

AGENDA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOCIETY OF TOXICOLOGY & CHEMISTRY - HUDSON/DELAWARE CHAPTER
October 16, 2014 (1 PM Conference Call)
Call-In # - 866-668-0721; Passcode - 788 094 9791

ATTENDANCE

Bentivegna___ Buchanan___ Butler___ Cooper___ Czajkowski___ Ferreira_X___ Garvey___
Gneiding___ Hallinger_X___ Joslyn_X___ Milleman_X___ Nazario_X___ Pensak_X___ Tsipoura_X___

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Secretary will send out September 2014 meeting minutes to board members for approval during November 20th conference call.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Don Nazario

The chapter is in good financial standing. Our Vanguard account has ~\$9600. Don obtained a new insurance policy recently. We need to ensure that all current corporate sponsors are paid up-to-date. This will guarantee that they will be able to cover registration fees for two meetings.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Don Nazario

No new information was provided.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS – Board Members

1. Fall 2014 Workshop – Lessons Learned

The Fall Workshop was cancelled due to the lack of a sufficient number of speakers. In general, we need ample lead time to solicit speakers to ensure that they are confirmed in a timely manner. Another reason for the lack of speakers could have been competing fall events such as the Passaic River meeting and our own social.

Kris recommends a 3 person committee be formed to plan topics and research speakers in January 2015 for the annual Spring Meeting. There was a suggestion to have volunteers working on both events (workshop and annual meeting) at the same time.

2. Upcoming Meetings

FALL SOCIAL (II) - DECEMBER 2014

- Suggested evening event during the week of December 8th somewhere in PA, possibly in or near Doylestown. The suggested speaker is Ron MacGillivray of DRBC presenting about monitoring gas development sites using mayflies in aquatic toxicity tests.
FOLLOW UP – The evening social is on Tuesday, December 9th at Earl's Bucks County Restaurant at Peddlers Village in Lahaska, PA. The speaker is Ron MacGillivray, Ph.D., Environmental Toxicologist for the DRBC presenting "Aquatic Toxicity Testing in Baseline Monitoring of Natural Gas Development."

ANNUAL MEETING - SPRING 2015

- 2-Day meeting to be held at Rutgers University – New Brunswick (Cook Campus) in mid to late April.
- Dr. Keith Cooper to lead organizational committee.
- Need Board member volunteers to be on committee and assist Keith – Dan M. agreed to assist Dr. Copper and will find out if there is a university fee for use of the meeting space.
- Suggestions for topics or themes are currently being solicited. We can potentially use the same topic as the cancelled fall workshop and determine if the speakers are still available.

3. Involvement of other regional groups – There was a suggestion to involve other regional environmental groups such as NJ Academy of Sciences, Mid Atlantic SOT, etc. in our meetings to foster collaboration and increase participants.

4. Resource Allocation Committee (Carolyn, Laurie, and Nellie) – Suggestions for ways to monetarily aid our members (website design award, hardship awards, HAZWOPER scholarships, etc.) This group has not met in a while so no new information is available. Information on the draft research grant proposal developed by Carolyn and Dibs needs to be reviewed, finalized, and voted on.

5. Membership Drive Committee (Don, James, and Dibs) – Suggestions for expanding our base from academic and corporate and government organizations. This group has not met in a while and needs to have new volunteers added as James and Dibs are no longer board members. Dan M. volunteered to assist with this committee. Need to get the university list from Don N. as a starting point for new student member solicitation. Suggestion for HDC-SETAC to attend college and university job fairs and hand out flyers with information on our student benefits.

6. Open Discussion – We discussed the times of the monthly conference calls and decided that they may be changed to either earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon.

Next Call – Thursday, November 20th 11AM Call-in number TBA.

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