

Mid Atlantic ASTE Business meeting

2:27 PM September 29th 2018 meeting called to order

Lisa Gross, Ron Hermann, Tina Cartwright, Meg Blanchard, Rachel Wilson, Leslie Bradbury, Aimee Govett, Deb Hemler, Paula Magee, Rommel Miranda, Jeffrey Carver, Elizabeth Edmonson,

20 members

27 new participants at the conference.

Introductions

Tina introduced herself and thanked the conference committee.

Job openings

None

Promotions

1. Rommel Miranda
2. Tina Cartwright
3. Meg Blanchard

Budget report – Lisa Gross

1. \$8900 in the account *after* the conference.
2. Graduate student award has not been redeemed yet.

Elections

Secretary – Meredith Kier nominated herself. Amy Govett seconded. Unanimous vote to elect Meredith to a three-year term.

New Business

1. Report from the Board – Rommel Miranda (rep to the board)

Would regions want to host an international conference? Got strong response on Facebook to this request. Open session at next ASTE and asked us to discuss at our regional meeting.

Deb Hemler shared that usually individuals propose to host. Assistance from the regions could be included as “support”

Ron Hermann – any less than 4 could be difficult; there is no incentive for regions to “host” – Discussion about how NSTA used to incentive the group who hosted.

Discuss the structure of the organization re:regions. There were no suggestions for changes.

2. **Structure of the conference.** Tina brought up issue of so many sessions at our regional conference. We could include “rapid talks” that only take 5 minutes. This would allow members to share their work in a shorter format. We will include a session like this in our next meeting.

Could also have a 1-2 minute sharing of the posters during the poster session. The poster session was an actual session on purpose this year so that it would be a legitimate session and not just social/poster session. There was discussion pros and cons about when to schedule the poster session. We could also include an organized roundtable session. The number of posters and presentations continues to increase. Most participants need to be presenting in some format. Innovative strategies could be the topic of the Rapid Fire. 3-minute thesis could also be an option for grad students.

3. Conference notes

We should load all presentations at the beginning.

Next year in West Virginia – Chaired by Jeffrey Carver assisted by Tina, Deb and Paula

4. Awards

Legacy Award

Rommel suggested that we honor long-standing members with a legacy award. Rommel suggested George Glasson

Student Award

Change the name to “Student Award?”

How to make sure that the students know about the award?

For the undergrad award we could just give a certificate

- We could have one award for students who have submitted to ASTE and one who has not submitted

- We can add a button to the proposal where students identify if they have submitted to ASTE

5. Elections Committee – Rachel Wilson update

Voting window will open soon so please vote.

We have 2 members who are running for board member at large – Blanchard and Gilbert

We have 2 members running for elections committee – Meredith Kier and Rita Hagjavick
Grad student board position will be filled and a call will go out for that. It is a 2-year position and they can continue after they have graduated. Voting window will be different because it just got approved. For following years it will likely be same window.

Adjourned 3:13 PM