

Minutes
WIMS Executive Council meeting
January 13, 2017

Members present: Rachel Murphy, Nicole Winston, Rania Karim, JoAnn Raines, Paulette Wehner, Bev Delidow

Others welcomed: Taya Williams

Agenda items addressed:

1. Event planning for 2017

Journeys: The committee discussed highlighting a number of distinguished members of the WIMS community. Our guest for the 2017 Journeys will be Ms. Tammy White. The event will take place in May, depending on Ms. White's schedule.

Benefit event: The committee discussed holding a benefit even again for Branches, as our first event for them was so successful. One idea is to hold a benefit screening of the movie Hidden Figures once it is available. This discussion and planning will continue at future meetings.

Career Transitions certification – Ms. Raines has developed a good needs questionnaire with input from other members. Ms. Murphy will use this survey as a template for creating a transition survey for basic science graduate students and postdocs. The survey will go live in mid-February just after being finalized at our next meeting. The curriculum is expected to launch in July.

The committee also discussed the other components of this training, including writing groups, scholarly activity and a range of skills needed for professional advancement.

The committee instituted a monthly event for members of the WIMS community (clinicians, residents, graduate students, faculty in served departments and units). We will start with an informal networking lunch to meet colleagues on February 10.

Book discussion/Movie screening – the committee discussed several options, final decisions pending.

2. Career transitions survey – (as above) Several options exist for launching the survey (M-Turk, Qualtrics, Survey Monkey). The option that best fits the survey instrument will be determined.

3. Schedule next meeting – The next Executive Committee meeting will be Friday, February 10 at 11:30 am, Health Science Library conference room. This is right before the networking luncheon.

Addendum: For the writing group component of the Career Transitions curriculum, Dr. Delidow has acquired copies of several books that may be useful. They will be shared at the next meeting.