WSWS Officer and Committee Report

2020 Annual Meeting – Maui, HI

Office or Committee Name: Student Liaison
Officer or Chairperson Name: Lucas Kopecky Bobadilla and Mirella Ortiz
Date of Preparation (include year): February 24, 2020

Activities during the year:

During the year, Mirella and I had been working in our annual silent auction and in organizing the student night-out event. Nick Steppig, the WSSA student liaison, has been helping us with these events.
Regarding the silent auction, we managed to get items, but due to the location of the meeting and some restrictions from the resort, we didn't collect the expected number of items. However, we created a crowdfunding website that we will be kept online until the end of the meeting so people can still contribute to that.
Regarding the student night-out, we had a total of 137 students from both societies signed for participating. However, allocate this number of students has been a challenge due to the low number of professionals. In total, we end up with 24 groups with 5-6 students per group.

Recommendations for Board Action: I would like to recommend a couple actions to the board:

- Reinforce with our members the importance of participating in the student night-out. With more professionals, we can do smaller groups making the student night out experience even better.
- Funding allocation travel expenses for the student liaison: Like this year's meeting, traveling expenses can rise exponentially, making it difficult for PIs to agree in funding the student travel. I want to recommend for voting the creation of partial funding for the student liaison travel expenses. This year I was happy to receive it, so I would like to make maybe this an official option for future student liaisons.

Budget Needs: Funds (needs to discuss how much) for partial student liaison travel expenses to the meeting

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