Executive Committee Meeting
8 September 2014
Summary of MINUTES

Attendance: Tammy Maldonado, Diana Oliveras, David Kassoy, Carol Kearns, and JoAnn Joselyn. The meeting, held in Baker Hall in Classroom W205, convened at 3:11 p.m.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be Monday October 6 at 3:30 p.m. in Baker Hall, Classroom W205.
The November meeting date is Monday November 10. Tammy will report on her trip to the National Assembly.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN BYLAWS
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 October 6, at 3:30 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.

Café Sci
- Venue. As of October, the Café will move to West Flanders Brewing Company, at 1125 Pearl, the former site of BJ’s restaurant.
- October 14 – Rella Abernathy, City of Boulder Integrated Pest Management specialist; “The toxic environment of pesticide research, regulation, and risk management”
• Nov. 11 – Kari Franson, PharmD., PhD BCPP, Associate Dean for Professional Education, University of Colorado School of Pharmacy: Examining marijuana policy from a pharmacology point of view
• Dec. 9 – Shelley Miller Ph.D., Mechanical and Environmental Engineering, CU Boulder: on indoor environmental toxins
• Jan 13 (2015) – Maria Nagel, MD.,Neurology, University Of Colorado Hospital Neurosciences Center: on Shingles
• February 10 – tentatively Josh Hadler (NIST) on laser safety;
• March 10 – Philip Tedeschi, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver: on Service Dogs
• May 12 – David Norris (Prof Emeritus, Integrative Phys); “Who done it? Ask a Plant”
• Other speaker suggestions include John Scott McCartney; someone on Drones; two recent speakers at the Boe theater – one on dinosaurs; Doug Bamforth on the McCaffrey Cache; Kenneth Wright on sleep cycles; Mike Hannigan; Mike Shull; Tad Pfeiffer (global warming); Mark Hernandez on aerobiology, bee behaviors; Jeff Bennett (relativity); the wives of the Los Alamos Manhattan project; and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

New Member Nominations
• Rebecca Pollard, a graduate student at the CU School of Medicine, nominated by Brian D. Berman
• Erin H. Leckey, a post-doc with the Geological Society of America, the STEPPE Program.

Both nominees will be expected to pay the appropriate dues; the Chapter will pay the initiation fees. Jo Ann will submit the paperwork to National.

2014-15 Chapter Budget
Diana and JoAnn met separately to prepare an annual budget for Executive Committee approval. The budget proposed is actually a deficit budget, which will decrease our savings, because of the Annual Assembly this year in Arizona that Tammy will attend. Elements of the budget include:

- 5 student memberships ($25 dues + $20 initiation fee) $225
- 1 regular membership ($90 + $20) 110
- 1 transitional membership ($45 +20) 65
- initiation fees for 5 other member nominees 100
- Chapter annual Awards costs (food and AV rental) 500
- Travel support to National meeting (this year only) 1300
- Webmaster support (estimated) 400

Total $2700

Chapter income is anticipated to be $1400 from Chapter dues of $3/member and subvention from National so the program year deficit is estimated to be $1300. Hopefully, the costs to attend the National Meeting may be less because they will pay airfare. The deficit generated a motion by Carol Kearns to raise our Member dues to $5/member. We cannot recall the last time the Chapter dues were raised. The motion was seconded and passed. We will notify National at the next opportunity.

Chapter Awards Reception
• The costs for last year’s awards reception was in excess of $900. This is too much and the Committee agreed to find ways to pare the costs down to $500.
• Two new suggestions for the speaker were received: Dan Baker (LASP) has an article in the 2013 Sept-Oct issue of *American Scientist*; Peter Molnar (CIRES and the Dept of Geological Sci) is this year’s Distinguished Research Lecturer. Ted Pfeiffer is still a possibility.

Chapter Website
Updates are needed to our website.

Sandra Chung has worked on our Café Sci website – do we want to offer her an honorarium?

Field Trips
It was decided to suspend Field Trips for the remainder of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

JAJ, Secretary