Women in Toxicology (WIT) - Special Interest Group
Society of Toxicology
EC Teleconference Meeting
19 May 2015 (rescheduled from 05 May 2015)
3:00 pm (EST), 2:00 pm (CST), 1:00 pm (MST), 12:00 pm (PST)

Attendees: Courtney Horvath, Jessica Sapiro, Tao Wang, Marie Fortin, Jamie Mirowsky, Laurie Haws, Sharmilee Sawant
Regrets: Brenda Faiola, Alex Lau

Agenda and Discussions:
1. SOT Award Nomination Committee plan - Sharmilee
The plan is to nominate 10 women this year. The committee will consist of 10 people, with groups of two people working on two applications. Sharmilee, Alex, Laurie and Jessica from EC have volunteered to be on the committee. A number of other WIT members have volunteered. When the candidates are contacted, it should be made clear that the expectation is that they are actively involved in the process. WIT will not update packages from last year’s candidates, but an email will be sent to them to remind them they can update it on their own.
Action Item: Sharmilee to confirm all committee members by email and outline the responsibilities and deadlines (for both committee volunteers and candidates).
Sharmilee to send email reminder to last year’s candidates regarding updating their packages.
Sharmilee to follow-up regarding the student awardee who would like to be actively involved.

2. Newsletter – Courtney
The newsletter is being drafted and on schedule for end of May completion with 9 pages. Elissa Wong has agreed to help edit during the first week of June. Outstanding items (except for the Celebrating your Success Survey results) are in red and due to Courtney before May 30th.

President’s Message - Tao (2/3 page)
WIT Reception overview and pictures - Jessica (some pictures received) 1 page total
2015 award winners and pictures - Alex
WIT sponsored sessions - Courtney
----- Wallace
----- Mucculough
----- Levine
----- Student/postdoc mixer - Jessica

Celebrating Your Success - Brenda - due asap after survey close at the end of May.
Summary of the Mentoring Breakfast - Marie
Outreach Event - Jessica
SOT Fun run - Courtney
Update on CWIT award - Brenda to provide new graph
Reading Corner - Marie has agreed to write 1-2 paragraphs on this
Action item: Courtney to email responsible people for each outstanding item and follow-up with Marie on the reading Corner.
3. Website updates/Officer Duties – All
Prior to the teleconference, Brenda provided an email update that she will consolidate all comments received and send to the EC for final review within a week.

4. Article on unconscious bias for SOT Communique
There was a lot of discussion regarding how this article could be strengthened by adding further statistics on SOT membership. It was suggested that a plot of female membership vs female award winners could be made. It may also be beneficial to add some discussion regarding the number of females applying for awards as this relates to the award nomination efforts within WIT.

*Action Items: Jessica to follow up on the number full, emeritus and retired percentage of female members with Ashley. Tao to revise the article when these numbers are available and send to EC for review.*

AOB –
*Action Item: Tao to forward Jamie an email from a post-doc interested in learning more about WIT*

**The next regular monthly WIT EC teleconference will be 02 June 2015 at 3:00 pm EDT.**