

CMAVE EEO Committee meeting minutes
January 8, 2009 1:39 PM

Meeting called to order 1:35 by Chair Michele Custer.

In attendance: Jackie Sullivan, Peggy Zelonka, Valerie Malcolm, Elaine Holmes, Jane Sharp, Heidi Burnside, Maritza Romero, Michele Custer, Nancy Lowman, Uli Bernier, Jean Thomas, David Oi, Dan Kline, Richard Mankin, Seth Britch, Chris Geden, Pat Whitmer.

Item 1. African American History observance (February). Michele will call Frank Washington to see if he's willing to give presentation. Date uncertain.

Item 2. Women's History observance (March). Barbara Oberlander is giving a presentation on the role of women during WW2 as part of SFCC's adult education program. Jackie will email Herb and ask him to ask her if she'd be willing to give this presentation at CMAVE for the March observance.

Item 3. State Fair (February 5-19). Richard Mankin: The Entomology exhibit is back by popular demand. Cat Dickerson is coordinating CMAVE's involvement this year.

Item 4. Science Fairs. Uli: The District fair will be at SFCC during the week of February 23rd. There is a critical need for judge volunteers because many of the usual judges will be in travel status during this time. The State-level fair will in Lakeland April 16th. The departure of Brian Quinn has left a vacancy on the panel of judges for USDA special awards.

Item 5. Summer Interns. Jackie: In the past it has sometimes been difficult to get housing in the UF dorms for summer interns because the dorm spaces get filled quickly. This year we will reserve space for three students ahead of time rather than waiting to find out how many intern slots have been funded. (Even when Athens pays for intern stipends, the Unit hosting the student pays for the housing.) Peggy will find out what the dates are that need to be covered. On a related note, there was discussion about the status of the "YES" program that used to fund high school student apprenticeships at CMAVE. This program has moved to a different agency/location, and we don't know who the new contact people are.

Item 6. February 2 Lab Tours. CMAVE will provide lab tours for students attending the annual Junior Science, Engineering, and Humanities Symposium at UF. This year there will be four scientists offering lab visits for the tour: Uli Bernier, Sandy Allan, Richard Mankin, and Al Handler.

Item 7. Visit by CARE Team in April. Jackie: A 9-member CARE team will visit CMAVE at the end of April. We will need to provide a tour for these visitors. We should also make sure that the EEO bulletin board is up to date before they arrive.

Item 8. Photos Please. Jackie: As opportunities allow, we should take photos at science outreach events for the EEO website and bulletin board.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Geden, secretary