

WIED Teleconference Call
April 18, 2011, Minutes

Present: Donna Reese, Brian Kirkmeyer, Kristen Constant, Pat Backer, Adrienne Minerick, Laura Pauley, Mary Phelps, Susan Lantz, Beena Sukumaran, Jacqueline El-Sayed

Absent: Bevlee Watford

Agenda

1. Approval of March Minutes (Brian)
 - a. Minutes were approved without additional changes.
2. Treasurer's Report (Jackie)
 - a. Jackie sent the Treasurer's Report to the Executive Committee. Financial activity has increased as we get closer to the June Conference, but funds are sufficient for our projected expenses.
3. Webmaster's Report (Adrienne & Mary)
 - a. Adrienne emailed the usage report for the WIED website, with most traffic still from direct traffic. There was an overall increase in traffic due to elections.
 - b. There were/are apparent glitches in the ability for some members to vote in elections. The underlying reason for the problems is not yet known, but they are apparently fixable.
4. Best Paper Award Update (Laura)
 - a. Inconsistency among the voters for Best Paper, thus the Best Paper was determined by the highest overall rating. The authors of the winning Best Paper were notified.
 - b. Certificates will be made for each author of the Best Paper, as well as the other top nominees for the award. There will also be a bookmark made listing the recipients.
5. Election Update (Susan/Adrienne)
 - a. Through 4/18/11, 48 WIED members have voted. An email reminder will be sent out to vote by deadline of 4/30/11.
 - b. Discussion ensued regarding the bylaws related to elections.
 - i. According to the bylaws, all nominated members must be listed in the elections; the Nominating Committee does not have the authority to remove candidates or limit the number of candidates.

- ii. Provisions do exist for situations where the top vote-getter does not have a majority of the votes.
- 6. Discussion about a memorial for Mara Wasburn (all)
 - a. Renaming of the AEG Award for Mara (the “Mara Wasburn Apprentice Educator Grant”). Approval for this change will be examined.
 - b. WIED will notify Mara’s husband and daughter of this, and have a picture of the recipients sent to the family.
- 7. Conference Update
 - a. Preparation update (Donna)
 - i. At this point, everything is finalized. WIED sessions span all time slots for the conference, including 30 posters.
 - ii. The WIED pins are with Jackie, and Beena is coordinating a meeting place/time for the ASEE Welcome Picnic on Sunday.
 - b. Reception planning (Kristen)
 - i. The reception is still co-sponsored with MIND and K-12 Divisions, and is in Monolith as such. All arrangements have been finalized.
 - ii. Cost versus last year was maintained by streamlining the menu.
 - c. Business meeting (Donna)
 - i. Draft of agenda items was sent to Executive Committee.
 - ii. Some minor changes will be made to the draft based on discussion in April conference call.
- 8. New Business
 - a. None was proposed or discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:17 pm EST. Next conference call is May 23rd, 2011, at 3:30PM EDT.