3rd Quarter FGSA Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Time: 2pm EST

Action Items:
  1) Request to be added as an administrator to the APS FGSA facebook page to help with advertising
  2) Send election/nomination information to be posted in everyone’s department
  3) Advertise FGSA/CCPD webinar on 9/13/16
  4) Add yourself to review committee for travel awards
  5) Get newsletters done by December (for April Meeting) and February (for March Meeting)
  6) Look into starting LinkedIn group

Attendance: Andrea, Lucas, Anashe, Krista, Cathleen, Josh, Joy

Regrets: Ruth, Val, Nick, Julia, Hannah

Agenda/Minutes:

1) Budget update (Ruth): Updated FGSA report has not been updated yet by APS for the Month of July.
   a) A large part of our current budget, plus money from APS in January, will be used to host CAM2017. We will not have a budget surplus this year or next due to that, and we will need to finance things even more carefully than usual.
   b) Expenses this year: 12-13 outstanding travel awards
   c) Expenses next year: ~24 travel awards plus speaker travel reimbursement for March and April Meeting, plus CAM expenses (see item 9.b.ii below for details)

2) Travel Award update (Josh)
   a) Q4 applications just opened and are starting to come in, will end September 20
      i) Reviewers: Andrea, Lucas, Cathleen,
   b) 25 awards given in 2016 (8 APS meetings, 2 Lindau Nobel meetings, awardees from ~20 different universities)
   c) No major complaints with process. Average of 3 weeks after close of applications to announce awards. Happy with this timeline, but we should encourage reviewers to start looking at applications before the closure of applications.

3) FGSA/CCPD webinars (Anashe)
   a) Interactive webinar on Industrial Postdocs September 13
   b) Please advertise this and register to attend!
      i) If cannot attend in person, can still register and get the materials later.
   c) Next webinar in the spring semester: Writing an Academic CV vs Resume

4) APS Bridge (Anashe)
   a) Grad Ed/APS Bridge Conference, February 10-12, 2017 in College Park, MD
b) How to create/maintain a physics grad student association: any volunteers knowledgeable on this topic? Andrea will ask if anyone in her department, which recently started a new PGSA, can speak on this.

5) FGSA Careers website (Anashe)
   a) New site mockup
      For comparison, this is the old version:
      http://www.aps.org/units/fgsa/careers/index.cfm

6) Other website updates:
   a) Executive committee: https://www.aps.org/units/fgsa/governance/officers/
   b) Committees: https://www.aps.org/units/fgsa/governance/committees/index.cfm

7) March and April meeting planning
   a) March (Andrea): Mental Health session.
      i) General ideas, some speakers in mind. Will get busy on this soon.
   b) April (Lucas): Shared session with Division for Nuclear Physics. Talking about industry and career issues in the first section, last part is a panel discussion about career opportunities for physicists in policy-related fields.
      i) Speakers have been entered into database
      ii) Hoping to have a politician, AAAS fellow, lobbyist

8) Newsletter
   a) New co-Editor? Nick will help Danielle
   b) Need to have newsletters ready by early December (for April Meeting) and early February (March Meeting)

9) CAM planning (Krista)
   a) Program
      i) Theme: “Physicists of the Future: Transcending Boundaries”
         (1) Intentionally broad
         (2) Will explore the many boundaries (disciplinary, geographical, mental/emotional) that physics graduate students must cross in pursuit of science
      ii) 2 panel discussions to explore the theme, 5 plenary sessions with 2 invited speakers, and 12 sessions of student talks (in 4 groups of 3 parallel sessions)
      iii) Social program: banquet, networking reception, possible optional group outing in DC at the end
   b) Budget
      i) Registration fee
         (1) Must they register before award decisions are made?
      ii) Estimated expenses
   c) Proposal is in good shape and just needs to be updated as numbers solidify
   d) Advertising campaign is set up and coordinated with APS Communications Department

10) Elections/nominations committee--Val has prepared a poster, pdf with info on the available positions, and a png to be posted on social media networks.
    a) Early October election open goal
b) Need support in posting on LinkedIn, facebook, etc.

11) Webmaster: need someone to post advertisements for upcoming events and opportunities offered by FGSA (call for nominations, April/March meeting sessions, CAM, etc.)

a) Facebook
   i) It is a closed group with ~500 people
   ii) Can we make it an open group?
   iii) Can we also create a Facebook site (for announcements)?

b) LinkedIn group? Krista will look into this.