

## NEBSA Board Meeting Minutes – June 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Board Members Present:** D. Felis, A. Sallee, M. Sabolefski, L. Mark, J. Healey, J. Tonkiss, P. Arokiaraj, R. O’Keefe, B. Parsons

**Board Members Absent:** K. Joseph, P. Holeman

### AGENDA

- I. Review the May 2018 Meeting Minutes (All)
  - Approve
- II. UMass Lowell Student Presentation – Lab Acquired Infections, Sean Ryan
  - The talk will be presented to the Board on July 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm
- III. 2018 NEBSA Board Goals
  - Mentoring Program Status Updates (Rhonda, Mary, Pari)
    - i. The mentor’s availability was confirmed.
    - ii. Total of 3 pairs of mentor-mentees. They will be paired by the end of the week.
  - Webinar – potential topics/speakers update
    - i. Budget review for hosting webinars (Mary)
      1. Review webinar platforms used by other Affiliates – Despina
        - a. Ruzuku - <https://www.ruzuku.com/pricing.htm> \$83 a mo billed annually – approximately \$1000 for the year
        - b. GoToWebinar - [\\$89](https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/pricing) a month billed annually - approximately \$1000 for the year
      2. Review above programs (Rhonda)
      3. Small fee to register for webinar will be charged
      4. Will be purchased when webinar is set up to avoid inactive costs
      5. New topics for webinar –
        - a. Biosafety 101 (4 hours)
        - b. Announce at Symposium – Dec/Jan time frame
    - ii. Scholarship for student’s update
      - i. Web Based Application (Betsy/Rhonda/Jessica)
        1. In progress
    - Social Media Outreach update
      - i. No updates were provided
- IV. Symposium – November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at UMass Medical Worcester
  - i. UMass Worcester – November 15<sup>th</sup> (150 estimate) and 16<sup>th</sup> (50 estimate)
  - ii. ½ BL-3 Day Workshop and potential presentations (Rhonda, Ted, Pari, Despina)
  - iii. Send out save the date for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (Rhonda)

- iv. Any animal research related topics will require notification to UMass Medical Public Safety Office
- v. Presentations requested ahead of time by UMass Communications Office
- vi. Classroom style seating requested will cost - \$384
- vii. Post Symposium Survey (Jessica)
- viii. Symposium Budget Review (Mary)
  - 1. Fee to attend
    - a. 15<sup>th</sup> Full Day – review budget and discuss next month
    - b. 16<sup>th</sup> Half Day – review budget and discuss next month
  - 2. Fee for Sponsors - \$300
  - 3. Fee for Exhibitors (10 tables) - \$400 (Rhonda, Despina – Post and send out forms)
  - 4. Budget for Food
    - a. On the 15<sup>th</sup> min required \$3,500
    - b. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, no min if done by 11:30 am
    - c. Verify food order pending registration submissions in advance of the meeting - Sodexo
  - 5. Bathroom Porter Fee – \$384
  - 6. Visitor Parking for Speakers – review budget and discuss next month
  - 7. Budget for Speakers Gifts – review budget and discuss next month
  - 8. Budget for Speaker Travel – review budget and discuss next month
- ix. Notes from last year’s survey
  - 1. more coffee – add coffee to the lunch
  - 2. more time for breaks
  - 3. seating for lunch
  - 4. additional lunches and more options
  - 5. length of symposium
  - 6. start and finish times to not compete with traffic
  - 7. more Q&A time with speakers
  - 8. audience participation
  - 9. public health representation
  - 10. Less time on the ABSA Update
  - 11. More interactive booths
  - 12. More clinical studies
  - 13. Equipment technology vendors
  - 14. Follow up on prion disease from the broad
  - 15. 15 min time period to introduce yourself to someone you don’t know
  - 16. Lab based disease incidences
  - 17. A technical biosafety presentation with up to date info on a topic such as disinfection, waste management, or infectious diseases.
  - 18. Large scale biologics
  - 19. a work shop or class??
  - 20. More biosafety, less science
- x. Suggested Topics:
  - 1. Regulatory Updates

- a. Kathryn H. - NIH OSP
  - b. Other agencies? FBI, DOT, USDA, APHIS, Fish & Wildlife, CDC
- 2. BMBL 6<sup>th</sup> Edition Updates
- 3. Clinical Trials – institution tag team regarding oversight and regulations
  - a. Edward David, Celgene (San Diego)
  - b. Celgene is coming to Cambridge
  - c. Poliovirus clinical study
  - d. Jason C. - Mass Eye & Ear, Gene Therapy regarding Blindness (Kathy)
- 4. ½ day BL-3 presentation, working group
- 5. Pimp your biosafety program
  - a. Resources
  - b. Support
- 6. Insectary Research – Malaria
- 7. Lab Automation
- 8. Next generation gene sequencing
- 9. 3D Printers (Vertex, Novartis)
- 10. Jeff L. – University of Vermont – Culture in Academia vs. Industry
- 11. AABC Testing – Biosafety Cabinet Certifications
- 12. ABSA 2018 Updates
- 13. Biosecurity
- 14. Safety Culture
- 15. CRISPR/Gene Therapy – Penny
- 16. CRISPR – p53 – increased risk of cancer (Novartis)
- 17. NIH guidelines update
- 18. Eagleson Institute – biosafety cabinet engineering
- 19. Topic highlight from ABSA for those unable to attend; differences in protocols for handling blood in clinical setting vs. research lab
- 20. comparison of older and newer methods - for example alternatives to not cloning in a marker to see results
- 21. Plant topics, including molecular work with plants and transgenic plant work
- 22. Risk evaluation and risk communication
- 23. current emerging infectious diseases
- 24. liked ABSA presentation by G. O'Riordan on situation based training
- 25. DIY gene manipulations and stand of regulatory agencies
- 26. Gene drives, RNAi, viral vectors, shipping-how to figure out when a permit is necessary...
- 27. gene editing updates perhaps from local field experts
- 28. Public Health – Penny, Pari, Kathy
- 29. Recombinant DNA
- 30. Large Scale – viral vectors (Betsy)
- 31. DFCI Cell Manipulation Core Facility (Despina)
- 32. BL-3 UMass Medical (Rhonda)

xi. Confirmed Topics & Speakers

- 1. NEBSA 2018 Updates

2. Jeff L. – University of Vermont – rDNA Agriculture, Cheeses (Laura)
3. 15 Minutes Networking Activity
4. Sean Ryan – LAI Capstone (15 min)
5. Mentor Program Update

xii. New Business

1. None