

Notes from NEERS Business meeting at ERF '97
October 14, 1997, Providence RI
Wendy Smith Leo, Secretary

ERF charges affiliates \$300 for each meeting (which started when ERF was broke). Now ERF makes money on meetings, so the affiliates need to consider whether to stop this contribution. NEERS supports ERF and will contribute if needed.

The NEERS poster should be scanned into a computer. Fred Short will ask Ted Loder if he can do it.

At the last NEERS meeting, we discussed adding a space for positive feedback on the student presentation judging forms. Charlene D'Avanzo and possibly Linda Deegan were going to do this. Barb Welsh suggests putting the judge's name on the bottom so it can be removed before giving the form to the student. NEERS should also consider giving "honorable mention" awards.

With more than 180 student papers and posters at ERF, more than three prizes should be given. Perhaps a percentage?

Students could stay at cheaper hotels at ERF meetings if transportation were available.

The REU posters (for undergraduates) is a new, not previously announced poster session at this ERF meeting, which was set up with NSF funding. Linda Deegan can discuss with Pete Sampaus about including all REU (NSF-sponsored undergraduate research program) students in his program. ERF could fund non-REU undergrads. Someone should write a grant to get NSF to sponsor REUs in NEERS.

The spring 1998 meeting will be at CT college, third weekend in May. There will be a Thursday symposium on the CT River. Put the announcement on the NEERS table tomorrow.

The fall 1998 meeting will be hosted by Linda Deegan in Woods Hole.