

Minutes

The Protein Society

Education Committee Meeting

San Diego Marriott Hotel

Meeting Room: New York/Orlando Room

San Diego, CA

Sunday, August 15, 2004

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Robert Fairman started the meeting with a few announcements:

-Hung Lee is an Industrial Representative on the committee and he started a mentoring program. However, there was no interest in the program so it will be discontinued.

-Leigh Plesniak will be the committee chair for the next 3 years.

-It is important to keep the registration fee low for students.

This year the rates were (these do not include a banquet ticket):

Undergraduate student fee- \$50

Graduate student fee- \$195 (member), \$255 (non-member)

New Project

-Bob Newbers initiated a poster project for K-12 to emphasize protein science. We would need a sponsor for \$10,000 per poster. A cost efficient alternative would be to post posters online for download.

Activities held at this conference

-Education workshop-over subscribed

45 people attended

great organization and great speakers

-Committee meeting

-Mixer

good to have night of workshop for advertisement

Next year the meeting will be at the Hayatt

Undergraduate posters

-When signing up for a poster on the website there should be a box that must be selected (Graduate, Undergraduate, or other.) This will help for judging.

-There should be more flexibility for the author presenting the poster. It was confusing the first time signing up for the poster presentation. There should be a separate box to list the author presenting.

-This year the undergraduate posters are not registered for separate judging.

Peter Kahn's Suggestions:

-There should be an educational contributions category and other categories

-Awards for grad students and post-doc's

-Undergraduate posters would have to be judged differently-need to block criteria for judging.

John Osterhout-Judge last year and this year

-Last year there were only 3 undergraduate posters and there were no separate groups

-This year there were originally no undergrad distinctions. They picked 20 abstracts to judge the posters. This involved fewer people and less time.

Ellis Bell

-ASB&B model-gets all undergraduates together

-Undergraduates had separate presentation but also displayed with other posters

-Gained sponsorship for awards

Problems in the past-lack of communication

-Communicate between Cindy Yablonski, Leigh Plesniak, John Osterhout, and Peter Kahn (See info at end of minutes)

Career teaching panel

Programming aspects

-This committee meeting is at the same time as the business meeting so there is no education representation at the business meeting.

-The committee needs to have more involvement in programming for next year.

-E-mail Dan to plan the session-contact program coordinator

-Suggestion-have education chair on executive committee to have input

Need to find funding for this committee

Ideas for workshop next year- let Cindy know ASAP-by Nov.

Activities for next year

-Educational workshop

-Mixer

-Program session

Proposal for sponsorship of workshop to bring in students.

Proposal to NSF for workshop and joint workshops with YPS-submit by Nov or Dec

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-Prance is the Program Director at NSF and he is education oriented. Look to him for future funding

-Full session or education workshop

-Be well prepared to ask for full session (but this could be pricey)

Discussion of website

- Handle over e-mail

Ellis Bell-

- Newsletter- planning to publish 4
- Sarah and Brian are helping
- Anyone that wants to write articles can submit them

Workshop in Barcelona

- Need to secure funding
- then prepare workshop
- ideas for topic?

Ellis Bell

-Do we want to have a more extended session or even a full session? Possibly a hands on session?

Suggestions:

- Computational approach as a theme next year-or other new discoveries
- Look for NSF funding
- Longer session in smaller room
- Students may benefit from the program, possibly have them attend
- Broad discussion about curriculum
 - our knowledge of proteins and what needs to be introduced in G-chem/Biochem
 - changing G-chem- 3 year plan

John Osterhout

- Have high school teachers into labs for the summer.
- High school curriculum

New link on website for K-12 activities

Chair Robert Fairman announces Leigh Plesniak as the new chair for the Education Committee

Leigh Plesniak outlines new members to the committee

- Lisa
 - Edenborough University of Pennsylvania
- David Beven
 - Department of Biochemistry Virginia Tech.
- Taylor Williams
 - Undergraduate student representative Univ. of San Diego
- Other members-Rob, Ellis, Brian

Schedule for turnover

2005- Student representatives (1 year position)

2006- Rob, Ellis and Angela can step down if they wish
2007- Leigh, David and Lisa
After this 2 year appointments are suggested

Undergraduate meetings or sessions
-no lunch and have afternoon session?
-need space and speakers
 go to Cindy for a quote
 ask NSF for funding

ASB&B has \$600,000 for 5 years for education meetings

Keep making undergraduate registration low
Advertise through Kerr hotline

Jacob Lebowitz
-NIH has summer internship
-Publish this on the website and in the newsletter

Meeting adjourned 3:40 p.m.

People present at the meeting:

1. Robert Fairman - Haverford College
2. Sarah Wacker - University of Richmond
3. Judith Klein - University of Pittsburg
4. Taylor Williams - University of San Diego
5. Leigh Plesniak - University of San Diego
6. Peter Kahn - Rutgers University
7. Jacob Lebowitz – NIH
8. Carla Maltos – NESU
9. Ellis Bell – University of Richmond
10. John Osterhout – University of Arizona
11. Cindy A. Yablonski – The Protein Society

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