

# **NOTES/MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING**

**2/8/2023**

## **Membership Models**

We want to have more membership/dues categories to try to make the dues cheaper for some and more expensive for others to try to even up the burden. The Challenge is how to maintain enough money for the society. An example of how others do it is the Ecological Society. They have 9,000 members and charge based on income.

PUI folks really struggle with the fact that K-12 and Community College pay 1/3 of what PUI folks pay. More would stay if that were to change.

Most members are paying out of their own pockets, not from grants or funding from the schools – even for professors.

Things to consider: Salary is different if there is only one wage earner in family. Also cost of living is different in different places.

Despite the problems, it might be a little more egalitarian than our current system.

ECPS has a lot of conversations about this. They don't want membership to be prohibitive for anyone in our research community.

Developing Country discount – we are told it is not enough.

Will discuss this more deeply at a later time.

## **Plant Biology 2023**

Almost every section is going to have a meeting this year for the first time in quite a while.

Registration is now open but we're not ready for the free registration for Committee members.

The Membership Committee's Workshop was not approved this year for PB23.

There were too many last year and too many at the same time. Other Committee's requests were not approved either. Only 4 at a time this year instead of one day of doing the workshops.

There are other ways we can be involved. There are other areas on the floor plan where groups can do less formal things: Innovation Pavilion (although smaller) Community Building Lounge, the Aloha Park and the Networking Lounge. More things can happen at once.

We still have the Committee funds (\$5K) for the year, some of which will have to be used for the Membership Meeting/luncheon

We could co-sponsor something else with another group.

Hoping to still do some career mentoring as far as resumes. Will need help from Membership Committee members for this.

Might want to focus on something for undergraduates (PUIs). We are doing the undergraduate networking session again on Saturday morning and we are doing the posters there.

Registration for undergrads is \$200.

There are things in the works, but not guaranteed, for more travel awards.

Could still run the workshop we proposed (mock interviews) in one of the other areas less formally. And, could do it more than once for shorter times. Would still do a short intro. Membership Committee members could be the interviewers.

There was some discussion about the set-up of the tables and need for volunteers. Can't happen during a Plenary and the program committee will ensure this.

Conclusion: Shoshana will contact Jean and suggest that we would like to do this in one of the lounges – twice.

#### **Re Sections:**

ASPB is planning to have more of a presence at section meetings. Will be attending 3 this year and have a small program.