

# Minutes by Jayne Boyer

## **GEMS BOD meeting minutes**

December 13, 2011

Nagu Keshava (President) called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. The following Board members were present: Lyle Burgoon (President-Elect), Jayne Boyer (secretary), Rose Anne McGee (treasurer), Brian Chorley, Cheryl Hobbs, Holly Mortensen, Bill Ward, Tom Hughes, and Jorge Muniz Ortiz.

### **Reports from the Secretary and Treasurer**

The minutes for the October 13 and November 15, 2011 meetings were approved. Jayne obtained the current addresses of Board members to update the GEMS website.

The treasurer's report was submitted by Cindy Innes and reported by Nagu. It was accepted by the Board. As of November 30, 2011, GEMS's assets total \$28,018.49. The checking account balance is \$3,540.03 with expenses from the election website and the 2011 Fall Meeting. There was about \$1080 of income from the current Fall Meeting registrations. The money market account totals \$14,029.06 and the CD account balance is \$10,449.40. 2011 interest to date on the above accounts totals \$114.78.

### **New Business**

#### BOD Meetings

Nagu has scheduled monthly BOD meetings for every second Tuesday from 3-4pm.

#### Archive

Rose Anne inquired as to the location of the hard drive that contains the GEMS archives. Jayne recalled that Jef French had given it to her along with two binders of old GEMS newsletters. She gave it to Cindy Innes because she could not access the information on her Apple computer. Rose Anne suggested that it be given to each new president because it contains helpful information about meeting deadlines and procedures. Nagu will ask Cindy if she has it.

#### Spring Meeting (Tuesday April 24, 2012 at the EPA) "Emerging Environmental Issues"

Lyle chose the above theme for the Spring Meeting. The Board discussed various subtopics and decided to look into the following:

- Sustainability and Green Chemistry (Paul Anestes, EPA?)
- Air Quality (ozone, ethanol biofuels) (Phil Bushnell?; someone from NC State?)
- Hydrolic Fracking (Jeanne Briskin, EPA? Or someone from Duke?)
- Nanomaterials
- Disinfection Byproducts (David Dimarini?)

Three or four of these topics will be chosen.

Lyle will draft an agenda with possible speakers and send it to the Board.

Brian offered to investigate a biofuels consortium representative.

#### NIEHS Funding

Deadline for application for meeting assistance from NIEHS is in January. Jef French offered to get the names of the committee members that evaluate applications. Nagu will determine the due date of the application. Because the application requires that a draft program of the Fall Meeting and budget be submitted, the Board discussed possible topics for the Fall Meeting.

#### Fall Meeting 2012 (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of GEMS) October 2012

Lyle discussed two topic ideas to combine the Anniversary with meeting topics:

1. "Then to Now", past presidents would present a historic perspective of their career research
2. "Future Research Areas" which might include:
  - new technologies" (bioinformatics, stem cell and toxicology testing, computational models),
  - probabilistic risk assessment
  - environmental economics and regulatory impacts
  - nanoparticles

We will finalize the venue next meeting. Lyle will look into the Friday Center and the Sheraton Imperial.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM.

The next meeting will be on January 10, 2012 at 3PM at the EPA.