

Annual Meeting of the AMS Board on Women and Minorities (BWM)
Monday, January 30, 2006, 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
International Ballroom A - Omni Hotel

Meeting Minutes

- Welcomes were extended and opening remarks were made by Shirley Murillo (Chair) followed by personal introductions.
- COMMENTS FROM INVITED GUEST – Julie Winkler (Commissioner, Education & Human Resources-AMS)
- Outgoing & Incoming members of the BWM – S. Murillo
 1. Outgoing: Carl Arrendondo, Eldewins Haynes, and Kathy Strebe
 2. Incoming: Jeff Gaffney and Vickie Nadolski
- Invited Speakers:
 1. Elizabeth Mills (AMS) – AMS Online Ocean & Weather Studies Diversity Project
Beth gave a brief description on the
 2. Roman Czujko (AIP) – *AMS Survey of its Members: Status*
 3. Dana Brown (GSU) - MsPHDs program
- BWM Ongoing Activities
 1. AMS Demographic Survey – Results are in. Roman gave an overview talk on the results of the survey. We will be publishing our results in BAMS. We will break up the survey results into themed papers. Below is the list volunteers along with the ideas for themed papers:

Overview – Shirley Murillo, Howie Friedman and Julie Winkler
Demographics – Shirley Murillo, Raj Pandya, and Sreela Nandi
Salary – Roman Czujko
International – Roman Czujko and Ernesto Munoz
Pipeline – Howie Friedman, Sreela Nandi and Leslie Hartten (follow-up Simpson and LeMone paper)
Academia – Julie Winkler
Broadcasting – Ada Monzon, Mish Michaels and Mark Reynolds
Retirees – Ellen Cutrim
Outreach & students – Kathy Hoxie and Paul Rusher
Anecdotal info – Howie Friedman

We would like to get the papers out in a timely manner. The first papers would be the Overview and demographics. Those will introduce the society to the survey results.

Action Items – Shirley will send out the survey to those listed so that everyone is familiar with it.

We will then distribute the survey results to those listed.

Beth Mills will find out from the AMS education programs if anyone is interested in the survey results. A concern was brought up about giving out the data to too many folks. We'll address these issues once everyone is familiarized with the survey questions. We will also need folks to volunteer to be 'internal reviewers' for the paper before they are submitted to BAMS.

2. AMS-Industry Minority Scholarship Program – reports from mentors/student recipients

This year some of the 2003-04 minority scholarship winners were invited to attend the meeting. This provided a great opportunity for students and mentors to meet. We had 46 applications for the scholarship program. 10 students were chosen...4 female and 6 male.

3. Charles Anderson Award – The award was presented for the first time at the BWM meeting to this year's recipient Tom Windham by Walt Lyons (AMS Outgoing President).

Action Item – Encourage AMS members to make nominations

4. Battan Award – adult & K-12: This year's winners are: The Whale and the Supercomputer by Charles Wohlforth for the Adult category and Extreme Weather by Glen Phelan for the K-12 category.

Barbara Walton-Faria – K-12 representative

Sepi Yalda – Adult representative

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5. Teaching Excellence Award – Need to make nominations.

Deadline for all AMS awards is May 1st. This year the AMS awards process will be online.

- Activities from BHE and BOPE - Paul Rusher (BOPE) and Ellen Cutrim (BHE)

- New Business

1. 2007 AMS Annual Meeting planning committee – updates on MLK Jr. Holiday BWM involvement

This project is spearheaded by Asha Tribble. We met with the 2007 AMS planning committee to pitch ideas. We would like to have a headline speaker open the AMS annual meeting. We would also have other events throughout the conference that touches on diversity issues. I'll inform everyone once a clear agenda is in the works.

- Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM

In attendance:

Tom Windham (BWM member), Ada Monzon (guest), Paul Rusher (BOPE liason), Quinton Williams (JSU), Kar'retta Venable (JSU), Darnell Newton (JSU), Destiny Rainney (JSU), Shari Dixon (JSU), Douglas Gavin (JSU), Georgette Holmes (JSU), Christopher Lockett (JSU), Howie Friedman (BWM member), Elen Cutrim (BHE liason), Beth Mills (AMS staff), Roman Czujko (AIP-guest), Julie Winkler, Corinne Kazarosian (AMS Staff), Leslie Hartten (BWM member), Jeff Gaffeny BWM member, Vicki Naldolski (BWM member), Kathy Hoxie (ad-hoc BWM member), Sepi Yalda (BWM member), Sreela Nandi (BWM member), Barbara Walton-Faria (BWM member).

About the awards our committee is involved with:

- **Louis J. Battan Author's awards:** This award is spear headed by BOPE. We can identify and submit independent published book reviews to be considered for these awards. Independent means the review is not from the book's publisher or the author. We should also encourage others to submit nominations. All official nomination packages must be received by the 1 May deadline.
- **Charles Anderson Award:** The award is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions to the promotion of diversity in the atmosphere and related sciences and broader communities through education and community service. Selection packages remain on the active list for consideration for 3 years
- **Teaching Excellence Award:** This award is given annually to an individual in recognition of sustained outstanding teaching and mentoring at the undergraduate and /or graduate levels. The AMS Board for Higher Education (BHE), in consultation with the Commissioner for Education and Human Resources, is responsible for overseeing the award process and formulating the selection committee. (Collegiate) nominees should be sent to Pat Pauley, Chair of the teaching Excellence Committee at pauley@nrlmry.navy.mil.
- **AMS/Industry Minority Undergraduate Scholarships:** Every year students are selected for scholarships as they enter their first year of college. The BWM members, alumni and ad hoc committees assist in mentoring the scholarship winners.
- **NEW! Distinguished Science Journalism Award:** This award recognizes outstanding science reporting and writing of scientific discoveries, principles, advances, and impacts in all media outlets including radio, television, newspaper, magazine and Internet. It is open to all journalists and science writers in any medium for published reports intended for and available to the general public. The award is given to the author for a single article or radio/television report or a series that makes atmospheric and related sciences material accessible and interesting to the general public.