

Michigan-ASM Board Meeting

October-27-2012

Members present: Judith, Anne Spain, Jim Vanden Bosch, Anne Casper, Mike Cohen, Silvia, Audra, Chris Snabes, John Geiser, Mike Pressler, Jeff Ram, and Mike Ryan

Note taker: Mike Pressler

3:20 pm: Meeting called to order

- Welcome to new board members: Anne Spain, Mike Pressler, Chris Snabes, Anne Casper
- Congratulations to Audra and the planning committee for a nice meeting
 - 68 attendees which is down from previous years
- Items were then discussed on how to increase turn out about the organization and the meetings
 - Board needs to increase communication with student groups and faculty
 - Anne Spain will generate a list of appropriate department contacts for Universities
 - Name of school, Department, email, and phone number
 - Mike Pressler will generate a list of community college department contacts
 - Name of school, Department, email, and phone number
 - These lists will be used to send meeting location and date when planning committee finalizes the location
 - The membership list needs to be maintained better
 - Secretaries job to reconcile attendance list with email list
 - Suggested opening a google gmail account so the formatting of the email list does not get altered when secretary changes
 - Mike Pressler will open a gmail account to explore maintenance options for the organization
 - The Scope was not received by many members or it is over looked and deleted
 - Mike Pressler will make a Facebook page to increase communication with students and other members
 - The Scope can also be posted on this page when it is ready for publication
 - MCCB was held the same week as MI-ASM this year
 - Try to avoid in the future
- John Geiser will check with PayPal to determine if there was a problem with the registration and payment for early registration.
- Need to make \$5 early bird registration discount more aware
- The issue on meeting awareness was brought up again
 - All board members need to be responsible for recruiting students
 - Make meetings more student friendly?
 - ASM national can be asked to send email notifications to regional members
 - Ohio, Indiana, etc..
- The thought of having a meeting in Canada was brought up and quickly vetoed
- Facebook idea was revisited
- Chris Snabes brought up the idea to have a button on the webpage which prompts the user to add their email to the mailing list
- All the ideas that were brought up are great but what we have now needs to be maintained!

- Should we switch to 1 meeting a year?
 - No
- Meeting minutes for Spring 2012 were approved
 - None opposed
- Mike Cohen will go through the list of corporate sponsors and cut those that are not participating
- Should we enforce a deadline for presenters and poster presenters?
 - Food and seating issue?
 - Items were discussed and currently there doesn't seem to be any issues
- Spring meeting deadline was set for January 30th 2013
- Treasurers report was reviewed
 - We have \$30,404.16 in checking, paypal, and in CD investments
- John Geiser suggested getting rid of dues and fold that fee into the registration fees
 - With the amount of money on hand we can afford a risk to try it
 - By laws define dues therefore we must take it to a vote at the spring meeting?
- Spring meeting date was confirmed for April 5th and 6th 2013
 - Total for meeting should total around \$2008.11 assuming 100 people
 - By cutting the afternoon break and reducing the amount to be spent on the student mixer approximately \$1000.00 will be saved
 - An ala carte style mixer will be used instead of catered
 - Topic for the meeting will be Anaerobes
 - Speaker suggestions should be sent to Anne Spain
 - Foundation speaker
 - Should we try to have another?
 - Election of officers at spring meeting
 - President elect
 - Steve Gorsich
- Fall 2013 meeting will be hosted by Delta College
- Board meeting conference call will take place in early January
- Davenport University was suggested as a future site for Spring 2014 meeting
- Chris Snabes suggested a monetary gift instead of choice of books
 - We do pay for national ASM registration
- We need to make travel grants known
 - \$1000 for travel awards @ spring meeting
 - Should we fund the Gerhardt fund or find a way to fund it?
- **Meeting adjourned 4:45pm**