

Meeting Minutes, September, 2007

AWIS minutes and action items:

Meeting held in the residence of Sandy Pearce, VP Finance
Commenced at 7pm

Programming for the upcoming year:

1. Ideas were put forward for a series of dinners on a theme, potentially titled “Career Innovation Series”.
2. A panel on “Work-Life Balance” was proposed for April ’08. Three speakers was considered appropriate
 - a. Goals are for variety and keeping focus on constructive discussion
 - b. Ideas for speakers
 - i. Someone from Working Mother Magazine who could speak on how the “Best companies for working mothers” are chosen.
 - ii. Potentially someone from the Abbott part-time group or a similar support group
 - iii. Someone who has been actively involved in programming to address work-life balance and women in the sciences
3. A “Self-promotion” Series was proposed. This would consist of 3 parts: Presentation Skills, Interview Skills and Negotiation Skills.
 - a. Presentation skills – potentially a dinner in November
 - b. Interview skills – potentially a dinner in February with a headhunter or recruiter.
 - c. Negotiation skills – potentially a workshop for March.
4. Social programming
 - a. Book club set for October 4th. The book is “Women Don’t Ask” by Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever. The event will be at Ethel’s in Old Orchard mall
 - b. Discussion of using pre-existing events for social events through out the year
 - i. Midnight yoga, Bloom Studio, November 2nd, 10:30pm.
 - ii. Beauty Bar, 12 W Elm St, October 25 (or any other Thursday).
 - iii. Golf lessons for women.

Next board meeting is set for after the book club on October 4th.