Science, Technology & Health Care

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Meeting Minutes:

Science, Technology, and Health Care (STHC) Roundtable Meeting
August 17, 2005
Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel
New Orleans, LA

Call to order at 4:05 p.m.

Welcome by Joe Anderson, STHC Senior Co-Chair, and introduction of STHC Steering Committee members

Remarks by 2006 Program Committee representative Peggy Adams:
    October 7, 2005 is the deadline for session proposals for the 2006 meeting

Remarks by Committee on Education representative Cheryl Stadel-Bevans

Remarks by Diversity Committee representative Cheryl Beredo

Self-introductions of STHC meeting attendees; there were 50 attendees

Barbara Paulson, Senior Program Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), spoke about NEH funding for STHC-type projects; she distributed a handout, "A Sampling of Awards in the History of Science, Technology, and Health Care, FY 2000-2005, Funded Projects: 225 ($16,342,850.00)" [link to handout]

Melissa Gottwald, Collections Archivist, Iowa State University Special Collections, discussed astronomy as a collecting area at New Mexico State University and spoke about processing the papers of Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto.

Paul Theerman, Head of Images and Archives, National Library of Medicine (NLM), presented an overview of the History of Medicine Division at NLM and its functions as a disciplinary history center, comparing it with the Center for the History of Physics, another type of disciplinary history center.

Joe Anderson gave a short business report.

Jodi Koste made a motion to nominate Janice Goldblum as the incoming STHC Co-Chair; the motion carried and Janice was elected.

Lisa Mix reported on the newly created "STHC Leadership Handbook." There was some discussion. Joe Anderson thanked Lisa, Jean Deken, and Russell Johnson for their dedicated work in compiling this handbook, which will be very useful to STHC leaders. The guidelines will be available on the STHC website.

New members for the STHC Steering Committee are needed. Volunteers are welcome and should let Joe or Joan know of their interest in serving in this capacity.

Rose Roberto, STHC Webmaster, reported on the website. She brought up the idea of having reviews of STCH-related publications as a possible new addition to the website. Jodi Koste reminded STHC members of the HIPAA resource page link that is available on the website.

Ewa Basinska, *Archival Elements* Editor, reported on the 2005 issue of the newsletter, which is now available on the website. She said that there were two types of papers that comprised each newsletter issue: longer contributions, which she would like to know about in January or February, and shorter contributions which can come in at any time.

There were some suggestions for possible STHC session proposals for 2006, which will be followed up on the STHC listserv. The deadline for session proposals is October 7, 2005.

Several meeting attendees shared news from their respective institutions or on behalf of complementary associations.

Joan Echtenkamp Klein is the incoming STHC Senior Co-Chair.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Echtenkamp Klein, STHC Co-Chair