

Minutes-Association for Women in Mathematics

Meeting Date: 11/8/10 (All officers and faculty advisor present)

Faculty Advisor did not advertise today's meeting because it is an officer's meeting to discuss responsibilities, guidelines, and opportunities for the future.

Guidelines/Responsibilities:

- Copy faculty advisor on all emails between officers (if you call for a meeting etc., inform). When you receive an email, reply quickly at least to say that you got it, even if you cannot sufficiently answer the question.
- If you are unable to complete a duty, ask the other officers for help. Conversely, if you are asked for help, do your best to aid your other officers.
- Minutes must be sent to each officer and faculty advisor for correction shortly after meeting date.
- If you hear about awards around the campus, you should make a case for yourself/your advisor/faculty member. Do not think that it is not worth a shot.

Opportunities/Conferences:

- We should have a link from our chapter's website to the Association for Women in Mathematics. (Check that this is still true)
- Check the Association for Women in Mathematics website for conferences/workshops. (Check the schedule for national conference).
- Additional Conferences:
Women in Mathematics Symposium-faculty advisor suggests this conference at UCLA. The deadline for submission is in early January.
Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics-deadline is November 24. Conference will be held January 28-30, 2011. Website to register is <http://www.math.unl.edu/ncuwm>

Side-notes:

A new phenomenon has cropped up in the Mathematics Department; some instructors (not only women but men as well) have found difficulties grading common exams at night because they have young children at home. A solution to this could be offering babysitting during grading times to alleviate stress.

All officers have the opportunity as officers to attract women to STEM fields. Look to have a broad impact; grades and publications are not enough.

The book, *The Mother Dancer*, by Harriet Lerner is an excellent read. She is a terrific speaker and is currently a resident of Lawrence, Kansas. She has accepted to come speak to on Tuesday February 15th at 4:00 pm. The title of the event is *Women in the Workplace: A conversation with psychologist Harriet Lerner*.

We could have a fundraiser before Christmas for the department (perhaps at department lunch after finals). The purpose would be to establish new chapter's awards for girls in Douglas County Science Fair and Mathematics Awareness Month Mathematics Competition. A small auction of items from students and faculty was suggested. The treasurer should consider the logistics of this for future meetings.