Agenda item: Poster Session/Symposium

Discussion: Our annual symposium will be held one month from today, March 25th.

It is important to get an accurate count on poster session participation to make a final determination on symposium location. Adding together the current abstract count and verbal commitments/likely participants we have a conservative estimate of 22-23 posters.

Chris reached out to TU, OU, Wichita State, University of Arkansas, Doug Fort, and others for participants. Doug Fort cannot attend but he is a good person to contact for participation at symposium next year. Stacey also reached out to the GRDA, and they have a potential participant. She will follow-up.

Abstract deadline was primarily to help determine whether we have enough participation to book the Wes Watkins center. At this point we have enough participation to book Wes Watkins, so we can extend the deadline which will allow more people to participate.

Not much participation from undergraduates as of yet. Sarah, Debarati, Joel, and Will have undergraduates who could potentially participate – they will check in with them.

May do a volunteer sign-up for set-up help. Will know more by the end of the week.

Action items

✓ Send abstracts to Chris (christopher.goodchild@okstate.edu)  Deadline: ASAP

Agenda item: Fundraising at Symposium

Discussion: Ana and Stacey have discussed using the symposium as an opportunity for more fundraising. We have decided to sell leftover t-shirts to attendees, and have a sign-up sheet for shirt orders. This will accomplish two goals – fundraising and publicity for the group. Funds raised at this event will be used to fund future travel awards and next year’s symposium.

Action items

✓ none  Deadline: none

Agenda item: Officer Nomination and Voting

Discussion: At the next meeting (mid-March) we will be voting for officers (President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer) for next year (2019-2020). We will take self-nominations, so be thinking about if you are interested in running! If you are, email Ana.
Action items
✓ If you want to run, email Ana (ana.chicasmosier@gmail.com) with the position you are interested in.

Deadline
Before next meeting

Agenda item: OP-SETAC

Discussion: The regional SETAC meeting will take place in St. Louis, MO from May 13th – 15th this year.

Usually the OSU group carpools to the meeting. Ana has also started looking into Airbnb options, in the past we have booked an accommodation that can fit everyone.

Abstract submission dates have not been announced.

Action items
✓ Email Ana (ana.chicasmosier@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so we can get an idea of what accommodations need to be booked.

Deadline
none

Agenda item: GSPGA Meeting Updates

Discussion: Bobby – no significant updates to report. For those that may be interested, the Phoenix award applications are due April 1st for anyone interested. More information is available on the GSPGA website.

Currently, we aren’t getting emails and are not on attendance list. This is a problem with GSPGA not us, it should be resolved soon.

Action items
✓ none

Deadline
none

Other Information

Special notes:

Motion to adjourn 3:24