

Business meeting minutes

David gave the treasurer's report

2015 expenses - net roughly \$2900

2014 expenses - loss of roughly \$600

Mentioned incorporation fees, website fees as one-time fees

Mentioned thinking ahead for the possibility of staff support in the future and the need to budget for such

Mentioned the new board COI policy

There was also some discussion whether there was a cost for membership and what that meant -clarification from the board to the membership

Matt talked about the next election process - request for nominations to go out Spring 2017; would like to have new board members presented at annual meeting in Baltimore in 2017

Growth - Leah & Matt

There was discussion about possibly creating another award (similar to student and junior faculty), but this one for master's level or staff positions (so not faculty). David said this would cost us \$600-700. Something to consider.

Also mention of poster session. Lots of people thought this was a good idea because there is a push for many institutions to only allow people to attend if they present. One con to this is if it is over lunch, there would not be as much of a chance for open connection with peers.

Alternative to that was an open call for presenters for a given session. We don't want this to become a research conference, so need to be careful about that.

People thought it would be helpful to gain membership if they have a better idea about who and what we are - what value do we add was mentioned and ways to better get the word out about us were discussed

One place to solicit might be the society for clinical trials - several people mentioned they attend that

Another option was to get a piece about us (or maybe what our meeting was about this year/summary) published in Amstat News. (Bob Oster has a possible contact for this as he knows the editor)

Another option might be through direct outreach to biostats core directors, although there is no known listing of all such people so we would need to do some digging

Matt Mayo might know of a biostats chairs email distribution list (possibly through ENAR)

Another thought of how we could be especially helpful to our field was to help with the faculty salary survey ASA does. Lots of info about stats and biostats departments, but not really much about departments many of us live in that do NOT have the words stats or biostats in their titles. We could possibly help round out this part of the survey to better serve our career needs (Paul Rathouz can get us in contact with ASA people doing survey)

Leah mentioned James Ware, and people told memories of him