

WNAR 2011 Meeting Minutes

WNAR Regional Committee Meeting, June 19, 2011

San Louis Obispo, CA

The Regional Committee convened at 3:45 pm.

Attendance: Dan Gillen, Mary Redman, Antje Hoering, Brad Biggerstaff, Susanne May, Laura Cowen, Elizabeth Thompson, Jimmy Doi, Weng Kee Wong

1. Introduction

Dan Gillen – president, Mary Redman – treasurer, Antje Hoering – secretary, Weng Kee Wong – program coordinator, Brad Biggerstaff – representative at large, Susanne May – representative at large, Laura Cowen – representative at large, Elizabeth Thompson-IBS council representative, Jimmy Doi – WNAR 2011 local organizer

2. Announcements:

- a. **COPSS Appointments:** Dan Gillen made the following announcements for COPSS nominations: Public policy committee newly formed last year: Jessica Utts (UC Irvine); AAAS: statistics - Jessica Utts (UC Irvine), Geography/geology - Andrew Finely(UNC), ENAR/WNAR publication committee - Marie Davidian (NCS), Montse Fuentes (NCS)
- b. **Program Chair and Local Arrangements chair for WNAR 2012:** Dan Gillen made the following announcements for the WNAR 2012 meeting: The meeting will be held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO from June 17, 2012 through June 20, 2012. The local arrangement chair is Jean Opsomer. The meeting will be held jointly with the Graybill conference.

3. **Approval of 2010 Minutes:** Antje Hoering presented the minutes of the 2010 WNAR meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Mary Redman presented the treasurer's report. The net balance as of 6/16/2011 is \$103,975.85. The payment of the 2010 WNAR meeting from University of Washington is still outstanding; preliminary estimates show that we broke approximately even with that meeting.
5. **Business Office report:** Mary Redman reported that the total number of 2011 WNAR members is 206, of which 155 renewed their membership, 11 are new members, 3 students changed to regular membership, 13 students renewed and 12 are new student members. Weng Kee Wong suggested increasing meeting dues for non-members to encourage people to join WNAR. Currently, the difference in meeting dues for members and non-members is \$40.00. Dan Gillen mentioned that we did increase that difference 3 years ago and advocated to make the difference \$60.00. Laura Cowen suggested making the difference \$85.00. Dan Gillen thought that this may scare away people from attending the meeting; suggesting we should increase this difference more gradually. Dan Gillen motioned to raise difference to \$60.00. The board unanimously approved the motion.

6. **WNAR/IMS 2010 meeting report:** Dan Gillen reported for Gary Chan that there were 202 participants at the meeting; of those 104 were members, 56 were non-members, 26 were paying students, and 16 students participated in student paper competition. 20 people attended the short course and 61 registered to the banquets, 16 of those were students who participated in the student paper competition. WNAR broke almost even with the meeting; there was a slight deficit when taking into account additional expenses, such as presidential invited address and WNAR board travel. The final numbers will be available after WNAR receives the payment from the University of Washington. Dan suggested that if local students are helping out with organizing the meeting, WNAR should pay for their effort and should also let students attend the WNAR meeting for free. Dan will update the responsibilities manual accordingly.

The regional committee adjourned at 5:00 PM.

WNAR Regional Committee Luncheon June 21, 2011.

San Louis Obispo, CA.

The WNAR regional Committee Convened at 12:30.

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AGENDA:

1. **WNAR/IMS 2011 meeting report:** Jimmy Doi reported that there are a total of 124 participants at this year's meeting, 59 of them are members, 34 non-members, 27 students and 4 are unspecified. 12 people participated in the short course. 21 people participated in this year's new investigator luncheon. There are currently 52 participants registered for this year's banquet.
2. **WNAR 2011 Student Paper Competition:** The student paper competition was chaired by Dan Gillen, in for John Kittelson. Judges were Vladimir Minin and Babak Shahbaba. 12 students participated in the student paper competition. Dan Gillen reported that the winner for the written student paper was Elizabeth Juarez-Colunga (Simon Fraser). The runner up for the written student paper was Karen McKeown (UC Berkeley). There were two winners identified for the oral presentation: Farid Jamshidian (UC Berkeley) and Karen McKeown (UC Berkeley). The runner-up for the oral presentation was Travis Loux (UC Berkeley).

3. **Report of the RAB:** Dan Gillen reported on the RAB luncheon for Diana Miglioretti, this year's RAB chair. He said that the main responsibility of the RAB was to promote WNAR and find ways to build membership. WNAR's budget was discussed. WNAR should not have as much money in savings as it currently has. Several suggestions on how to best use the money were discussed. One suggestion was to provide money for travel support to help students attend the annual WNAR meeting. The suggestion was to offer travel awards to students who participate in the student paper competition, such as an award of \$200 towards travel. Another suggestion was to provide travel awards to new investigators. We currently offer the new investigator luncheon to encourage new investigators to attend the WNAR meeting. The board discussed both options. Dan Gillen suggested limiting travel awards to young investigator participated in an invited session. The motion to help students participating in the student paper competition and to offer young investigators participating in an invited session by providing a \$200.00 travel reward passed unanimously. Dan Gillen will report these decisions back to the RAB. Dan also suggested giving the local department \$1000.00 to support their students. The board unanimously approved this suggestion. Weng Kee Wong suggested supporting travel of the organizer of the following year's meeting and the organizer of the previous year's meeting to attend the current WNAR meeting. The board had a discussion about how much support would be appropriate. Motion to support both past year's and future year's local registration was to waive registration fee + \$500.00. Weng Kee Wong suggested \$1000.00 instead. At the end of the discussion Dan Gillen put forward the motion to support travel to the WNAR meeting of the organizers of the previous year's meeting and the following year's meeting up to \$750.00. The motion was unanimously accepted. Another suggestion of the RAB was to hire someone to make the poster and web page. The board agreed that this may be a good idea. Antje Hoering mentioned that is that the ease of updating the web page by the book keeper was important. The web page gets updated throughout the year. Mary Redman and Dan Gillen will follow some leads.
4. **Program Coordinator Report:** Weng Kee Wong had been in contact with UCLA and suggested that the WNAR meeting in 2013 will be at UCLA. The board agreed with that suggestion. Oregon Health Sciences (OHSU) in Portland contacted Weng Kee Wong expressing interest in possibly hosting the WNAR meeting in 2014.
5. **IBS report:** Elizabeth Thompson requested that the IBS report be added back to the yearly WNAR agenda. Elizabeth Thompson reported that the taking-over of representative council was postponed by 6 months. She also reported that the ISA has a special session this year for IBS on diversity in biometry. Next year's IBS meeting will be held in Japan.

The regional committee adjourned at 2:00 PM.