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
  o 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
  o National Conference Update
    • (profit increasing); sponsors and exhibitors increasing
    • 1692 currently registered for this year (expect number to rise (greater than 2015)
  o 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
    o 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.
    o 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
  o 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
  o Trying to get dates and locations out ahead of time
  o Agencies for possible host 2017 for summer meeting: DOI, IHS, NIJ (Dept of Justice) are possibilities
  o Participation last year; 40 professionals, ~ 5 students. Intern panel.
  o 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
  o 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.)