

Notes from Outreach Meeting: February 11, 2008

1. Introductions
2. Updates from the President, Heather (heather.behanna@us.astellas.com)
 - a. We received funding from Baxter
 - b. May 2008 panel event
 - c. February 20th networking event
 - d. University of Chicago Diverse Careers Panel-AWIS will be co-sponsoring the panel
3. Alyson Higgins (not present), contributing to the outreach event with TechGyrls (YWCA)
 - a. We would like to get a group of committed volunteers from AWIS to donate time on a re-occurring basis to work with the TechGyrls program
 - b. Jen Crawford will send out an email to the list serve asking for AWIS volunteers in order to probe for interest in the program
4. Jessica Reimer (not present), is working on a partnership with the Museum of Contemporary Art
 - a. She will be having a volunteer interview soon and will hopefully know more about scheduling a programming event at that time
 - b. Jessica is also interested in any writing opportunities we can provide her with
 - i. The outreach group would like to have Jessica write up all of the bios for our outreach events.
5. Joy Ramos (mr-ramos@northwestern.edu)
 - a. Joy is currently looking for AWIS volunteers for the upcoming Chicago Public Schools Science Fair on March 28th.
 - i. A listserve email was sent out to all members a week ago and another one will be sent out the first of March, please contact Joy if you are interested and she will provide you with the details
 - b. Joy has contacted Eli's Cheesecakes to plan an outreach event but has not had any response yet, she will try to make other contacts and follow up with her progress
 - i. Eli's also mentioned a possible sponsorship opportunity so Joy will also follow up on that topic and get them the necessary paperwork from Melanie
 - c. Joy would like to make contacts also with Kraft, Sara Lee and Pepsico
 - i. If you have any contacts within these companies that could assist Joy please contact her directly!
6. Jen Crawford (jcrawford@kforce.com)
 - a. Currently working on scheduling an outreach event planning meeting with the Brookfield Zoo for Fall 2008

- b. She has a meeting with Girls in the Game (Chicago Park District non-profit) to work on scheduling an April or June 2008 AWIS outreach event, more details to come.
- 7. Kathleen Somera (kathleensomeramolina2008@u.northwestern.edu) would like to plan a “teen” girl’s outreach event with L’Oreal; she may have a contact within HR.
- 8. Extra programming ideas
 - a. Halloween Chemistry event @ Northwestern-Renee will make a contact
 - b. A potential Science Policy discussion
- 9. The original list of programming ideas will be sent out again and we will be looking for AWIS volunteers to spear head any programs that they would like to take on.
- 10. Jen will be looking into Chicago Cares and womenoncall.org in order to gather up more volunteers for any events we are short on help with.
- 11. Our next outreach meeting will be scheduled for mid-March, date TBD.