

NEBSA Board Minutes – 07/11/2017

1. Review June 2017 Meeting Minutes (All)
 - The Board Approved the June 2017 Minutes
 - Abstain: Betsy

2. NEBSA Board Lunch:
 - Friday, August 4th or 25th 1 pm
 - Location suggestions – China Town, North End, Cambridge, Boston
 - Restaurant suggestions – (all)
 - The Board agreed to send out additional dates with evening times (Despina)

3. Budget Update (Mary)
 - Budget will be reviewed at the next month's meeting.

4. Annual Symposium (All)
 - Webcast options (Kathy, Rhonda) – in progress
 - “After-symposium social” (beer and pizza) at a local restaurant with optional attendance options (Mary) – in progress
 - Attendance cost (Mary) – in progress
 - Potential Topics/Talks:
 - Abstracts received:
 - Application of Biosafety in Innovative Lab Design Final - The Board will review in August with all other submissions.
 - Speaker/Topic suggestions:
 - Previously Discussed Topics/Speakers:
 - Multi-faceted Aspects of Biosafety - Theme
 - Emory Biosafety Dept. – working with the clinical side – working in industry vs. academia (Anne, Mary) – in progress
 - Anthony Troiano, Public Health from RI (Rhonda) – in progress
 - NEIDL – CDC Permit was obtained (John) – in progress
 - CDC Select Agent – Updates to Regulations (inactivation) – (Despina) – in progress
 - NIH Gene Therapy Updates (possible option) (Despina)
 - Animal Biosafety (Jessica) – in progress
 - Zoonotic agents
 - Transgenic
 - Different species
 - Zebrafish
 - IACUC/IBC Integration
 - Multiple hazard agents administered into the animals
 - Hazard assessment forms/process – chem/rad/bio (panel discussion) (Pari, Betsy, Mary) – breakdown rooms (Rhonda)
 - Insectary – (Yale) (Ben)
 - Application of ACL's
 - Biopharma Biosafety (e.g. vaccine development) (Jessica) – Amgen

- Oncolytic viruses
 - How therapy works/discovery
 - Hospital/clinic use
 - Large scale, GLP, and biosafety (Mary, Rhonda – Merk) – in progress
 - Eric Minikel and Sonia Vallabh, prion research Broad (Rhonda) <http://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2017/06/19/527795512/a-couples-quest-to-stop-a-rare-disease-before-it-takes-one-of-them>
 - ABSA President (Despina)
 - UMass Lowell Grad Student – LAI Capstone (Mary)
 - Group will brainstorm ideas (all)
 - Next year topic – gene therapy production (Betsy)
5. Taxes Status Update (Mary & Despina) – in progress
 6. Communication/Outreach to Universities & Colleges – draft talking points (Christine) – in progress
 7. Communication/Outreach to Towns/Cities to help with Ordinances Update – (Pari) – Burlington asked for help to re-write their policies
 8. Interactive Learning/Networking Event Location – (Christine)- in progress
 9. Other Business (All)