

Business Meeting Minutes, Spring 2015 Meeting

- Treasurers Report
 - The Fall 2014 meeting in Groton, CT generated \$1,114 in profit.
 - This meeting had 114 registrants (44 students, 61 members, 8 nonmembers).
 - 20% of presenters did not preregister.
 - Please recycle name badges, we only had a 64% return rate at the last meeting.
 - Let Courtney Schmidt know if there is any feedback on Wild Apricot.
 - The NEERS Treasurer now has its own gmail account to make thing more smooth when, in the future, we transfer from one treasurer to another.
 - There have been some difficulties in getting the NEERS registration information from CERF when people register through the CERF website. Courtney encouraged us to register on the NEERS Website.

- Secretary's Report
 - Really great feedback on the Fall 2014 meeting in Groton, CT
 - There were only 28 respondents to the meeting survey, but very positive in all categories
 - People commented that they liked the auditorium-style setup and the heavy snacks at the poster session, in lieu of a banquet. They also liked the mix of student and professional talks
 - Some people wished that there was less time between the social and dancing and that the social was in another building. Another person requested that we bring back the IGNITE. More vegetarian food was suggested.
 - Overall, Wild Apricot got very favorable reviews, 14 people liked it while three found it a little confusing.

- Treasurers and secretary report were nominated by Sue Adamowicz and seconded by Walter Berry

- Newsletter information (Sara Grady)
 - The NEERS newsletter is going from semiannual to quarterly
 - Sara asked for information to include in the newsletter

- Webmaster Report (From Jamie Vaudrey, but read by Sara Grady)
 - Jamie is setting up a common drive through gmail, registered to the webmaster. This drive will include documents of the executive committee as well as the local meeting committee.
 - This will also allow us to set up a google calender.
 - We need a co-webmaster, if anyone has any interest.
 - This truly a request for a CO-webmaster (Jamie isn't stepping away from the job, rather needs to share the duties).

- Presidents Report (From Jamie Vaudrey, but read by Sara Grady)
 - Wally Fulweiler has stepped down as Member-at-Large and Pam Neubert is now serving as Member-at-Large

- The Affiliate Societies have established a committee so that they can better communicate on issues, particularly during transition times.
- We need to modify the donor letter to reflect that, in the future, we may not always have a printed program. Donors would still be acknowledged on website, registration desk, etc.
- CERF Business:
 - CERF 2017 will be in Providence, RI.
 - CAERS is working on setting up a business relationship with CERF. This is ongoing and may eventually help take some of our responsibilities (financial).
 - At the Cerf Governing Board Meeting, there was a discussion about the sharing of membership lists between NEERS and CERF.
 - The idea would be that NEERS could recruit regional members from the CERF list and CERF could recruit members from NEERS.
 - There is nothing prohibiting this sharing in the constitution.
 - Jamie has asked us to vote to approve sharing NEERS membership list with CERF and vice versa.
 - Sara Grady established a motion
 - Someone else expressed concern that the list would be used for other things (selling lists to vendors etc.)
 - There was some discussion over whether there should be a stipulation to the motion to specify that the exchange was for CERF or NEERS membership recruitment only.
 - Ultimately it was decided that such a stipulation was not needed.
 - Walter Berry seconded the motion
 - We voted and it was approved that we will share our membership information with CERF and they will share their regionally appropriate membership information with us.
- The next NEERS meeting will be in the Spring of 2016 in Wells, ME
- At the previous meeting there were three honorary memberships given out to Cindy Delpapa, Hillary Neckles, and Alan Young
- New Business:
 - To award winners: if you win an award, there will be photos taken at the end of the awarding
 - Hillary Neckles' new business is that she will be running for President of CERF, with the goal of strengthening the relationships between the affiliates and CER
 - Liz Brannon, of the CERF Webinar Team, announced that there will be a webinar on scientific publishing this coming Tuesday.
 - It is geared towards early career scientists.
 - The webinar is full, but Liz will have a line available at URI if anyone wanted to come to her office to listen.
- Hillary Neckles moved to adjourn the meeting and Susan Adamowicz seconded the motion.

