

Minutes from the BSGSA meeting on 5/13/2003

Mike suggested that we, the BSGSA, write a letter to the Graduate school about a few issues: we now have to pay a \$100 fee to get our thesis read and reviewed by the reader. The fee was supposed to be used to hire an additional reader to decrease the waiting time between readings. No new readers were hired (or we are not aware of it). It was suggested that they could hire a technical writer/reviewer.

Ph.D. students in the department have had problems getting their plan of study approved, some have not. A lot of inconsistencies have been observed. Dave wisely advised all of us to make copies of everything that is sent to the graduate school (they lost forms...). Mike, Mark and Dave volunteered to write a letter to the graduate school in the name of the BSGSA to the grad. School.

Greg mentioned that he is attempting to take over the management of the grad students web site. He has posted pictures of the fundraiser on the BSGSA website (<http://www.acm.ndsu.nodak.edu/~biologic/>).

Mark gave us a quick update on the fall symposium: it will be held on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. They so far have raised \$2300 (great job guys), and are waiting on other potential funding. They plan on not asking registration fees from students. A call for abstracts have been sent to university all throughout the Midwest, ask Matt for more details. Two keynote speakers will be invited (sorry I did not get the names down, ask mark for more info). They will need help in the fall to set up the symposium (posters, organizations...)

Nomination for next years officers: Besides the names that were previously sent to us via email, Jeremy Guinn was nominated for treasurer. It was decided that treasurer could be a position held by two people.

Greg was nominated for 2 positions and decided to run for secretary, Mark decided to run only for president. Susan decided to run for both secretary and treasurer. Ballots will be sent and can be returned to Dave (more details to come).  
Nominations: President: Mark Davis; Vice president: Matt Smith; Treasurer: Shawn Hawks, Susan Spinar and Jeremy Guinn; Secretary: Susan Spinar and Gregory Forcey

Mike was this year recipient of the Sheila Kath award, congratulations Mike!!!

Governor school: the governor school day will be on June 14<sup>th</sup>: So far 3 stations have been proposed:

- A herp station managed by Matt and Mark
- A fish, invert station managed by Dave, Mike, Jim...
- A bird station (in need of a net, anyone has one???) managed by Shawn and ?  
Greg?

In preparation, each individual is responsible for getting their equipment ready ahead of time. Have a great summer!