

All-section meeting

8/19/2022

Present:

Karen McCurdy, Victoria Blair, Andrew Rosenberger, Lavina Backman, Jeroen Deijkers, Arnaud N.

Minutes:

- 1) Victoria reviewed current proposed changes to the by-laws
 - a. Further review will be documented based on discussion at the meeting
 - b. Concurrence requires quorum. Due to some members being intermittently active, it was decided the concurrence will be solicited by e-mail. Deadline for concurrence will be set and non-response will be listed as "Concur" response
 - i. Victoria will email Karen today
 - c. EXCOM will vote to ratify the by-laws at next meeting
- 2) Student support
 - a. University contact
 - b. Thesis Thursday discussion
 - i. Lack of attendance was an issue, as well as candidate availability
 - ii. Change to "Student Spotlight"
 1. Create application form for the website for the presentation, which creates exposure for the student to employers for internships and post-docs
 2. Advertise free GGRN memberships and registration waivers as incentives for participants
 3. DC Section has 18 free memberships left
 - c. We plan to do MS&T registration waiver again
- 3) Student involvement
 - a. Once by-laws are sent out, let everyone know what the open positions are, and we are accepting rolling nominations, with the intent to fill the positions by the end of this year
 - b. Lavina to continue working with existing student/post-doc participants to see how they can be more involved, if interested
- 4) Section involvement
 - a. Need to get more actively participating and leading members
- 5) Survey organizations in the DC sections after by-laws are ratified, ask how the section can meet the needs of the region
 - a. Need to identify organization "champions" who can represent, advertise and liaise between section leadership and the members within their organization
 - i. EXCOM can review roster and identify candidates, or candidates can volunteer
 - ii. Survey would be very short, new questions
- 6) Expanding the section?

- a. 100 mile radius is a strict radius, but maybe southwest VA and central VA section makes sense?