Women in Toxicology (WIT) - Special Interest Group
Society of Toxicology
EC Meeting
6 September 2016
3:00 pm (EDT), 2:00 (CDT), 1:00 (MDT), 12:00 (PDT)

Attendees:
Brittany Baisch (Secretary/Treasurer)
Sharmilee Sawant (President)
Alison Sanders (Post-doc Rep)
Nadia Moore (Junior Councilor)
Tao Wang (Past President)
Laurie Haws (President-Elect)
Betina Lew (Vice President)
Marie Fortin (Senior Councilor)

Regrets:
Lauren Walker (Student Rep)

Agenda and Discussions:
1. Description for Distinguished Service Award
   a. MF and TW discuss modifying the bullet points and/or description of the award criteria, and the EC agrees with the revision.
2. Discussion amongst WIT Award criteria weight are appropriate – internal WIT Award Committee document
   a. MF and NM describe how criteria were derived, and after open discussion it was revealed that the weight of the criteria will remain, however there is an understanding that the WIT Awards Committee will also interpret the scoring and participate in active, qualitative discussion regarding the applications
3. SOT Nomination Awards Update – BL and LH
   a. 7 nominees in total, divided amongst 4 teams of two SOT Awards Nomination Committee members in each team to pull packages together
   b. September 30th deadline amongst subcommittee to have all of the letters prepared for submission so that the deadline for submission of October 9th can be met
4. WIT Webinar Discussion – NM
   a. Work-life balance topics – combination of work-hobbies and work-family, and how this may change throughout the length of one’s career.
      i. Sub-bullet is how to set guilt-free boundaries, how to say “no”, so that you can achieve work-life balance. Likely will not include this as a topic for the webinar but perhaps the speakers add their 2 cents when talking about work-life balance
b. Four names were recommended for senior level speakers. Junior level speakers may be postdocs or professionals working with other postdocs or junior level toxicologists to direct them with work-life balance and helping other trainees.
   i. TW suggests only 2 speakers each talking for 20 minutes to allow enough time for questions
   ii. After significant discussion, it was decided that BL will reach out to Elena as a junior level speaker in a professional role to assist postdocs with work-life balance, and SS will reach out to Linda Birnbaum as a senior level speaker.

c. Date for webinar and next steps – MF recommended working with Rosibel at SOT HQ to organize the webinar. SOT HQ takes care of logistics of the webinar, and also host a practice with the speakers and organizers before the actual webinar.

d. The EC decided to have the webinar at beginning-mid November (avoid the holiday season).
   i. AS will help to field questions from the audience during the webinar

5. Other Business
   a. BB will send out 2 emails regarding proposed articles for the upcoming fall newsletter

The next WIT telecon is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4th, 3-4 PM EDT.