Executive Committee Meeting
28 July 2014
MINUTES – Amended and enhanced 7/31/2014

Attendance: Tammy Maldonado, Diana Oliveras, Carol Kearns, Chris Lowry and JoAnn Joselyn. Absent were PJ Bennett, and David Kassoy. The meeting, held in Gold A1B20, convened at 3 p.m.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be Monday September 8 at 3 p.m. in Baker Hall, Suite 120 (Baker Resident Academic Program offices) if available.

Future Meetings
It was decided that future Executive Committee meetings for this academic semester will be at 3 p.m. on the first Monday of the month (September excepted owing to Labor Day) in the Baker Hall RAP office suite 120. Those dates for the remainder of 2014 are

- September 8
- October 6
- November 3
- December 1

All Sigma Xi members are invited to attend meetings of the Executive Committee.

New Executive Committee member
Following the July 28th meeting, Heidi Souder was invited to join the Executive Committee and she has accepted. Welcome! The Executive Committee roster will be sent to all members for review and correction, and an edited version will be sent to David Smith for posting on the website.

Café Sci
- Venue. The Outlook Hotel is available at least through August but a new possibility is the Powder Keg Brewing Company (102 2nd Avenue) in Niwot. Mark Krebe approached us about meeting there (website: http://www.powderkegbrewingcompany.com/) Chris will stop by as soon as he can to check it out (everyone is welcome to do that). The distance to Niwot was considered, but it is not so far away and we may or may not have the use of the Outlook Hotel in any case.
- Carol prepared a survey to find out how Café attendees find out about the programs. The results from the July Café suvery were few and not terribly informative, except that there was a good turnout and many of the attendees were new. Camera publicity was key for that program on emerald ash borers. The e-mail listserve was also named as a source.

The following speakers are arranged for the rest of the year
- August 12 – Chris Lowry on anxiety and affective disorders (confirmed)
- Sept. 9 – Danica Lombardozi and Kateryna Lapina; on the CU ozone gardens
Bylaws change required by Headquarters

Our Bylaws regarding dissolution do not conform to the wording and actions required by the National body of Sigma Xi, and must be changed. To amend our Bylaws (Article IX), the change “must have been communicated to members of the Chapter at least two (2) weeks before the meeting at which it is to be approved, and provision made for open discussion.” The following change has been approved in principle by the Executive Committee, and is offered for open discussion among the Chapter members. Comments should be sent to the Chapter President Dr. Tammy Maldonado (Tammy.Maldonado@Colorado.EDU) before the date of the next Executive Committee meeting on September 8, at 3 p.m. A final vote will be taken at that time.

ORIGINAL

Article VIII
Dissolution of the Chapter

In the event that the Chapter is unable to recruit officers or schedule activities for a period of three (3) consecutive years, the Chapter shall be deemed dissolved and any monies held by Chapter shall be presented to the University of Colorado Graduate School for application toward graduate research. Collection of local dues on behalf of the University of Colorado Chapter shall then cease and monies held by the national headquarters of Sigma Xi on behalf of the University of Colorado Chapter shall be ceded to Sigma Xi.

PROPOSED REVISION

Article VIII
Dissolution of the Chapter

If the Chapter goes inactive and remains dormant over (5) years or dissolves, any funds the chapter possesses which were the direct result of local dues and chapter support will go back to the Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society. Any other monies held by Chapter shall be presented to the University of Colorado Graduate School for application toward graduate research.

Field Trips

• JoAnn suggested a field trip to the Geotechnical Centrifuge Laboratory in the basement of the Engineering Center. She will look into that possibility (date, time, and maximum number of participants).
• Carol mentioned asking Steve Jones (the Boulder Bird Guy) to do a bird walk
Miscellaneous Business

- The 2014-15 contact information for the Executive Committee was approved with the addition of David Smith as the Student Representative.
- David Smith’s Certificate of Membership has arrived; it will be signed and presented at the April 2015 Annual meeting.
- Diana Oliveras and JoAnn Joselyn will meet in August to review finances prepare a budget for the 2014-15 program year to be presented at the September 8th Executive Committee meeting.
- Sandra Chung met with David and Tammy and is assisting with our website – especially the Café Sci site.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.
JAJ, Secretary