

MEAS GSA General Meeting Minutes

11 March 2010

Recorded by Joseph B. Zambon (President)

- MEAS GSA General Meeting convened by President Joseph B. Zambon at 12:15pm
- 9 members were present
- Website (Zambon)
 - Calendar feature is available, people interested in GSA events are encouraged to consult this for event dates, times, and locations.
 - The forum includes the ability to vote for the location of happy hour, rotated every month.
 - Happy hour locations are picked once a month for a location downtown during First Friday and a location closer to the university for the remaining 3 or 4 Fridays.
 - Voting is closed at around midday of the Friday happy hour, and the winner is posted to the website calendar.
 - Members are encouraged to look at the website, and let other members know about it. Future updates regarding the GSA will be sent via email less and the website will be relied upon more in the future.
- Fifth Annual Graduate Research Symposium (Zambon)
 - Five members of the MEAS GSA were invited to participate: Alyssa Hopkins, Liz Johnson, Lara Pagano, Linda Waters, and Joseph Zambon. Linda Waters's poster, "*The effect of nutrient constraints on cellular division rates and their consequences for maintenance of a benthic subpopulation of the bloom forming dinoflagellate Karenia brevis*", was chosen for 1st place of all the posters submitted from the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences (PAMS). Congratulations to Linda Waters and all of the other participants!
 - Information regarding the Graduate Student Research Symposium can be found online at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/research/symposium.html>
 - All graduate students are encouraged to participate in this opportunity.
- Listserv (Zambon)
 - Zambon mentioned that the measgrads Listserv was unavailable last month as it was taken offline due to inaction by the owner. We do not know who the owner was assigned to be, but Susan Jane Curtis set up a new Listserv with the current list of grad students on in. It is sending emails to current graduate students, but if you know of a former member that would like to receive emails, please let a GSA officer know.
- Future events (Zambon)
 - Bowling
 - Hillsborough St. bowling alley is providing the best rates (~\$10/person for 2 hours).

- It was suggested by several MEAS GSA members to hold a bowling party at the end of the semester (30 April) and schedule it to be followed up with Happy Hour at Mitch's.
 - Zambon will look into reserving some lanes and follow up with the MEAS GSA.
 - Softball
 - Ashlee Lillis has set up an intramural softball team for the MEAS GSA. Players are always needed, if you're interested in participating, please let her know.
 - Curling
 - Zambon brought up a Learn to Curl class at the Polar Ice House at the Factory in Wake Forest. The current classes have been sold out but there is enough interest for a group from MEAS GSA to participate.
 - Zambon will follow up with dates of any future available classes.
 - Additional information on Curling in the Raleigh area can be found at: <http://www.trianglecurling.com/>
 - Happy Hour
 - This month's happy hour has still not yet been decided, members are encouraged to vote online for their favorite location. Currently Ruckus in Mission Valley is leading the poll.
 - The Happy Hour for First Friday in April coincides with the holiday (Easter) weekend. Members thought that there should be a First Friday happy hour downtown despite this conflict. The poll for deciding the location has been posted online in the forums.
 - Members voiced their approval of involving voting and polling in order to determine the location of MEAS GSA Happy Hour locations.
- University GSA (Gandt)
 - The UGSA will be sponsoring Jorge Cham, creator and writer of PhD Comics (<http://www.phdcomics.com>), to speak to the University. Date, time and location of this event are still TBD.
 - The UGSA is planning an end of the year picnic to celebrate the conclusion of the semester and year. Details regarding this event are still TBD.
- There have been no additional reports or inquiries of MEAS GSA members or the executive board.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.