Women in Toxicology (WIT) - Special Interest Group (SIG) of the Society of Toxicology
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Teleconference Call
15 October 2018
3:00 pm (EDT), 2:00 pm (CDT), 1:00 am (MDT), 12:00 pm (PDT)

Attendees:
Betina Lew (BL, President)
Janis Hulla (JH, President-elect)
Susan Emeigh Hart (SEH, Vice President)
Virunya Bhat (VB, Secretary/Treasurer)
Lauren Lewis (LL, Student Rep)
Jenny Cohen (JC, Senior Councilor)
Laurie Haws (LH, Past-President)

Regrets:
Jessica Sapiro (JS, Junior Councilor)
Samantha Snow (SS, Postdoc Rep)

Agenda:
1. Welcome (BL)

2. SOT Mentoring Initiative (CRAD Matching Funds application)
   As the due date is today and a WIT application has yet to be submitted, VB will ask CRAD if an
   extension is possible. There was strong support on the call that WIT organize a mentoring event
   for the Annual Meeting and try to include an invited speaker. Preferably, the speaker would be
   external and specifically trained in giving mentoring talks, possibly tailored for women. If an
   external speaker is not feasible, then a SOT member or panel could be considered. Whether
   boxed lunch or snacks such as popcorn and beverages in the late afternoon are offered
   depends on cost and room availability. LL and VB will draft an application with projected
   costs/quotes ASAP. To keep costs down, LH can provide a projector for the event, if needed.

3. WIT fall Webinar (JC and JS)
   The practice call is next week. The webinar will be held on Tuesday October 23 at 11:00 am
   EDT. The Webex will not be recorded by request of one of the speakers. JS and JC will send one
   more reminder to the WIT membership. ALL: give one last plug of the webinar on social media.

4. WIT Endowment Funds Distribution for 2019 WIT Awards (JC)
   The committee will seek to distribute as close to the mandated distribution as possible, which is
   ~$4500 for the Celebrating Women in Toxicology Fund and ~$3700 for the Hudson-Weisburger
   fund that targets graduate students. The application deadline is end of Nov. There is likely to be
   an increase in awarded amount rather than in the number of awards.

5. WIT SOT Awards Nomination Committee (JH)
   The committee assisted in the submission of five application packages (candidates) for SOT
   national awards.

6. The next WIT EC meeting will be Monday, November 19th at 12:30 PM EDT.
   ALL: Please let VB know if you will not be available.