

## SWE Section Meeting 1/07/09 Minutes

Attendees: Penny Parang, Laura Clymer, Suzanne White, Ty Parcher, Shelley Stracener, Angela Nickels, Ashley Alletag, Monica James, Twana Arnold

New Officers (Penny) – Laura Clymer was elected Secretary and Ashley Alletag was elected new section representative.

Upcoming Events (Penny and Ty) – Need to get science fair prizes for judges. Penny got an email from Laurie Breen from Austin Energy; Penny returned the form to have a booth. Suzanne will research having a green activity at the science fair booth, and having flyers with information about the Girl Scout event to pass out. Need to start recruiting for judges and volunteers. Wed – Sat, 2/18 – 2/21 is the judging. The Applied Materials Diversity Day has been postponed; most likely will be in March.

**AI** - Ty to get a blurb out to members asking for volunteers for the science fest.

Region Updates (Angela and Ashley) – The motion on the region surplus discussed last meeting passed. There was a region meeting last night; discussed the new Senator position. Want to have a Senator and an alternate, and will send out a call for candidates for senator and governor. The nomination period runs from today through 1/21. Will forward the email to Laura to send out to all of the members; Penny will bring Laura up to date on how to use the SWE Gmail account. They are looking not only for self-nomination for the positions, but recommendations for additional candidates. Anna (somebody) is someone that Penny thinks would make a good candidate. Will only deal with national issues and should be someone that isn't in another position already. Want to have a good balance between experienced members and new members who will bring new/fresh ideas to the table. Region C Conference is coming up – Feb 6 – 8. Decided to put the “unsung heroines” program on hold for right now. For FY10 region conference there was only one package submitted; reviewing the package right now. Still have section representatives, but now they focus only on region and section issues. Report to the president is due 1/10 and will be submitted on time.

Training Update (Suzanne) – Nordstrom event is on, on Thurs 1/15 at 7 pm. Will meet at the Bistro and can order whatever we want and then don't have to charge for the event. Fashion show starts at 7pm. Have a private room for the fashion show. Will get the invite sent out tomorrow morning. Got our first \$1000 grant for the Girl Scout event from the Texas Girls Collaboration; they are providing lunch for the GS event. We will survey the girls after the event to ensure that the goals of the grant are met. Suzanne is creating project plans so that the event can be replicated in regions across Texas. Have to cap the event at 100 girls. Suzanne is contacting companies to try and get additional support for the event. Can update the grant every month and provide funding updates. Anyone who is going to be soliciting money for the girls scouts need to check that GS doesn't already have a relationship with that company. 3M is a good company to approach, as well as Home Depot. The project is to build a green “doll” house for the younger girls and to green up a dorm room for older girls. The cost for this overall is \$6000, trying to get outside companies to pick up \$2000 of that cost. There are additional grants available from the City of Austin that Suzanne will be investigating, as well as LCRA.

Website Update (Shelly) – Newsletter is coming up and will send out a preliminary topic list late this week, or early next week. Will update the site with information on the new officers after the meeting is

over. National awards will be due soon. SWE into Spring Web site links are broken, so no one can register for the event right now.

Budget Update (Monica) – Should be getting a check for our portion of the membership renewal; has dropped off this year by about 60 people. Will get together with the corporate sponsor chairs to see what we can do to increase membership/have a united front to boost membership. Wanted to review the grant that Suzanne got from the GSs, and how to help pay for the additional amount needed. Think we might run a deficit this year since we had so much merchandise that we needed to sell, and we haven't been charging for events and the ones we do charge for we run negative. May social last year was \$1000, so think we can have it for much less. Haven't decided if we were going to offer scholarships since we do have a sizable amount of money in the account; Penny would prefer to offer senior upgrades (from student to professional) at sectionals instead of scholarships. Will increase the prize budget for science fair from \$315 to \$400, and Monica will send the PayPal information out tomorrow.

**AI** – Angela to give Penny a list of graduating seniors to be consider for upgrades.

Proposing that there be a combined UT/professional end of year banquet; Angela will talk to the UT leadership team to see if they are interested.

UT update - Will have a networking lunch in Feb, Friday 13. SWE into Spring is a joint event between SWE, WEP, and UT SWE.