Women in Toxicology (WIT) - Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Society of Toxicology

Executive Committee Meeting
Teleconference Call Minutes
16 October 2019
12:30 pm (EDT), 11:30 pm (CDT), 10:30 am (MDT), 9:30 am (PDT)

Attendees:
Janis Hulla (JH, President)
Susan Emeigh Hart (SEH, President-elect)
Betina Lew (BL, Past-President)
Jessica Sapiro (JS, Senior Councilor)
Phoebe Stapleton (PS, Junior Councilor)
Meghan Rebuli (MR, Post-Doc Rep)
Lauren Lewis (LL, Student Rep)
Virunya Bhat (VB, Secretary/Treasurer)

Regrets:
Courtney Sulentic (CS, Vice President)

Agenda:
1. Welcome (JH)

2. WIT SOT Awards Committee Update (SEH and CS via e-update)
   CS worked closely with several of the nominees in revising their CVs to hit the hard 10 page limit. CS had most of them construct them more like a NIH biosketch, which involves writing brief paragraphs under headers specific to the award. CS confirmed that the following nominations were submitted: Founders Award, Toxicology Mentoring Award, Undergraduate Educator Award, and Achievement Award. Lehman Award is fairly sure, but no hard confirmation. CS worked with the nominee for the Distinguished Tox Scholar but did not yet hear back from the nominator that the package was actually submitted.

3. 2020 SOT Mentoring Event Update (VB)
   Linda Birnbaum happily agreed to speak. Mentoring Initiative Matching Funds application for $1000 is drafted, under her review, and will be submitted by WIT by the due date of Oct 18, 2019.
   ALL: Save the Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 for 1 hour, between 11-1.

4. WIT Election Subcommittee (BL)
   Membership was solicited for interest. BL, SEH, LH, JS are serving on the subcommittee. The subcommittee will propose candidates for the three upcoming open positions (Vice President Elect, Junior Councilor, Secretary/Treasurer) to the WIT EC. Post-doc (elected) and student reps (appointed) are also rotating off. MR is transitioning to be an assistant professor thus cannot serve another year.
   BL will research the number of post-doc SOT members.
   MR will contact PDA for post-doc rep suggestions.

5. WIT Webinars (BL, MR, LL)
   The potential speaker is very busy, so it has been difficult to finalize a date. Other potential speakers wanted an honorarium which is not allowed under SOT policy.
6. **2020 WIT Awards Update (JS)**
   Deadline for senior awards is October 18. At the moment, applicant numbers are low. Trainee award deadline is November 8. No trainee applications received yet but anticipate several prior to the deadline. All awards review committees have been formed. JS reached out to Charles River to determine interest in continuing to support the WIT Mentoring Award.

7. **2020 SOT Program Committee Status Report (SEH)**
   No new updates since previous update.

8. **SIG Collaboration Committee Status Report (SEH and BL)**
   Nothing relevant to WIT to report.

9. **Article in the Smithsonian Magazine titled, "Women Written Out of History" (JH)**
   JH sent a copy of this nice article to WIT EC. Could potentially be a topic for the spring 2020 newsletter.

10. **Report Back- Changes to the Bylaws- All**
    JH will send pdf of bylaws for WIT EC to review for suggested changes. Last updated November 2014.

    **ALL:** Reminder that beginning Nov (Nov 15, 2019), WIT EC calls will be on third **Friday** of the month.