

## General Meeting 2016 Minutes

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Officers present: Angela Richards Dona  
Megan Ross  
Kathleen Quiambao  
Daniela Bottjer  
Olivia Nigro  
Yuko Stender

Members present: Elisha Wood-Charlson  
Rachael Wade  
Alyssa Agustin

Meeting began at 10:05 AM.

### **Introduction**

The ALO Chapter Mission was read and discussed. Current membership was outlined as 45 current members including 35 renewals and 15 new members, though some renewals may have lapsed and are included in the former without being included in the current member list. It was noted that very few of the current members are faculty. Short introductions of the meeting attendees took place.

### **Vice President Report**

Megan's report began with the change of email address for the current year, which is [alphalambdaomega@gwis.org](mailto:alphalambdaomega@gwis.org).

Monthly socials were discussed such as the Coffee Hour which took place from October-November and the Pau Hana which took place January-April. Elisha suggested a collaboration between the GWIS Pau Hana and the Science Communicator Pau Hana which she is involved with. The next Science Communicator Pau Hana will take place on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Angela suggested doing a better job advertising our Pau Hana so there isn't such a low turnout. Having one large social on a weekend in lieu of Pau Hana was also suggested by several members of the group.

### **Outreach Coordinator Report**

Topics listed were the Campus Center Table, the annual Fall Social, the SOEST Open House, Rita Colwell's talk during coffee hour, Ruth Gates' visit during the Brown Bag Lunch, the Improv Workshop, Expanding Your Horizons, and the SAPFB funding proposal.

Expanding further on some events:

- The Campus Center Table and Fall Social were events to recruit members, and were ultimately successful this year
- The SOEST Open House occurs every two years and about 17 members and officers volunteered this past Open House
- The Brown Bag Luncheon had about 20 attendees and will be reinstated this upcoming year

### **Secretary Report**

Book club was discussed during the secretary report. Though a Doodle scheduling tool was used to determine majority member availability prior to the current iteration of the book club, several members discussed the difficulty of attending book club in the late afternoon due to other commitments. The late afternoon was the most selected time slot though the morning hours were also popular. Angela suggested prioritizing whoever selected the current book so that that member could be present at all meetings.

### **National Liaison Report**

GWIS national adopted a branding change which excludes the Greek letters associated with each chapter in favor of the location in which the chapter is based. Each chapter has one year to change their name. Our chapter has put forth great effort in the Aloha chapter name and wishes to keep the name, though currently the name has been rejected by national. The new name will need to be either GWIS Hawaii or GWIS Pacific in order to be consistent with the location-based names.

A paperless broadcaster has been adopted by the National chapter.

A current member of our chapter Annick Cros was awarded a national fellowship and received the highest amount in research support (\$8000) of any applicant.

The National Conference for GWIS will take place on June 25<sup>th</sup> in Raleigh, North Carolina. As of now no members from our chapter will attend. Support of \$250 is awarded to each chapter for this event but for our purposes that is not enough for any member to travel to this conference. Angela asked the group to reach out to any member who may be in that area at that time to see if they can attend on our behalf.

### **Treasurer Report**

The annual budget was adopted in September 2015. The account was changed from the American Savings Bank to the Bank of Hawaii in a Business Account. One major advantage to this change was the availability of online banking. The current balance is \$580 with a starting balance of \$530. The account is up to date on all new memberships due to monthly deposits from National which began during this past fiscal year. A spreadsheet was provided with the membership breakdown. The importance of retaining members was discussed, as a bulk of the budget is membership dues.

### **Officer Nominations**

Angela, Megan, and Ariana are stepping down as President, Vice President, and Co-Outreach Coordinator, respectively. Olivia and Yuko are staying on in their current positions but are looking to step down if there is another nomination for their respective positions. Daniela will stay on as Treasurer if Angela is put in charge of the PR committee. Kate is staying on either as the Secretary or moving in to the Vice President position if there is a need.

Elisha has volunteered for one of the Co-Outreach Coordinator positions. It was suggested that Alyssa Agustin be nominated for the secretary position by Angela. Rachael Wade was verbally nominated for President by Angela and Kate.

Officer Nominations will be due June 20<sup>th</sup>. The confirmation of the nominations will be done by June 25<sup>th</sup>. An election will take place via Survey Monkey from June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. New officers will be announced on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The new officer term begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Committees**

Angela is to remain on board in the PR committee, newsletter, and website. Olivia will stay on in the Funding committee.

Ideas for the Membership committee to recruit new members were discussed. Rachael suggested a talk during the annual Graduate Student Organization orientation which she had done in the past. Daniela brought up the issue of putting most recruiting efforts into graduate students when so few GWIS members are faculty. A discussion of how to make GWIS attractive to faculty members was held by all attendees; ideas included talking to the PI's of current members so that their own graduate students are benefitted by the PI's efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

**OFFICER INITIALS**

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