South Region Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting convened by Jane Nichols at 10:17 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011 in Denver, CO.

Recorder: Erin Adams

Members in Attendance: Jane Nichols, Erin Adams, Jessica Etheredge, Catherine Kendall, Dana Moody, Bonnie Bowden, Nichole Campbell, Lisa Waxman, Stephanie Sickler, Kristin Maki, Sabrina Frey, Kangli Ren, Ruth Beals, Paul Black, Tad Gloeckler, Saral Surakul, Becky Gill, Jamie Stone, Marsha McBain, Tanya West, Carlie Moody, Eric Wiedegreen, Mandy Pickett, Lyndsey Miller, Meg Konkel, Ryann Aoukar, David Matthews, Carol Platt, Tony Purvis, Jim Dawkins, Jill Pable, Bradley Ertzberger, Mary Beth Robinson, Holly Cline, Anna Marshall-Baker, Travis Hicks, Kelly Martin, Melanie Duffey, Amanda Gale, Julie Temple, Seongwoo Nam, Janine King, Rebecca Ainsworth, Patricia Walton, Amy Hersch, Doug Seidler, Bridget May, Khoi Vo

Introductions:
- Introduction of new members and student members

Reports:
- Budget Update: Balance as of February 1, 2011 is $12,469.81

Old Business:
- Student Competition: We had 14 schools from the South Region in this year’s student design competition. Special thanks to Anna Marshall-Baker for heading it up!
- 2010 Poll Results: Shared with members in attendance

Announcements:
- Regional Focus & potential change in geographical maps for regions
- Call for Leaders. Discussion of volunteers for South Region Conference Chair & Host
- South Regional Advisory Council Positions, 2011-2012:
Advisory Team A Leaders (Regional Conference Activities):
Conference Host/Chair: Patricia Walton, Georgia Southern University
Creative Scholarship Coordinator: Shari Park – Gates (Auburn University)
Abstract Review Coordinator: Catherine Kendall (UTC)

Advisory Team B Leaders:
Grants & Award Committee: Julie Temple (Radford University)
Networking & Membership Committee: Kathryn Burton (WVU) & Rebecca Ainsworth (AIU-Atlanta)
Newsletter & Communications/ Regional Reporters:
    Kristin M. Maki (U of Alabama) & Roberto Ventura (VCU)
Student Design Competition Coordinator: Travis Hicks (UNCG)
Nominating Committee (IDEC Board): Holly Cline (Radford University)
Graduate Student Scholarship Coordinator: Stephanie Sickler (University of Alabama)

New Business:
- discussed the possibility of changing the ‘South Region Conference’ to another name, such as ‘Symposium’. A brief discussion followed, with members listing the pros and cons of a name change. Motion to change name by Jane Nichols, motion seconded by Holly Kline. Vote held with overwhelming majority electing to leave name as it currently stands.
- Lisa Waxman asked to discuss donation of funds to graduate scholars for travel to national and regional conference. Motion made by Holly Kline, motion seconded by Anna Marshall-Baker to:
  * donate a total of $3000 to the Foundation to fund 3 graduate scholars ($1000 each) and have the Foundation review applications and select recipients
  * allocate a total of $3000 to fund 6 graduate students ($500 each) for regional conference travel.

Vote was unanimous in favor of $3000 to the Foundation and $3000 to regional graduate scholar recipients for 2011-2012 only. The new position of Graduate Student Scholarship Coordinator was created and filled by Stephanie Sickler (University of Alabama) to oversee South Region graduate scholarship awards.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.