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Welcome: Fuller Bazer

I. Old Business

- Approval of February 6, 2008 minutes
- Treasurer report (Mark Zoran)
- Membership Committee (Fuller Bazer)
- Comments/feedback regarding 2008 Symposium and Banquet

II. New business

- Discussion: Proposed dates for 2009 Spring Symposium & Banquet
 1. Symposium – March 25 or 26, 2009; location will be in MSC in close proximity to Student Research Week activities
 2. Banquet – April 2 or 3, 2009 in MSC, room 201
- Announcement: 2008 Sigma Xi Awards and Prizes (Please see <http://sigmaxi.tamu.edu/sigma-xi-prizes-and-awards.html>)
- Next proposed Executive Board meeting: July 28, 2008 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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SIGMA XI EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 6, 2008

Minutes

Attendees	Guests
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bazer, Fuller;• Emani, Chandra;• Holtzapple, Mark;• Johnson, Larry;• Klemm, Bill;• Maldonado, Theresa;• Metty, Jane;• Popescu, Sorin;• Talreja, Ramesh;• Zoran, Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kennicutt, Chuck

I. OLD BUSINESS

- New Member fees and member dues: Motioned passed to pay initiation and any first year dues and fees for students.
- Member recruitment: Membership committee will consider implementing annual call campaigns to solicit new members.
- Treasurer's report: Motioned passed to accept report provided by Treasurer Mark Zoran.
- Awards Committee Update: Teacher nomination deadline extended to February 15, 2008. Five nomination packages received for distinguished scientist award and currently under review. Current review of nomination packages are subjective, Board asked if a set of guidelines could be developed and accompany the nomination packages to the reviewers. Lastly, awards chair asked for assistance in publicizing teacher and distinguished scientist awards.

Recommendations/Actions/Follow-Up:

- Adjust bylaws to reflect motion to pay initiation and dues/fees for new student members.
- Follow up with membership chair, Sorin Popescu, regarding call campaign.
- Develop draft set of guidelines for reviewers of nomination packages.
- Coordinate with VPR Office of Communications to develop press release of Sigma Xi award winners.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- Updates: Spring Symposium & Banquet: Reviewed symposium schedule and keynote addresses at both the Symposium and the Banquet.
- Annual Conference Proposal: Mark Holtzapple suggested developing an annual conference to open up issues in science to the public at large. Conference would be held on a Saturday each year and would cover a wide variety of scientific issues with experts from both sides discussing before the public. Because of the projected funding, outside groups would be solicited for contributions. Theresa Maldonado suggested that Mark Holtzapple meet with Pat Scully about a future conference. Larry Johnson suggested having students solicit papers on the subject.
- Miscellaneous: Chapter participation is low at Symposium and banquets, consider identifying why more active members don't participate.
- Nominating Committee for President Elect: Nominations are solicited each year to reflect a rotation in Presidency from among life sciences, engineering and health sciences. Exec. Board asked for Fuller Bazer to find willing candidate to serve as President-Elect and vet through Exec. Board for final approval.
- Café Scientifique: Formed in collaboration with the national Sigma Xi office, coordinate with Ms. Kate Stumpo, who organizes the local Science Café and set up meeting with her and Dr. Bazer.'
- Proposal discussion: William Klemm and Larry Johnson discussed proposal regarding organized university-wide outreach efforts. Suggested coordinating these efforts through Sigma Xi. Motioned passes by full Exec. Board for William Klemm to go forward with proposal and provide follow up back to the Exec. Board.
- Polar Palooza: Chuck Kennicutt presented details of the event and the possibility of it coming through College Station, TX. Exec. Board agreed to be involved and help support if the event comes to College Station, TX.

Recommendations/Actions/Follow-Up:

- Coordinate meeting between Ms. Stumpo and Dr. Bazer to discuss Science Café.