

SW-ASTE Meeting Notes  
October, 5 2013

Business meeting:

- Gil Naizer shared out information about the national ASTE conference, Jan. 15-18 in San Antonio. They will eventually need volunteers to help with registration, etc, but currently need help with obtaining enough video projectors and may need laptops.
- Kelly Feille was elected as the new Secretary for SW-ASTE. The term is for 3 years.
- The SW-ASTE members accepted the invitation from Emporia State University's Matt Seimears to host the 2014 conference.
- Matt Seimears was also elected President-Elect.
- Suzanne Nesmith expressed an interest to host SWASTE in Waco in 2015
- SW-ASTE members are interested in a source of current information, but are not certain about a newsletter. Kelvin Kibler suggested a Facebook page and volunteered to create it.

Council Meeting

In attendance: Christine Shupla, Kim Bilica, Water Smith, Dan Smith, Becky Sinclair, Gil Naizer, Kelly Feille, Vanessa Dodo Seriki

- Treasurer Dan Smith is looking into PayPal and a local bank to see about establishing an account, so that SW-ASTE can have a budget that permits it to gather registrations that will be independent of a university or institution.
- We discussed the costs of hosting conferences at hotels versus on campus—hotels can be very costly.
- We discussed possibly hosting awards or drawings for left-over funds to enable grad students to attend future conferences.
- Leftover funds could also be used to purchase swag for advertising SW-ASTE during the January national conference.
- Vanessa agreed to conduct an inquiry into other ASTE regional organizations to find out how they manage funds. She also agreed to look into a social for SWASTE to take place at the ASTE in January
- The council members greatly appreciated the format of this year's conference, with time to talk, the informal friendly nature of the conference, and the participants staying together throughout the day.
- Someone expressed an interest in a novel presentation format that would be an "open discussion" that would limit the number of slides and the time allocated to the presentation of the slides
- We discussed perhaps coordinating arrivals in Wichita next year so that members can drive together to Emporia.
- Kelvin Kibler's position was discussed. Any change in officers would require re-writing the SW-ASTE by-laws. Instead, the council decided to create a Technology Committee, which Kelvin would chair.