

WIED Teleconference Call
March 16, 2010 Minutes

Present: Pat Backer, Susan Burkett, Jacqueline El-Sayed, Mara Knott, Susan Lantz, Laura Pauley, Donna Reese, Beena Sukumaran

Absent: Adrienne Minerick, Mara Wasburn, Bev Watford (Started the call and had to leave)

Agenda

1. Elections Update (Susan L.)
 - a. Susan L. reported that the call for nominations was posted today. The open positions are: Program Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Director At Large (Asst. Webmaster). Susan L. needs nominations by March 25th. The positions will be voted on by April 1. Mara K. sent Susan L. a list of the names of people running last year that were not elected. Susan L. will contact them to see if they are still interested. Once she has the candidates, Susan L. will get the bios and names to Donna for the election ballot. Donna has an updated list of membership numbers from ASEE for the website.
 - b. The executive committee is encouraged to find nominees or to self nominate. There was some discussion about whether a current officer could give up a position to run for another. Based on previous experience and a quick check of the by-laws, it did not appear to be feasible. Donna indicated she would check with Bev about this.
2. Strategic Plan Update (Jackie)
 - a. Jackie sent out the updated plan today. Their group has incorporated the feedback from members. Essentially, some of the bulleted items have been consolidated. The main feedback revolved around trying to distinguish WIED from WEPAN and SWE. If anyone has comments, send them to Jackie in the next week. Otherwise, this document will be ready for a vote at the June Business Meeting.
3. AEG Update (Laura)

The recipient has been selected, Kim Bigelow. The question posed by Laura is “how do we plan to host her?” Laura has asked her to come to the Business Meeting and the reception to be recognized. What is the next step? Donna asked if anyone knew what ERM does in terms of hosting. Laura indicated she would check with ERM. Mara K. suggested she contact Julie Trenor.
4. Conference Update (Donna for Mara W)
 - a. Around 25 papers are expected for this year with 1 withdrawal and 4 rejections. There will be 2 sessions and some will be moved to the poster session. We do have a 7 am session. Donna may ask presenters if they prefer to be moved to the poster session. She is also considering giving WEPAN Knowledge Center the 7 am session since there is only room in that session for about 3 papers. The panels are nearly finalized, Mara W. will be asking for moderators:
 - Tips from Journal Editors – Tuesday, 6/22, 12:30-2:00 pm
 - Research Funding Opportunities – Tuesday, 6/22, 8:30-10:15 am
 - Survival Tips from the Trenches – Monday, 6/21, 4:30-6:00 pm

