

MI-ASM Winter Conference Call 01/08/16

In attendance: Jen Hess, Anne Spain, Kris Baumgarten, Audra Swarthout, Josh Sharp, Christopher Snabes, Steve Techtmann, Josh Thompson, Susan Gunn

Called to order by Anne Spain at ~3:04pm

- A. Review of and approval of minutes from Fall Meeting
 - a. We never received any expenses from Harry Mobley's group from U of M, so we're assuming they covered the costs with fund raising, etc.
- B. Treasurer's report: none
- C. Ballots: terms expire this spring: President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer
 - a. Jen: willing to continue on as secretary
 - b. Anne Casper is currently President-elect (for 2016-2017 presidential term)
 - c. President-elect: Susan Gunn has volunteered for 2016-2017. (Presidential term would be 2017-2018.)
 - d. Jen: will bring ballots to spring meeting
 - e. John: will he continue as Treasurer? We'll check with him.
- D. Ebenezer Tumban will take over as website manager—but when? Anne will contact and ask.
- E. Travel Award update: Kris—we received three applications. The committee will decide soon. How will winner be notified? Anne or Mike will email the winner. We'll have a formal presentation of the award at the spring meeting (along with a certificate).
- F. Spring 2016 meeting—at Davenport on April 22-23, 2016—Susan Gunn
 - a. Pamela Marshall is set for Friday evening and Saturday.
 - b. Hotel arrangements will be finalized soon.
 - c. Information will be coming out soon.
 - d. Third speaker? We have several ideas: Erin Sanders from UCLA is the first choice or we have two backups.
 - e. Aaron Best/Joe Stukey: SEA-PHAGES Instructors from Hope College will speak on Saturday.
 - f. Friday night: a brief talk from Dr. Marshall and Dr. Lee then a panel about community engagement and getting students involved in STEM
 - g. Do we want to add a registration fee for K-12 educators?
 - i. Not if they are only attending on Friday evening (which is most likely)
- G. Fall 2016 meeting—LSSU and MTU—Josh
 - a. Formed an organizing committee—they'll discuss details next week
- H. Spring 2017
 - a. MSU will possibly host. Anne will hear back from him in the next couple of months.
- I. Increasing branch visibility
 - a. Starting a Twitter page for MI-ASM? Anne will start an account.
 - b. @MIASM

Adjourned at ~3:32 pm.