

SWE Section Meeting 5/06/09 Minutes

Attendees: Laura Clymer, Pooja Bhatia, Suzanne White, Ashley Alletag, Angela Nickels, Ty Parcher, Shelley Stracener, Socorro Miller

Nominating Committee Update (Suzanne) – We have the elections at the end of the year meeting, and introduce the officers at the banquet. So far everyone who was an officer this year is willing to be an officer next year. Shelley is interested in someone else doing the newsletter but to continue to do the Web site. Ashley and Angela will not continue as section representatives.

Need to put together a general meeting to vote on the bylaws, and will have an end of the year event.

Have the nominating committee members discussed the time lines for the nominations? Two of the members are traveling so it's made it difficult to get consensus. Suzanne will work with the other members to try and get a time line together for the slate of candidates.

Region/Section Updates (Angela/Ashley) – Every year CPC sent \$2000 to every region, and corporate suggested that \$1000 should be used for college leader travel. The governors voted for the motion, but they can't vote for the region. Our region voted no on the proposal, and the \$1000 should be coming back to the region budget. Want to put together information on ride shares/room shares, region leadership team costs, things that come out of your budget, Region C Webinar, documentation on leadership pipeline for Region C, update from Region C nominating committee. Contact Julie Mateo if you are interested.

Wanted to follow up on scholarship judging – Angela told headquarters that we would be interested in judging. By the end of the month we should have the judging package; they should send us about 300 applications. Need 15 – 30 to review the scholarships. Once Angela gets the package she will contact everyone. Not sure when we will get the package or when the package is due back. Might be able to use our last meeting to review the scholarships as well as the last meeting. Shelley said they are long and might take a long time to review, so probably not something we can do as part of the last meeting. Have 8 weeks to judge. Laura will send out an email to everyone to get volunteers. Need to vote on the bylaws at the last meeting; need to give 2 – 3 weeks' notice to general membership before the vote.

Girl Scout National Collective (Suzanne) – Gave us \$1000 as a mini-grant for the GS event, need to attend WePan conference in June to exhibit our event pictures, speak about the event, and share information, and showcase what we did. Will SWE pay for the entrance fee to the conference if it isn't waived? The fee is \$40. Did we come in under budget for the GS event? Yes we came in way under budget. Suzanne is waiting to hear from Tricia Berry to find out if the fee is waived. Suzanne will email the leadership team with the background information and how much is needed.

Website Updates (Shelley) – Talking with Suzanne about what to put on the GS event page, and have lots of information to post. Started up Picasa on Google for photo broadcasting using our SWE Gmail address; have pictures from the Nordstroms event, Science Fair, and others.

Socorro suggested that we create a "New Mom" page for members; getting information together for that page. Want to be done with Web site updates this weekend. Want to make pages for big events throughout the year next year.

Awards Update (Socorro) – pinging people about awards (they are due July 1). Submitted Shelley for the newsletter, and showcase the Science Fair, and GS event, and Children’s Museum event; sent the forms to the leaders of those events. There is a membership award so she sent the form to Penny to look at and see if we should submit for it. Would be good to get all of the awards people together and fill out the forms all together, that way can check each other’s work. Will get Shelley, Suzanne, Ty together to fill out the forms.

Final Meeting – Can have the voting at the final meeting; talked about doing a brunch as the final meeting. June 6 is the date for the brunch/bylaws vote/final meeting. Pooja will arrange the brunch, and will have the officers voted on and be introduced at the final meeting. Should have the officers elected by 5/22. Supposed to be a general meeting; should have some additional items on the agenda besides the new officers. Can discuss the calendar, what events are coming up, financial, state of the section. Show the Thank You DVD for the GS event, can also show pics from other events. Will send out sample agenda to leadership team once place is locked down.