

APHA Environment Section

September 21, 2006 Minutes

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Attendance: Jill Litt, Nse Obot-Witherspoon, Aditi Vaidya, Leon Vinci, Peter Ashley, Dorothy Stephens, Darlene Messina, Sacoby Wilson, David Wallinga, Andrea Wismann (recorder)

I. Committee Updates

Committee	Action/ Follow- Up
Student Involvement (Nse)	
53 student scholarship applications were submitted by Sept. 20. The review committee (Jill, Nse, Sacoby, Taylor, Becky, Andrea) will make selections by Sept. 25, and submit to APHA by 9-28. Applications were scored by two reviewers based on set criteria. Funding for this will be determined with consideration of other meeting costs. Thank you to all who are contacting schools about matching funding.	Awardees will be contacted by first week of October. Nse will submit names to APHA.
Program Planning (Aditi)	
<p>There are 35 sessions, and all have moderators except for 4 sessions (3 on Tues). There are 50 people on the waitlist for presentations, and they will be offered a poster slot since there are still some available.</p> <p>Program Planning for 2007: We are looking for program planners! Please contact Aditi Vaidya if you are interested. Her email is aditi_v1@yahoo.com.</p>	<p>If you are interested in volunteering for one of the 4 sessions, please email Aditi as soon as possible (aditi_v1@yahoo.com).</p> <p>To capture program planning needs, leadership will develop online post-conference survey to identify what worked well at the meeting and not so well and priority areas for the 2007 meeting.</p> <p>Jill has been keeping a notebook of Section history and forms to pass on.</p>
a. Field Trip (Peter)	
The committee will meet on Oct 3 to finalize details. The Field Trip is Sunday, Nov 5 from 1-5pm, and will include a trip to several Boston Food Project gardens and a Red Tomato distribution center.	<p>Peter will arrange buses.</p> <p>Tracy will send Peter announcement fliers from previous years.</p> <p>Will advertise to F&N Section members also. Please contact Peter if you are interested in attending this event. Peter's email is peter_j._ashley@hud.gov</p>
b. Dinner Event with F&N Section	

<p>After much discussion, it was decided to use the Tuesday night business meeting to have a networking dinner with the F&N Section. Traditionally, the Program Planning meeting takes place at this time, but the rationale for the change is: the desire to foster collaboration with F&N members; allows more time for Program Planners to reflect on modifications for next year; folks are pretty exhausted by Tues. and it would be good time for a social event.</p>	<p>Leadership will develop survey to capture priority areas for the 2007 meeting.</p>
<p>c. Sunday Section Dinner (Jill)</p>	
<p>Occurs after the business meetings/ Field Trip on Sunday, Nov 5, and typically includes around 25 people. Local restaurant and directions TBA. Local restaurant and directions TBA.</p>	<p>If anyone is interested in taking the lead for this, please let Jill know (jill.litt@uchsc.edu).</p>
<p>d. Section Awards (Leon); Social & Calver Lecture</p>	
<p>The DSA (Distinguished Service Award) will be awarded to Vince Radke at CDC, and will be presented at the Section Social on Monday evening (Nov 6). Calver Award will be given to Paul Epstein. This award will be presented at the Calver Lecture on Monday, Nov 6 at 12:30 PM.</p>	<p>Leon and Jill will provide conference catering with expected numbers of attendees- around 250 for the Calver and 150 for the Social. Also will decide on timing for open bar/ cash bar.</p>
<p>e. Green Conference</p>	
<p>Planning for this year has past. Darlene and Jill discussed trying to find a time with APHA to discuss plans and process for conducting a 'Green meeting' next year.</p>	<p>Darlene will contact Anna Keller at APHA to inquire about this process.</p>
<p>Built Environment Initiative (Peter)</p>	
<p>BEI had a call 3rd week of September and are developing a spreadsheet of potential speakers, and a list of priority areas and current legislation relating to BEI. They are reaching out to partners for collaboration, Enterprise status of Columbia Merit (low income housing- hazard control) they are funding a green community. Discussion of using the 'BEI' name at APHA, and it will now be called the Built Environment Initiative. Sacoby has been in a workgroup on Katrina rebuilding, and APHA will be releasing a Katrina Task Force Report and a book on lessons learned from Katrina.</p>	<p>Please email Peter if you would like to be on the BEI call in October: peter_j._ashley@hud.gov .</p> <p>Please email Sacoby if you have ideas on how to get the Section more involved in helping out with the Katrina Task Force and identifying collaborators in rebuilding: sacobyw@umich.edu.</p>
<p>Communications (Derek sent in update)</p>	
<p>The fall 2006 APHA ENV Section e-news (about 5000 total words) was submitted and approved, and published between 9/8-11 and 9/18-20/06. Primary section members should receive it by next week.</p>	<p>Andrea and Derek will complete transition of roles for e-news and other secretary/communications chair responsibilities at the annual meeting.</p>
<p>Membership (Dorothy)</p>	
<p>At the New Member Orientation at the annual meeting, E members from the Policy Committee, Section Council, Action Board, Student Involvement Committees agreed to speak. Flyers and an agenda were drafted, and a blurb was written to invite new members to the</p>	<p>A presentation of the last two years of activity needs to be prepared. They will firm up the specifics related to buying the food and transporting it to the Convention Center. They</p>

Orientation (which will go out to all new members throughout the year in Mid-October). As part of cleaning up the email list, calls were fielded related to the letters that were sent to all second quarter Lapsed and New members, i.e., figuring out why people's names were on the list when they had already paid, and APHA was contacted about invalid email address.

will input the information regarding the Awards winners in the flyers and the agendas, and copy and transport them to the meeting.

Next Call is scheduled for 3 pm, EST, Oct 19, 2006.