treasurer's report by Alan Hudson:

Total Balance as of mid-February: \$18, 006.88

Committed to student travel: \$1500

Committed to Education conference: \$ 1200

Left/committed to K-12 program: \$ 1724.82

Uncommitted balance: \$13, 582.06

Two CDs: \$6000 and \$5000, interest for both is \$149.25 (for all of 2009, interest rolled over)

Net from spring LSSU meeting: \$655.00

Made just less than \$2000 for all of 2009

IV. Spring 2010 Conference update by John Geiser

- 4/9 and 4/10 at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- Topic: Our Daily Life with Microbes
- Speakers
 - Friday evening: Mimi Goldschidt. WMU biology dept. paying for transportation
 - Saturday morning: Mike Russell, paid by ASM national
 - Need to find one more speaker for Saturday afternoon
- Timing: starting Friday at 4pm
 - Designed to get K-12 students to come, but having trouble generating interest
- Accommodations: 20 rooms at the Radisson reserved for \$138/night, other places available nearby for students for less money
- Lecture hall is free, working on food budget
- Discussion regarding use of A/V
- Joan Rose suggests a webcast or posting the conference on-line, board will look into cost
- Judging of posters/presenters: Joan suggests getting post-doc students to help
- Still need to get awards for posters and presentations

V. Fall meeting update by Joan Rose

- Looks like 10/8-10/9/2010
- Need to communicate more with Lansing Community College
- Would like to have it in the new Biomedical Sciences Building at MSU
- May be able to get a parking waiver for the day for attendees
- Looking into the number of hotels in the area
- Looking into how to tie undergraduate education to the conference for a mini-CUE
 - Invite MCCB members
- Tentative topics:
 - New methods in microbiology and applications: Chris Wolverton, history and evolution of lab techniques
 - New methods in food safety, Neogen
 - Microbiology of mummies/exploring the ancient world
 - Forensic microbiology
 - Microbiology ecology and evolution: following genetic changes in *E. coli* in Petri dishes
 - Extremophiles life on Earth and evolution, prospects of alien life, Kenneth Knole
 - Beneficial uses of microbes

VI. Other business

- Need to vote on new elected positions
 - Joan will go on the ballot at President-Elect
 - Alan will go on the ballot as Treasurer
 - Steve Gorsich will go on the ballot as Alternate counselor
 - Audra will remain as secretary for one more year
- Archiving the minutes: currently the minutes are not all in place
- Discussion of keeping better membership lists
 - Going through national? Only a small number of members do this
 - Use database to maintain dues and membership
 - Currently John Geiser has been keeping track of dues and registration
 - Audra Swarthout has the membership lists
 - John and Audra will work out a system to better maintain the registration, dues and membership lists
 - Audra will send the membership/e-mail list to John, as well as the minutes

Adjourn at 6:07pm