

Minutes from the SPE southeast regional meeting at the regional conference
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Welcome

Mark Malloy opened the meeting introducing the regional officers, followed by introductions from each of the 24 members present at the meeting.

Website

Joe Champagne has completed the new website for the region. It looks great! Thanks to Joe for all his hard work. Make note of the new ability to add notices and have a link to your photo program. Heather Freeman at UNC Charlotte will be taking over the management of the website. Check the site for more information about when this transition takes place.

Newsletter

Blake Praytor is our current newsletter editor. He expressed concern of the redundancy of the newsletter and the website. Members expressed the need to contact members directly with a newsletter, rather than depending on them to actively seek out the website. A pdf email newsletter reaches 800+ people, and creates a historical record of the region's activities. Dates for the newsletter were discussed, with consensus on April and August, following the national conference and preceding the regional conference. Please send information to Blake to be included in the newsletter including exhibition announcements, articles, competition call for entries, photographs etc. Send to blake.praytor@gvltec.edu

Treasurer Report – Silvia Lizama could not be at the conference, and Michael Marshall presented her report. The conference is in excellent financial status. We started 2006 with \$9115.20 and took in \$1724.50 from the membership allocation this year. Current estimates on the conference income/expenses shows a surplus of \$3000 - \$4000. Discussion followed on how to spend these funds. A motion was made to reduce conference fees for students at the next regional conference by \$10. This motion was passed unanimously. A second motion was made for the regional officers to approach the national scholarship committee and ask them to designate 5 scholarships of \$200 each, for one student from each state in the southeast region, based upon submissions to the national office for conference scholarships. This motion was passed unanimously.

Officer Elections

Treasurer – Silvia Lizama will be ending her extended five-year term as treasurer

following the national conference in 2007. The nominating committee received just one nomination for the treasure position. That nominee is Daniel Kariko from Florida State University. The floor was opened to any final nominees. None were put forth and Daniel will assume the position of Treasurer following the national conference in March.

Advisory Committee

Michael Marshall reminded members of the Advisory Committee formed at the last national conference. If members have concerns they would like to raise, they can contact any of the advisory committee members in addition to contacting the regional officers directly.

Advisory Committee members include:

Shar Wolfe

John Pickle

Rebecca Sittler

Michelle Van Brass

Chuck Hemard

Student Representative: Caleb Smallwood (email: cs60411@appstate.edu)

List-serve

Michael Marshall was in contact with the national office about setting up a regional list-serve. It appears that none of the regions have true list-serves, and a plea was again made for anyone who could host a list-serve for the region.

Thanks!

Thanks to John Scarlata and Mark Malloy, chairs for the 2006 SE regional conference hosted by Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. It was another great conference.

Looking ahead, the 2007 regional conference will be hosted by Rebecca Nolan at the Savannah College of Art and Design. Watch for a call for submissions to present at that conference. Future conference plans include:

2008: hosted by Crista Cammaroto and the Light Factory in Charlotte.

2009: hosted by Perry Kirk of West Georgia, to be held in Atlanta

2010: hosted by George Blakely at Florida State University

Meeting adjourned.