

Minutes of AVS/New England Board Meeting October 3rd, 2016

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions
 Upcoming November Dinner Meeting
 Organizing the AVSNE Board Elections
 Dates for 2017 Short Courses at Lowell

Next Meeting Date: To Be Announced

- The AVS/NE board meeting was held at 6PM at the Chemistry Department of UMass Lowell, Lowell, MA. Members of the board in attendance (as indicated by the symbol **) were: Cheryl Santarelli, Peter Somssich**, Dick Jacobs**, Jacques LaBrosse, Earl Ada, Bob Childs, Jim Whitten**, Mike Connors, Steve Vitale, Bill Trotter Jr.**, Doug Taylor

Welcome and Introductions:

- Chair Peter S. welcomed all in attendance.

Upcoming November Dinner Meeting

Peter S. discussed AVSNE's current speaker options for November 16th's dinner meeting at MIT Lincoln Labs (Scheduled to begin at 6 pm). As of October 3rd, AVSNE did not have a firm commitment from a designated speaker. The board entertained contingency options and agreed that Peter S. will be the meeting's speaker if there is no commitment by October 6th. Peter's presentation will focus on his 'Deflategate' research and findings.

Organizing the AVSNE Board Elections:

The AVSNE subcommittee reported that the ballot for the upcoming election has yet to be finalized due to its vacancy at the Chair position. Peter S. reiterated his intentions to step down as the Chair, and spoke to Bill T. about considering the vacant position. Bill T. expressed his concerns but agreed to consider running for the Chair position. Subsequently, the AVSNE board agreed to finalize its ballot by October 15th and submit a finalized ballot with biographies to AVS National by November 1st.

Dates for the 2017 Short Courses at Lowell:

The board discussed the best possible dates to hold AVSNE's annual Short Course programs. After researching and discussing possible scheduling conflicts, the room agreed to tentatively schedule the Short Course Programs for June 8th (Thursday) and 9th (Friday), 2017 while still researching into scheduling conflicts.

Next Meeting Date: To Be Announced

Meeting will be held at Jim Whitten's Chemistry Dept. offices at UMass Lowell at 6PM

Submitted by Peter Somssich and Bill Trotter as draft on October 11, 2016

Submitted by Bill Trotter on October 14, 2016