

Fellows Council Virtual Meeting, July 24, 2023

09:30 AM Pacific/10:30 AM Mountain/11:30 AM Central/12:30 PM Eastern

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Gina Gatto (GG), Fernando Aguirre (FA), Harold Conner (HC), Anthony Fregosi (AF), Ahmed Khogeer (AK), John O'Connell (JO), Nicholas Urbanski (NU), Lori McDowell (LM), Diane Spencer (DS), Laura Dietsche (LD), Mark Swientoniewski (MS), Jessica O. Winter (JW), Natalie Krauser (NK)

Action Items

1. Meeting Minutes Approval – LM
 - a. June 2023 FC Meeting Minutes – Approved
2. IDEAL Moment – LM
 - a. Florida has some challenging political policies, especially as it applies to the LGBTQ+ community. Fellows who will be attending the upcoming annual meeting should offer “support” to those who may not feel “safe”.
3. Annual Meeting Update – GG
 - a. Registration has opened.
 - b. Fellows Activities
 - Fellows Breakfast – Will be on Tuesday on 11/7, will include Fellow networking activity
4. Fellows Newsletter - AF
 - a. Next content submission deadline is August 15th
 - b. 2023 Q2 Newsletter is posted on the Fellows Webpage.
 - c. 2023 Q2 email to Fellows has gone out.
 - d. Did you get the email - If not, please let Anthony and Gina know.
 - e. Any comments, suggestions

5. Plans for 2023 – All

a. Student Programs

- How many Fellows participated at Student Regionals?
 1. Gina/Fernando will work to develop. FA can report only those who expressed interest – this is on Box
- How many students used the design problem?
 1. Numbers have been developed (23 Teams, 3 Individuals) – GG

b. Speakers Corner – FA

- No further action at present – but an article will be put in the newsletter regarding Speakers - FA

c. Fellow Engagement

- Work is underway setting up a way to measure demographics of Fellow diversity – GG
 1. Just instituted process to require “self-reporting of demographics”.
- SHI Task Force Report – JO
 1. Data from new Fellows regarding their interests – LM/JO
 - a. See Item 8 below.
 2. Workshop in December regarding plastics “circularity”.
 3. Students who participated in recent design problem invited to give a presentation.
 4. Submit an article to CEP.
 - a. Content under development.

d. Fellows Survey – LM

- Update – Lori meeting with “Joe” following this FC meeting regarding survey development.
- Multiple methods to distribute survey.

6. The next “In-Person” Fellows Council Meeting will be at the Annual Meeting on November 5th – 10th in Orlando, FL.

- a. Right after Breakfast on Tuesday (11/7).

7. New Business –ALL

a. HC – Suggested we work on inviting a determined number of YPs (3 – 5) to the Spring Meeting Fellow’s Breakfast.

- GG - A process will need to be developed as to how to do this.

b. AIChE Foundation Presentation - Natalie Krauser (NK)

- We can run a Fellows Endowment giving report though previous reports showed it was ~\$17K. The minimum is \$50K so no monies can be accessed until at least the minimum is met. Plus there are endowment guidelines (5% of earnings are available annually once minimums are met).
- Fund raising is currently “paused” until the FC defines their goals, use case, etc.
- NK would be happy to reach out to Annette if there has been any “movement” on goals development.
- NK – one possible next step would be once the Fellows fund reaches the needed establishment goal and then 5% yearly earnings would be made available for all student programs.
- Can also “release” the current funds with donor approval to another project (Student, etc.)
- JO – suggested we have a “formal” agenda item to discuss this issue. (August).

8. GG – Provided a spreadsheet that JO has started working on regarding Fellow Engagement Interest

a. Seeking a volunteer to continue this work – Jessica Winter/Diane Spencer

Supporting documentation sent to FC members – Anthony

1. July 2023 FC Meeting Agenda
2. June 2023 FC Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Anthony Fregosi, 2023 Fellows Council Secretary