

# **SETAC North America (NA) - Student Activities Committee (NA-SAC)**

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## **2011 Accomplishments**

- The Student Activities Committee reports another successful year providing programs and opportunities for SETAC students. We worked closely again this year with the meeting program committee as we developed the student activities program for Boston. A list of the committee members is attached. The Student Activities Committee will meet from 9:00-10:00am on Sunday, November 13, 2011 in Boston to prepare for the student events at the meeting.
- A new leadership succession plan for the SAC was developed and implemented in 2010. This plan will be incorporated into the new bylaws for the committee in 2011, along with new guidelines for committee membership and relationship with the SETAC Student Council. The by-laws have been updated, but still need a few details fine tuned during the Boston meeting. They will be submitted to the board for approval by the end of the calendar year.
- At the 2010 annual SETAC-NA meeting in Portland, the NASAC (SETAC Student Council) hosted a student noontime seminar on Monday featuring a seminar on preparing for careers, with young SETAC professionals as speakers. Each of the panel members provided wonderful insight and advice to a very attentive student audience. We also hosted another very successful student-mentor dinner; in 2010 we again asked the mentors to contribute toward their dinner in order to have more funds going directly to the students. The mentors fully supported the idea and we will continue this in the future. A second student noontime seminar on Wednesday, focusing on how students can get involved on SETAC-NA committees was well attended. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Silent Auction ran from Sunday through Tuesday, with proceeds of just under \$3000 going to fund SETAC student activities.
- For the 2011 meeting in Boston, the Student Program co-chairs Monique Perron, Carrie Friedman and Veronica McNew have worked with the NASAC chair Ashley Jessick to develop a full offering of student events for the annual meeting program. Ashley and the Student Council took responsibility for planning and organizing the two noontime seminars for the Boston meeting. SETAC office prepared program write-ups for the meeting webpage. Our student program for the 2011 annual meeting in Boston is shown below. This year the student programs will include the annual student career-mentor dinner on Monday, two noontime seminars for students: "How to Network" (Monday), and "How to write a grant" (Wednesday). The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Silent Auction will run from Sunday through Tuesday, with proceeds going to fund SETAC student activities. There is also a student social at McGreevy's that is sponsored by the North Atlantic Chapter of SETAC.
- We have provided notices in member emails about the student programs and the 2010 Silent Auction. The Silent Auctions have raised about \$39,000 since 2001. All of this money is earmarked for student programs within SETAC-NA.
- We advertised the "Student Training Exchange Opportunity" to support North America SETAC student members and received seven applications. Three students were recipients of the award. A fourth student would have also received the award, but was not a current NA-SETAC member. Membership will be checked before reviewing applications in the future. Of the three recipients, we received one report on the training completed, one student whose training was occurring in China has not yet completed the training and is still working on the logistics and have not yet received a report from the 3<sup>rd</sup> recipient.

## **On-going activities**

- **STUDENT TRAINING EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY:** The deadline date for applications for the 2011 awards will be announced at the beginning of the year.
- **STUDENT COUNCIL:** Completed the sixth year of the SETAC Student Council (NASAC) with representatives elected from each regional chapter and a representative on the SETAC NA Board of Directors. Ashley Jessick is the Student Council chair and current representative to the SETAC-NA Board of Directors.

- **WEB PAGE:** A Student Section of SETAC web page see pages developed to aid easy access of information about SETAC and various opportunities within SETAC to students. We may include incorporating newsletter information for students, links to Student awards, student membership, listing of colleges with toxicology programs, student programs in chapters, North American annual meeting student programs, other annual meeting student programs, chat/discussion area (e.g., welcome to the student section discussion forum, post a new article (starting a new thread). Still in development.

### Student Events at the 2011 NA Annual Meeting (Boston, MA)

- **Monday Noon Student Interactive Seminar: “How to Network”**
- **Monday evening Student-Mentor Dinner:** This year we will again ask the mentors to donate a portion of their meal cost. Many have already indicated in their acceptance of being a mentor that they wished to do so.
- **Wednesday Noon Student Interactive Seminar: “How to Write a Grant”**
- **Wednesday Night Social at McGreevy’s**
- **10th Annual Silent Auction:** Sunday evening through the poster social on Tuesday. This is a fundraising event to benefit the Student Activities/Student Members.

### SETAC Student Activities Committee 2010-2011

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