

AISES GRC National Conference Meeting Proceedings
November 9, 2016
Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN
(Thanks to Maria Montour/USGS for taking meeting notes)

- Networking
- Call to Order – Marcellus Proctor (NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, AISES GRC Co-Chair)
- Prayer – AISES Council of Elders (Dr. Jim May)
- Introduction
 - Request volunteers to help with the resume room during conference
- AISES Update – Sarah Echohawk, CEO
 - Need develop a strong STEM pathway to Indian Country
 - 4 Strategies
 - Building awareness and increase retention in K-12 STEM (STEM day, robotics, power up workshops, science fair prep, science fair, science bowl, college/career fair @ national conference, HS affiliate chapters.
 - Increase access to and Success in STEM higher education (scholarships, internships, college chapters, career fair, research support & competition)
 - Provide leadership and promote change to improve professional opportunities in STEM (develop professional program - create task force) - session at conference (tracking history of AISES)
 - Identify and leverage strategic partnerships and conduct research in STEM Issues specific to Native Americans (partnership with NSF, data, supported partners)
 - Structure of AISES and regions
 - Increase of membership numbers
 - Survey (AISES top 50 workplaces in STEM)
 - Conferences
 - 2017 National Conference (September 21-23) – Denver
 - 2018 National Conference (October 4-6) – Oklahoma City

- 2017 Leadership Summit (April 27 – 29) – Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, Chandler, AZ
- Grants in 2016
 - BIA Office of Energy and Mineral Development (5 yr. contract - \$500K) - supports Energy Challenge
 - DOE - Native Youth Community (AISES - 4 yr. \$700K grant - work with Cheyenne River Sioux to provide STEM programming to K-12 and college students)
 - 50K Coalition - 40-organization collaborative (AISES, NSBE, SHPE, SWE) - goal to increase number of undergrad engineering degrees to 50K annual by 2025 (from 30K)
 - ASSIST Project - AISES, SACNAS, MAES, SWE, NSBE?
 - 3 yr. grant (last year) - help to digitize 30 years of AISES archival data - collaborative partners - publish data in research journals
- National Conference Update
 - (profit increasing); sponsors and exhibitors increasing
 - 1692 currently registered for this year (expect number to rise (greater than 2015))
- 2017 Pilot: Regional lead Position
 - connect / facilitate connections of regional network of organizations and individuals - help w/regional conferences and connect to AISES HQ
- Working Group Session
 - Pathways Interview Discussion
 - Must have a spot outside of career fair (which requires badge) and also a Pathways announcement on USA Jobs (Chandra (USDA)).
 - OPM approval needed – perhaps can explain to the group. Joann (EPA) will provide the contact information. Perhaps a January conference call.
 - Marcellus will set up a January webinar to discuss Pathways
 - Don't need OPM approval but must follow merit process.
 - Best Practices
 - Advance resumes of students

- Kellie Jewett-Fernandez (AISES liaison to GRC) – resume required of scholarships and internships; give a discount to student’s registration; happy to put a webinar on regarding USA Jobs and setting up resumes
 - Questions and Answers
 - Q. How do you connect with students?
 - A. Variety of ways. College chapter (160) communicate with their members, AISES regional reps, social media, newsletter, WOC (hard & digital copies). Want partners to send information about scholarships and fellowships. Lisa Paz & Reuben Hernandez are the contacts for the opportunities.
 - Demo of AISES membership website during opening ceremony (Lisa Paz)
 - Federal budget constraints on a CR.
 - March kickoff LPC meeting for Denver 2017 conference
- GRC Summer Meeting
 - Trying to get dates and locations out ahead of time
 - Agencies for possible host 2017 for summer meeting: DOI, IHS, NIJ (Dept of Justice) are possibilities
 - Participation last year; 40 professionals, ~ 5 students. Intern panel.
 - Q. Why is summer GRC meeting in DC?
 - A. Seat of power; agency heads
 - Discussion: Bring meeting out to field, connect with regional SEPMs and regional management; have summer meeting in location of that year’s meeting
 - Follow-Up: This topic will be revisited at a later webex meeting
 - U.S. Patent Trade Office (USPTO) hosted Summer 2015 Meeting
 - First meeting using webex
 - Reviewed proceedings of the meeting
- Summer GRC Meeting Location
 - June 21st or 22nd 2017 – Department of Interior (Washington D.C.)