

FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE AND DISABILITY (FSD)

Annual Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM -12:00 PM, Saturday, February 15, 2020

Leschi, Sheraton Grand, Seattle, Washington

- Call to Order/Introductions:

President Richard Mankin called the meeting to order. Erica Penn (Walter Reed Army Institute of Research), Yoshiko Miwa (Ritsumeikan University), and Laureen Summers (EntryPoint Project Coordinator, American Association for the Advancement of Science [AAAS]) were present.

Erica Penn and Yoshiko Miwa briefly discussed their poster presentations, respectively: "Use of an in vitro *P. cynomolgi* liver model for anti-hypnozoite drug discovery," and "Source of advantage to neutralize misconduct based policy making." Yoshiko is finishing up her PhD.

Laureen Summers, EntryPoint coordinator at AAAS, presented updates on diversity and inclusion activities in which AAAS is participating. This year, 38 applicants are applying to EntryPoint programs sponsored by the Mayo Clinic, Genentech, Aerospace, and eight universities. There is growing interest for AAAS to advocate for more persons with disabilities to play active roles in projects focused on assistance to the disabled community.

Attendees continued further discussion about networking and how to provide greater value to young persons interested in FSD membership. Persons who cannot easily attend the FSD annual meeting at the American Association for the Advancement of Science can now phone into the Annual Meeting at using a code provided at the <http://stemd.org> website, and can join the FaceBook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/360413492800/>) which has a growing number of members. Any additional suggestions that increase the capability of members to network and develop their careers are welcome.

- Old Business: Minutes - February 16, 2019 (Washington, DC):

The minutes from the Washington, DC 2019 meeting were approved as posted on the FSD web site (<http://stemd.org>). If anyone finds an error, please alert Richard Mankin (rmankin1@ufl.edu) and it will be corrected.

- Treasurer's Report for 2019- (Richard Mankin for Angela Foreman, Treasurer)

FSD began, January 1, 2019 with a balance of	\$14,321.07
For the year, donations received were	289.95
Expenses were: student grant	-1000.00
Nonprofit fees IRS,	-39.95
Final balance on December 31, 2019 was:	\$13,561.07

- Science Student Grant Committee Report for 2020 – Angela Foreman and Richard Mankin, Chair
Lana Frankle in the Department of Biological Sciences at Kent State University, Ohio, received a graduate student grant for "Astrocyte activation under demyelinating stress."

- New Business –There is recent news about a proposal by the federal government to change the age at which persons with disabilities can use age as a factor in qualifying for disability income.

About 20% of disabled persons below retirement age are now working, compared to 87% of persons without disability and 60% of disabled persons who hold bachelor's degrees. The criterion age would increase from 50 to 55, affecting about a quarter of the persons that qualify for disability income under the current rules. Disability community advocates are concerned that changing the criterion in this way would disproportionately penalize persons with limited education and experience who have been dropping out of the workforce for medical reasons and have few backup resources. FSD resources to address this issue are financially limited but concerned members may wish to write letters to their congressmen and senators.

- Adjournalment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM –Respectfully submitted by Richard Mankin, February 15, 2020.