

# 20190604 - Board Meeting Minutes

## Meeting opens - 1 pm

Attendees - Emily Bentley, Amelia Palermo, Kayal Madhivanan, Sophie Shevick, Lauren Smith, Gaia Suckow, Mildred Kissai, Margaret Hellwarth, Jean Branan and guests

1. Introductions of board members and guests
2. Shirts + Photo  
Distribution of NWiS shirts with new logo for the board members. Took group pictures of the board members wearing new shirts.
3. Recent events  
Discussed new events called “meet and greet” that include a 1 hour discussion with questions on topics like women in science, mentorship and career. Very good attendance for the events that hosted Dr. Geeta Narlikar and Dr. Lisa Racki (co-organization SDA). More events planned in the future.
4. Upcoming events  
Discussed alumni event, scheduled for Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00 pm, and social event for the NWiS board and interested Scripps community members, date TBA.
5. Summer social event?  
The Board decided to organize one social event instead of the monthly Coffee Hour during summer time.
6. Travel award update

Feedback and updates on the first NWiS Travel Award were given by the members of the committee present at the meeting: in the next session, we should provide clear information on the requested format of the final document (electronic form shared with SOF Travel Award organizer), we should provide more information on the scoring system used by the committee to establish the winner and we might consider the introduction of multiple rounds of selections instead of one round.

The first NWiS Travel Award was awarded to Dr. Laura Healy, a postdoctoral student working in Prof. John Griffin’s group at Scripps Research. She is going to use the sponsored money to cover part of her travel expenses to the upcoming International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis meeting, held in Melbourne, Australia in July 2019, where she will present her work. NWiS is going to organize a small reception that will include a short presentation of the winner’s project in the end of July.

7. Budget update  
The annual Budget review and proposal documents are going to be sent to the graduate office for revision.
8. LSSI partnership  
Scripps Research is not participating to this year's LSSI partnership.
9. Upcoming newsletter in July  
The upcoming NWiS Newsletter is going to be published in July 2019. Maddy and Gaia are working on getting the information and the pictures of the events organized by the

NWiS, which took place between January and June 2019. Each board member/event host is welcome to contribute to the redaction of the different sections of the Newsletter.

10. Liaison updates

The International Services are going to offer English classes taught by an English teacher for International scholars and their spouses. The goal is to improve the scholars' English skills.

The International Services are going to collaborate with a law firm that is going to offer services for visa questions to international scholars at Scripps Research.

Meeting closes - 1:55 pm