

**ENAR Business Meeting
ENAR 2013 Orlando, FL
Orlando World Center Marriott Resort
March 12, 2013 5:30pm-6:30pm**

Attendees: Dan Heitjan, Kathy Hoskins, DuBois Bowman, Karen Bandeen-Roche, John Aleong, Eric Siegel, Linda Young, Sarah Ratcliffe, Tom Louis, Linda Pickle, Renee Moore, Brent Coull

Welcome

Dan Heitjan

Review of Business Meeting Minutes – ENAR 2012

Dan Heitjan

- No minutes from the 2012 ENAR business meeting were available.

Treasurer's Report

Jose Pinheiro

- Dan summarized that there were a few bad years but that in 2012 we had a net gain in our fund balance for the first time in three or four years.
- Dan summarized the plan to revise ENAR's investment strategy. The return last year was 0.45%, so not really making any money. Two consulting firm proposals were presented at the EC and RECOM meetings. The decision is to go forward with one of them (Smith Barney) and get a more concrete proposal. The thought is to invest 200K out of 300K in current investments in new fund structure. This is motivated by COPSS, which has been realizing better returns. The hope is to get this nailed down before JSM.

Executive Director's Report

Kathy Hoskins

- For 2013 ENAR we have approximately 1040 attendees. Sponsorship was strong, but fewer exhibitors than previous years. Nobody paid to have an insert in the packet, which was possibly a cost-cutting strategy. The Executive Committee is looking at ways to address this decline. We lost a few registrants to cuts imposed by the sequester. Also short course attendance was down.

Report on 2013 Spring Meeting

Program Summary

S. Ratcliffe

- 63 invited sessions with the rest contributed sessions.
- Had 106 posters. The quality of the posters was much higher than in previous years.
- Tom Louis suggested that the layout of the poster session could be something other than long alleys of posters, perhaps some nonlinear configuration to make it more integrated with the mixer. He felt the current configuration isolates people discussing posters from the other mixer attendees. Dan pointed out that it is good to have people go through the posters to get to the food.
- Renee put in a plug for more poster judges, noting that this year's judges had

to judge between 8-12 posters in two hours. Dan wants to make sure other RAB members share the load with Renee. There were 30 judges this year. Renee thought 40 would be a better number.

- Dan noted that more judges are needed for the student paper award. This year the committee contained 12 members for 143 submissions, a record number.

Junior researchers workshop

Kathy Hoskins

- The junior researchers workshop was held on Saturday, March 9, 2013. It was supported by a 30K one-time grant, and a coalition of Universities provided another 10-11K. 44 people applied, and 30 attended, lower than previous years. We want to hold it every other year now, and will skip 2014 Baltimore.

Fostering diversity workshop

Renee Moore

- Fostering diversity workshop had 33 total participants. No grant funding. Fully supported by a coalition of 6 institutions. Workshop included 2 panel discussions and small group discussions, networking experience added for sponsors, and travel support. A pending grant got a good score (9th percentile), and it will be held next year in Baltimore. Renee Moore is rotating off as co-chair and Knashawn Morales and Simone Gray will co-chair next year's committee. Dan noted that next year we need more students, as the senior panelists nearly outnumbered the students this year.

2014 ENAR Program Update

Dubois Bowman

- Hernando Ombao is the Program chair. Qi Long is the Co-Chair. The entire Program Committee is populated.
- The Education Advisory Committee is still being assembled. Dubois will chair this committee.
- Invited session proposals will be due June 22. A flyer is going out.
- The venue is the Marriott Waterfront in Baltimore.

Future Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM)

Dan Heitjan

2013 Montreal

- Melanie Wall is the ENAR representative to the 2013 Program Committee. The ENAR-sponsored program is looks great, with 10 invited sessions.

2014 Boston

Dan Heitjan

- Doug Schaubel has agreed to serve as the ENAR rep on the 2014 JSM Program Committee.

Updates on Committees

Sponsorship Committee

Dan Heitjan

- The Sponsorship committee is made up of Jennifer Schumi, Laura Myerson, and Tai-Tsang Chen. There was some difficulty getting everyone together on calls this year, and things ran quite late. Dan recommended that new members be appointed by the time of JSM and

that there needs to be more hands-on approach, including a chair and more training for new committee members. Suggestion was to get former members of committee with lots of experience, such as Frank Shen or Christy Clark, to train new members. Would be good to gather these trainers and new members at JSM.

Nominations Committee

Karen Bandeen-Roche

- Karen plans to convene the committee in late April.
- Need to nominate President, Treasurer, and 2 RECOM members.
- She would like to ideally have the election ending September 1. Get the slate to membership for 4-6 weeks voting time. So plans to have the slate by mid-June. Her strategy will be to look to see who is rotating off of RAB and RECOM.

Graduate Student Council (GSC)

Dan Heitjan

- The GSC, established by Hormuzd Katki, contains 10 members (8 current grad students, 2 recent graduate students. There is a RAB liaison (Clara Kim) to the council. It successfully competed for an invited session slot this year, focusing on how to get a job with representatives of government and industry present. The GSC has many innovative ideas for ENAR, including improved networking at the mixer and website improvements. One goal is to achieve diversity of institutions represented on the council.

IBS

- 2014 IBC will be held in Florence, Italy.
- 2016 IBC will be held in Victoria, British Columbia.
- The IBS Executive Board meets this coming weekend in Germany, with the topic of this meeting being strategic membership initiatives.

RECOM

Dan Heitjan

- Dan noted that ENAR is increasingly focused on academic research at the exclusion of government and industry issues. He has been hearing this for awhile and been thinking of ways to change the reality and perception. RECOM has been brainstorming on this issue, and in very early planning stages of an award for a young pharma researcher or other strategies.
- Tom Louis mentioned that this has been an on-going issue for decades, and thought it would help to have a president from industry. He noted that occasionally ASA has the unannounced strategy of having both presidential candidates from one sector. Dan noted we do have stalwarts of ENAR from these other sectors that would make good presidents. Dan also thought about appointing a RAB chair from industry, although he noted there is the additional issue of that person often having to get permission from his or her employer, which is not

always automatic.

- Dan noted that this is an issue with COPSS awards as well as our young researchers workshop.
- Dan noted that ENAR has tried to provide short courses targeted to pharma, ecological, and natural resources audiences, with somewhat mixed success.
- Linda Young didn't think the meeting had changed too much over the years she's been attending. Suggested making a small committee to bring new ideas to see if we can do some things better.
- Dan agreed and will put this on the agenda for the Montreal RAB/RECOM meeting.