

Arizona Physiological Society 9th Annual Meeting
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, Oct 21-22 2016
Business Meeting Minutes

1. President Kiisa Nishikawa opened the meeting with a relay of thanks to all for the excellent meeting, highlighting the quality of the presentations and posters (69 in total) as well as the high attendance. (126 in total)
2. Previous year's business meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed unanimously by general vote.
3. The current executive committee was acknowledged, including Kiisa Nishikawa (president) and Cindy Rankin (secretary/treasurer), with special thanks to John Kanady (Post-doctoral trainee councilor/UA), Uzma Tahir (Graduate councilor/NAU), and Linda Baughn (Senior Administrative Asst) for their significant contributions to the organization of the meeting.
4. Trainee and Post-doctoral poster award winners were announced:
Undergraduate: 1st – Nathan Borrero, 2nd – Bilal Khokhar, 3rd – Ann-Marie Aziz
Graduate: 3-way tie for top prize: Lila Wollman, Rebecca Slater, Anthony Hessel
Post-Doc: 1st – Aleksandra Babicheva, 2nd – Greg Powell, 3rd – Balazs Kiss
5. The invited speakers were thanked and acknowledged for their excellent lectures and participation throughout the conference. Key Note speaker: Dr. M. Harold Laughlin (Univ of Missouri School of Medicine, Dept of Veterinary Biomedical Sciences) and Dr. Wayne Willis (ASU, Dept of Kinesiology)
6. Attendees were encouraged to get involved with the leadership, volunteering to run or nominating colleagues. A suggestion was made that at least 2 candidates be considered for each position, with present executives nominating at least one candidate.
7. The location for next year's meeting was discussed, with the NAU/Flagstaff location being most supported, with the event having never been there since inception of the AZ APS. Several dates were suggested, with final decision to be done by e-vote.
8. A suggestion was raised to make a significant effort to invite high school students and their teachers from the locale of the meeting. There are potential funds from APS to support their attendance. Additionally, Community College faculty and students should be invited to participate and involved in some way. The executive committee should discuss possible avenues for this involvement.
9. To facilitate increased attendance, it was suggested that we consider a public keynote lecture geared to a broad audience and advertise to the local public.

10. The STEM Education Panel Discussion, with focus on Women and Minorities in Science, was the initial event of the meeting and applauded as an excellent way to get all attendees participating as well providing a platform for discussing a range of relevant issues for the broader physiology discipline. Future themes were suggested: Physiological models/modeling, Biotechnology, Industrial applications and patents.
11. There was great enthusiasm for the new format of the Website. Suggested components to add include a discussion board for outreach ideas (examples, coordinators and successes) and ideas for networking with the public and broader academic community.
12. Elections for next year's executive committee members will be via e-vote in the beginning of the year.
13. Meeting was adjourned.