Region Conference Call

Monday, April 29, 2013

Attendees: (Bold are voting members)

Andrea Karalus, Katherine Culbert, Ellen McIsaac, **Lori Amara** (Boston), **Megan Doran** (CT), **Pam Gillis** (North Country), **Sarah Koenig** (Hartford), Jenny Lynch (North Country), Christiana Levy (Mid-Hudson), **Karen Warren** (Boston), **Darlene Yeardon** (Mid-Hudson)

Clarification: Dates for teleconferences sent out by Andrea are Governors’ calls, not region calls

Discussion of Strategic Plan – Feedback to Region Senators.  Jenny sent out Strategic Plan Package in 4/20 email.

Comment about one of the value propositions from Lori and Pam: pg 7 “For Professionals” **All by women in engineering, for women in engineering**. This is not accurate as there are male speakers, members, supporters, and also women who are not in engineering. Jenny and Karen will take this comment back to the Senate as they have a call tomorrow. Vote is in early May.

Question about the budget from Darlene: Will operational budget be 3-year? Yes, will be 3-year rolling budget for strategic goals. Will it be measured to the year? Purpose is to have a longer view of how we are spending money.

Region Planning Meeting & CLF – Need to start planning for this meeting/Date and location have not been decided

Several other regions plan a summer “leadership summit”. More geared to Professionals, with collegiate officers.

CLF has been a training program for collegiate leaders.

If we want to turn our Fall planning meeting into a Leadership Summit, we may need to change the location, and we need to settle on a date. Other Summits have been more training rather than business oriented, ie: Roberts Rules of Order, CLC and PLC give sessions, etc.

How much do we want to spend on this? How many days/partial days do we want this to be? Can we get agendas from other regions that have done this?

Proposal to have a 1-day session in place of the Fall Region Planning Meeting. Is it possible to do some of the planning meeting during a conference call beforehand to help keep the meeting portion shorter?

Darlene volunteers to collect info from other regions about the Leadership Summits. Ellen will help with collegiate portion. They will put together a proposed agenda for presentation.

Saturday, September 21 is the proposed date. $10 fee proposed for all attendees to cover breakfast and lunch. Proposal to not take on-line payment, pay at the door, only RSVP on-line. Proposal to have conference at WNEU to test out facilities/planning. Will need to have WNEU reserve rooms, rest of planning will be handled by the Region. E-Blast with save the date to go to entire region (Darlene and Ellen to draft for Andrea to distribute).

Outreach Status – Need feedback on the SWEeter Futures program ease of use

Christiana had a meeting with Jenny for hand-off. She sent an email to the volunteers from the region conference to remind them to log hours, no one has logged any hours yet for it.

Pam had issues with adding attendees, volunteers couldn’t find event, “network was down”, no problem creating the event.

Bylaws Status – Potential changes and incorporation

Tabled.

Walk-On Items

Region Conference Call to be May 21 at 8pm to discuss and vote on Agenda and Budget for Leadership Summit. All Section Reps please attend.

Ellen and Andrea will be going to WNEU on Sunday, will possibly take items for hand-off.