

STUDENT PHARMACISTS' SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
BOARD MEETING
September 27, 2007

MINUTES
Taken by Sonia Patel

Members in Attendance: Kathryn Jones (UB) Miranda M. (UB), Nicole (Wegman's), Boris Skverchak (LIU), Krugika (Wegman's), Jacklyn D. (LIU), Sonia Patel (ACP)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Membership

- Each school encouraged to make their own chapter
- Albany affiliated under APhA-ASP in which dues are collected by APhA-ASP and then sent to SPSSNY – any member of APhA-ASP is automatically a member of SPSSNY
- LIU – had a separate chapter, but unfortunately was not very successful
- UB has separate chapter and has been growing strong
 - Many active members
- Suggestions
 - Sub-committee of APhA-ASP
 - Done at Albany, contact Sonia at patels2@acp.edu for details
 - Separate entity – hold own meetings and separate business
 - Done at UB, contact Kathryn at kijones@buffalo.edu for details
 - Conduct socials with pharmacists to encourage growth of chapter as well as to build a strong relationship with our affiliate...they are the ones who give us money to go to convention ☺

Albany Day

- Contact Academic Advisor to allow class time off for Legislative Day
 - Find out when faculty make agenda for upcoming semester – UB faculty usually do it some time around October
- Ask faculty not to schedule tests so more students can attend
- Sponsorship for buses
 - RDC
 - Coordinate transportation between Buffalo and Rochester
- Kathryn will send when the exact date is

Sponsorship for 2008 Convention

- Last year we sent letters in the Spring, however this year we want to send it earlier
- Need to inform Katie O'Malley to help coordinate
 - Need affiliates' numbers as well as contacts
 - Katie wants this to be student initiated
 - Have individuals write to affiliates instead of her asking them
Adding a more personal touch!

- Kathryn will get a list of the affiliates and a liaison from each school of pharmacy will sign up to write a letter to contact affiliates by Christmas time
 - E-mail Kathryn which affiliate you would like to write to (kijones@buffalo.edu)
 - If you're of an ethnicity that has an affiliate please indicate (ie Italian Association, Indian Association etc.) so we can pair you up so the letter is more personal
 - Whichever affiliate you contact, please make sure to follow-up with them
- Address letters to the chair/president of affiliate
- Don't ask for an exact amount right now – maybe ask to sponsor X amount of students rather than talk about price
- Ask your school to sponsor students
 - Please find out protocols...you may have to fill out a form
 - Ask your school now while there is still money to be given out!!!
- Officers are guaranteed a spot but we need to find money for other members

Website

- Acronym – SPSSNY is incorrect on homepage (SPSNNY)
- Sonia's name is spelled wrong
- Suggestions
 - Create a forum or blog
 - Set up a face-book group
 - Have individual schools of pharmacy advertise the SPSSNY website on their internal websites (ie have your APhA-ASP chapter website put a separate link for SPSSNY)
 - Send Alina links of your school so we can put it on the website (Aeisen2@buffalo.edu)
 - Send in Bills of interest, letters
 - UB and Albany will send Immunizations and CDTM bills to Alina
Need to ask advisor for permission, however should not be a problem
 - If you have any other ideas or ways we can improve the current SPSSNY website please contact Alina at Aeisen2@buffalo.edu

Interaction with Pharmacists

- UB and Albany good contact with affiliates
 - Try to get a liaison to attend their board meetings if the affiliate allows a student to be present
- Be proactive with affiliates
 - SPAWNY president wants to do a social event with pharmacists to increase networking opportunities
- Affiliate newsletters → see if your affiliate has a newsletter and ask if you can write an article for their next installment
- Need to create more opportunities for students get involved

Miscellaneous

- Please contact Katie O'Malley for a date so she can come to your school (katieo@pssny.org)
- Please try to form a sub-committee within the next couple of weeks
 - Next meeting will discuss each school's progress with this
- Coordinate with Katie if we can get a list-serve going for the exec board of SPSSNY as well as a member list-serve to allow for better communication
- Our next meeting will be in November or December in the evening
 - If evenings are not good for you please contact Kathryn at kijones@buffalo.edu
- Please keep an eye out for upcoming e-mails for more details about Albany Day, affiliates and other upcoming events!!!

Good luck on exams everyone!!!!

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.