

Student Association for International Water Issues

13th Meeting Minutes: May 1st (Thurs), 2008

- Last one for the school year of 2007-2008 (VERY SAD!!!)
- Great work everybody for SAIW!!!!
- Have a great and safe summer vacation!!! (wear sunscreen!)
- Welcome, new officers!

1) Election: Candidates

Thank you everybody for the nomination, running for the officer positions, and voting.

The newly elected officers are:

Co-president (2)	Miles B.	Annie L.
Secretary (1)	Jacquie B.	
Treasurer (1)	Paul G.	
Web-Masters (2)	Dave R.	Pancho S.

All officers will be in term for 1 year

2) Academy for the Environment

Jenn Huntley-Smith from the Academy for the Environment would like to begin more extensive collaboration with SAIWI. She mentioned several opportunities for collaboration and is open to learning about more. The goal of the academy for the environment is to promote cross-college collaboration and she feels SAIWI captivates this well with their mix of students and project goals.

Next Fall a UNAE course called water in arid lands is taught to freshmen. This course exposes them to interdisciplinary water research. She would like SAIWI to give a presentation here. This would be a great recruiting opportunity and should be followed up in all years. Jenn can be reached at 784-8262.

Another opportunity she offered for SAIWI is to provide them with website content, articles, and fundraising event announcements. She offered to post this material on her website. Also her assistant will post fliers of our events if the event being advertised coincides with the Academy's goals and objectives.

Another organization worth collaborating with is the Environmental Action club. They met every Tuesday this spring semester from 4-5 pm in CSU 405. Contact Michael Hicton for more information. This group is particularly focused on sustainability and local organic food issues. Good networking and cross collaboration opportunity.

River festival next weekend May 9th-11th. SAIWI students have volunteered to help out the Academy at their booth with Green-Up.

The Academy offers a mini grant program each year. SAIWI submitted two grants to them this year and we will find out if they were accepted by June 6th. This is a great funding opportunity with a relatively simple application that should be followed up every year.

3. SAIWI members also reviewed the previous years progress. Three main themes for directions/improvement arose:

- a) keeping some projects local or nationally based to reduce costs and also utilize our skills in areas of need within our own country.

- b) Instigating a returning site where we do projects every year. Continuing Ron Petersen's work (IDM) in Kenya seems like a great target for this goal.
 - c) General club housekeeping: keep up with contacts in the community, grant deadlines, community events that provide outreach opportunities, and have discussion and brainstorming events among saiwi students
4. Wine Walk will likely be hosting SAIWI this August or September. Stay tuned. These are the best money making months. SAIWI will get a portion of the proceeds from the wine walk. Sasha Thurman has more details.
5. Thanks for the great year everyone. Looking forward to another.