

Minutes
Local Section Committee
Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010
Riviera Hotel & Casino - Las Vegas, NV

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 am, by Chair, Bob Penn.

An ATTENDANCE SHEET (**Attachment #1**) was circulated and copies of the AGENDA (**Attachment #2**) were available to attendees.

Following brief introductions and recognition of revitalizing Local Sections, the Chair gave a brief overview of topics discussed at the June LSC meeting.

Selected Insights

Chair called upon Madeline Feltus of the Washington, DC Local Section. She circulated a HANDOUT (**Attachment #3**) and spoke about the DC Section's process for scheduling speakers, noting the importance of advance planning.

William Wabbersen spoke about the development and introduction of an Interactive Nuclear Display by the Savannah River Section. (POWERPOINT PRESENTATION is **Attachment #4.**) Wabbersen encouraged other Local Sections to consider purchase and placement of a duplicate version of the display.

Successful Practices/Section Overview

LSC Vice-Chair, Tinh Tran moderated a session during which Local Section leaders shared information about successful practices, challenges and concerns.

Reed Johnson (Virginia) spoke about Virginia's summer planning meeting which lays out plans a year in advance. He also highlighted a week long residential workshop for MS/HS teachers being held at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Bill Wabberson (Savannah River) noted a significant influx of new workers due to the MOX facility and how this contributed to a large membership increase. The Section has such interest in meeting participation that they are sometimes unable to accommodate all who want to attend a meeting (due to venue limitations).

Kurshad Muftuoglu (Wilmington Area Section, NC) noted a schedule of 4-6 meeting per year and successful negotiations with restaurant to obtain good price for meals. The Section will host PSA 2011 topical meeting.

A representative from Mississippi expressed concerns about their inability to obtain insurance coverage in their state. He also noted that the creation of an "Earth Day Garden" helped draw together various groups.

Ross Radel (Trinity) noted the Section adopted an “Emeritus” speaker series held at the Atomic Museum on Saturday mornings. This Section uses PayPal for meeting registration/payments. Section has been active in outreach and has some momentum that should help carry it through changes in personell. Section encourages student participation by discounting dinner costs.

Kimberly Becker (Chicago) noted that meetings are being held every 2 months in varying locations and membership is growing. Executive Committe operates by teleconference due to geographic proximity issues. Section is working on proposal to host a topical. She mentioned value of iTunes Youth in communication.

A representative from Oak Ridge/Knoxville noted that their hosting of topicals provides funds to support science fair outreach and support for students. They have developed science kits to take to school visits. Section holds some meetings with outside professional societies.

Matthew Gidden (UW Madison Student Section) noted that students are working with the ANS PI Committee to help with outreach materials.

Kristine Madden (SW Michigan Branch of Michigan Section) reported that they are partnering with an energy club at a local college. Group is planning to host teacher workshop and planning a charity event. They hold lunchtime meetings

Buddy Springman (Michigan) noted that use of PayPal is helping cut the number of “unfunded no shows” for meetings.

Jim Stubbins (Central Illinois) spoke about the proximity of University of Illinois-Urbana and the Central Illinois Local Section.

Keith Holbert (Arizona) noted that efforts to revitalize the Section are off to a slower start than hoped.

Ken Schultz (San Diego) said the Section continues to work on revitalization and will participate in Career days in San Diego.

Business meeting (10:45)

Meeting was called to order at 10:45.

ATTENDANCE SHEET (**Attachment #5**) was circulated; a quorum was present.

A motion to accept minutes from the June meeting was made and seconded. The motion was passed with no objections.

OLD BUSINESS

India Petition - Prasad Kadambi spoke to the LSC urging immediate action to approve formation of the India Local Section. Discussion focused on how Local Section membership differs from National Membership, as there were concerns that Local Section participants should not expect all the same services and benefits as they would enjoy with National Membership. Following discussion the Chair and Vice-Chair were authorized to review the written information available and confirm whether it met the requirements outlined by the LSC motion on this topic at the June meeting. (Subsequently, the Chair and Vice-Chair reached agreement and forwarded to the ANS Board of Directors a recommendation for granting a Charter for the India Local Section.)

It was noted that a proposal to extend revitalization funding is on the Board's agenda. (Subsequently received word that the proposal was approved.)

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin O'Kula (NISD) noted that the NISD is seeking proposal for Local Sections interested in hosting the PSA 2013. Proposals due to December 10. (Attachement #6)

Ross Radel spoke to about the feasibility of establishing a new membership level for Local Section members who are NOT ANS National Members. He suggested a \$25 fee and a category of membership to be determined (perhaps Association Member). The response from those in attendance was not enthusiastic.

Respectfully submitted,

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