

Red River Valley Local Section of ACS Executive Meeting – 7 May, 2010 – 6:30 PM
Gallery Restaurant, Holiday Inn, 13th St S, Fargo, N. D

Present – Matthew Picklo, Asoka Marasinghe, Gary Edverson, William Shay, Roy Garvey and Tom Gonnella

1. The transition to electronic mail from the post office mail for general communications with the membership was agreed to by the committee. The website and the ListServ will be the means of such communications. Relative to electronic communication, I am the tender of our ListServ. If we are going to rely on that as our primary means of communication with the members, we need to do a couple of things. One is to publicize it, so that people can be sure that our messages do not get routed to their spam mailbox. The second is to be sure to have a snail-mail backup for those (hopefully few) members who can't or won't communicate by email. The third is to get the current list of section members to ME, along with email addresses. (Asoka, can you do this?). *Harmon.*

Now an amendment to the by-laws is necessary to use electronic media for balloting.

P.S.: I was elected secretary of one of my committees (Constitution and Bylaws) at the Spring National meeting, and was recently informed that President-Elect Nancy Jackson wants me to step up to be chair of the committee, beginning in January.

Harmon.

2. Leadership conference sponsored by the ACS will be held on Sat., Sept 11, 2011 at MSUM, Moorhead Minnesota.
3. The possibility of conducting a Science Café with the EERC of Grand Forks in the lead would be explored by Matt.
4. The Summer picnic (to be organized by David) would include the recognition of members with the ACS for 50 years.
5. The traditional commitments of the RRVLS-ACS with an educational component (Science Olympiads, Young Women in Science, Expanding the Horizons, support for undergraduate travel to national meetings) and for the general membership (tour speakers) would continue. The possibility of members from UND and NDSU presenting their work at RRV Section meetings would be sought in order to promote acquaintances among members.
6. The awards committee (Tom – chair, David and Matt) recommends the establishment of a Young Investigator Award to recognize the work of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. These awards are travel awards and are competitive (two awards for each category and based on merit and not by default). The awardees are expected to participate in RRVLS activities.
7. Matt proposed and Roy seconded a donation of \$150.00 to the Bemidji Science Fair.