



SWEP - NC Triangle Chapter
Meeting Minutes: 20 January 2011
6:00 – 8:00 PM (Food Court @ Prime Outlets)

Attendees: Amy Wang, Emily Barrett, Srijana Guilford, Christine Hendren, Stella Lam, Lana Kashuba, Brooke Heidenfelder, Kathryn Doll, Jessica Keener, Laura Szpir, Cynthia VanDerWiele, Sania Tong Argao

Goals for the Year/Ideas for Future Events

- **Nanotechnology Mythbusters (Co-Sponsored with Sigma Xi - Duke Chapter)** – Tuesday, March 1st from 6-8:30 p.m. at TBD
 - Need to secure venue (check if require liability insurance) and order catering items (possibly have food donated)

Tentative Agenda for Nanotechnology Mythbusters Event

6-7 PM: Networking / Heavy hors d'œuvres (soft drinks will be available); hands-on nanotechnology exhibits will be set up for attendees to explore

7-8 PM: Nanotechnology Panel-- Introductions and short presentations on five subtopics

Amy Wang, EPA -- Introduction to Nanotechnology

Joe DeSimone, UNC – Nano manufacturing/ innovations in synthesis

Nigel Walker, NIH -- Nanotoxicity

Cole Matson, Duke CEINT -- Environmental implications

Christine Hendren, RTI -- Nano risk assessment

8-8:30 PM: Nanotechnology Mythbusting-- A selection of common nanotechnology myths will be either confirmed or 'busted' by panelists

- **Potential Topic Ideas for Future Events** (in no particular order)
 - Tours of local eco-friendly places (e.g. Piedmont Biofuels, EPA-RTP campus, green houses, etc.)
 - Jobs/Careers – focus for those looking for jobs or interested in what different jobs are out there
 - Book club and/or movie discussions
 - Sustainability (April?)
 - Directors from local cities discuss sustainability
 - Career development w/ special emphasis on women-related issues
 - Environmental pollutants/allergies & health
 - “Green”/energy jobs – are most of these jobs vocational and geared towards men? If so, where can women fit into this ‘green’ focused line of work?
 - Rain garden/making yard habitat for animals/making home or garden eco-friendly
 - Incentives/ways for making sustainable or eco-friendly changes to home (e.g. Durham Toilet Rebate Program, Energy Star special offer/rebate incentives, dual-flush adapter, compost bins, rain barrels, etc.) → Compile a list and divide into three cost categories such as free, low cost, and high cost
 - Transportation in Triangle area (e.g. light rail) (May?)
 - Water issues (e.g. Rob Crook - Southeastern floating wetlands – stormwater treatment technologies, issues)
- **Others ideas? Send additional ideas/thoughts to swepnctriangle@gmail.com**

Timing Discussion - How often to meet? How often to hold events?

- Current timing of events/meetings is going well

- Monthly Board/Committee Chair meetings via teleconference or in person
- No more than one event per month
 - Social/Networking/Educational events once a month
 - 1-2 larger programs per year (e.g. Nano event in March plus one more program later this year)
- Planning meetings for events as needed prior to event
 - Either via teleconference or in person
 - Ongoing communication via email
- Membership meetings incorporated into social/networking/educational events or separate as needed

Dues vs. Registration Fees for Events

- Decided that we should start collecting membership fees again
 - This will help alleviate concerns about funding for programs/events
 - Dues paying members will gain free access to all events
 - Non-Members will pay registration fees per event
 - Will prorate fees depending on month joined
 - Will have special rates for different categories (need to incorporate special rate for the unemployed)
 - Past dues amounts for individual membership was...
 - Private Individual \$50/year*
 - Corporate membership \$200/year*
 - Non-profit organization Individual and university faculty \$20/year*
 - Government sector \$20/year*
 - Students \$10/year*
 - Will need to agree upon membership dues amounts.
 - Will need to confirm nonprofit incorporation status before collecting dues
- Need to seek Corporate Sponsorship again
 - In the past, corporate membership levels were...
 - Corporate Basic \$200*
 - Corporate Benefactor \$300*
 - Corporate Champion \$500*
 - Academic Institution/Nonprofit \$250*

Benefits include your company's logo and acknowledgement on SWEP's website, a hotlink to your company's employment opportunities, a company bio webpage, and a corporate message or advertisement in SWEP's membership directory.
 - Will need to agree upon corporate membership levels as well as benefits to include.

Volunteers/Participation

- Please sign up to help with any committees or events you are interested in! The following committees are looking for volunteers and Chairs as indicated...
 - **Communications Committee (Chair – Lana Kashuba)** Establishing/maintaining website, update brochure, marketing for events
 - **Programs Committee (Chair – currently Laura Szpir, will need replacement soon)** Securing speakers, planning for program/social events
 - **Membership Committee (Chair – OPEN)** Maintain membership list, help obtain corporate sponsorships, track dues payments
 - **Student/Campus Outreach Committee (Chair – OPEN)** Liaison between SWEP and local colleges/universities, help market events to colleges/universities
 - **Community Service Committee (Chair – OPEN)** Organize volunteer/outreach events in the local Triangle area relevant to our mission