

SEMSEC Business Meeting

April 2, 2005

Joint SEMSEC/NCFS annual meeting, NC State University, Talley Student Center

Present: Alison Arnold (Local Arrangements Chair), Frank Gunderson (Program Chair), Peggy Hall, Jeff Jones, Nikos Pappas, Laurie Semmes, Laurie Sommers (President).

1. Laurie Sommers welcomed everyone, and all present introduced themselves. Laurie thanked the local hosts, and Alison Arnold thanked Frank Gunderson and his committee for putting together a fine conference program, apologizing that his name was omitted from the program.

2. Old Business

a. Discussion took place on the SEMSEC website. Laurie Sommers and Alison Arnold were under the impression that the chapter needed to find a new host institution for the website, based on our webmaster Trevor Harvey's recent communications regarding Florida State University's server. Frank Gunderson, also at FSU, thought the problem was only temporary and would be resolved in a few weeks. Frank agreed to look into this matter and let the officers know the situation.

b. Laurie discussed the matter of a society archive for paper copies of documents that are currently housed only in electronic format on the SEMSEC website. She wondered whether FSU could host such an archive.

c. All members present signed an attendance sheet including their email addresses, so that these can be added to the chapter's listserv.

d. Alison Arnold distributed copies of the revised chapter bylaws, submitted to the national business office in January 2005, and pointed out changes regarding the duties of officers. The Vice President will also serve as program chair, and the Secretary-Treasurer will serve as the Dale A. Olsen Prize Committee chair. Both are one-year positions, after which the VP will become the Chapter President for the following year. Nikos Pappas wondered why his home state of Kentucky was not included in the Southeast and Caribbean Chapter given its musical links with the region.

3. New Business

a. Election of officers. Current Vice President, Tom Garcia, was not present, but it was agreed that he should become the new 2005-2006 SEMSEC President based on our chapter bylaws. This coming year will be the first in which the Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer office is divided into two, following the chapter's decision at the 2004 business meeting and the revision of the chapter's bylaws to reflect this. Alison Arnold pointed out that at last year's chapter meeting, Ben Coen of FSU was voted in as Secretary/Treasurer, to assume the office when the revised bylaws were finally accepted. Since he was never asked to assume that position, it was agreed that Ben Coen should become the Secretary/Treasurer for 2005-2006. For the office of Vice President, Laurie Sommers nominated Laurie Semmes of Appalachian State University,

and Frank Gunderson seconded the nomination. No other nominations were proposed and all present voted in favor of Laurie Semmes as the new Vice President.

Two students present were willing to become this year's Student Representative, and Peggy Ann Hall of UNC-Greensboro was elected to the position for the coming year.

b. Laurie announced that Jean Kidula has offered to host the 2007 SEMSEC meeting at the University of Georgia in Athens. Laurie Semmes proposed Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, as the host for the 2006 meeting, stating that she has not yet approached her department about this but will do so on her return to Boone.

c. There was no discussion on the 2005 Olsen prize; Frank Gunderson has a committee who will be judging the six student papers submitted for consideration for the prize.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Arnold

SEMSEC Past President; 2005 Local Arrangements Chair.