

AWG DELEGATE REPORT
REGION: NORTH CENTRAL

Date: September 22, 2008

Delegate Name(s): Shawn Blaesing-Thompson

Alternate(s): Megan H. Jones

Summary of delegate responsibilities: The following is a partial list of delegate responsibilities. Please refer to the delegate manual for a comprehensive listing.

- Communicate with regional members (e-zine, email updates, etc.)
- Communicate with regional chapters (chapter forms and status)
- Member of the board of director's – attend all board meetings during term of office and provide a written report of the activities that were conducted in your region to the board (for each meeting)
- Coordinate AWG booth activities within the region with president-elect
- Facilitate membership drive within the region in conjunction with national membership drives
- Participate in at least one "committee" or program (Chrysalis, minority scholarship, etc.)
- Provide one regional article for *Gaea* according to the schedule provided in the delegate manual

Number of regional members: 104 active members

Chapter activities: Minnesota

- Monthly Networking Breakfasts & Happy Hour Events
- Monthly Board Meetings
- Website
- Happy Hour Event - Thursday, October 23rd at the Town Hall Brewery in Minneapolis
- AWG sponsored tour of **St Anthony Falls Lab** (SAFL), Friday June 6, 2008 located at 2 Third Avenue SE, Minneapolis. Dinner afterwards at **Tuggs Taven** on the St Anthony riverfront.

Networking Breakfasts & Happy Hours

Once a month both members and non-members of the Minnesota Chapter are invited to a "Networking Breakfast" to chat over good food and coffee. The location seems to work very well for students from the University of Minnesota and for most professionals who work in nearby St Paul or Minneapolis. In addition, they have started periodic Happy Hour Networking events so those who cannot attend early morning events are able to get together with AWG. These have been very successful and we have had members attend that we have not seen at the breakfasts.

Chapter Board Meetings

Once a month board members meet at a centrally located café (same location as networking breakfasts) to discuss ongoing chapter business and upcoming events. These monthly board meetings facilitate annual events, upcoming projects and recruitment of new members.

AWG-MN Website

The Minnesota Chapter website has been a wonderful tool to post chapter activities. While it remains quite basic, the website contains dates of all breakfast meeting, past and future activities, and photos. www.awgmn.org

Goals for the upcoming year:

NC Region

- Increase regional membership by means of follow-up with lost or inactive members.
- Continue AWG presence by means of booth display at local/regional conferences/workshops.

Great Lakes Chapter: -- new chapter starting

- There is great interest in AWG by students who found an interested faculty (Barb Cooper at Purdue) to initiate the chapter.
- They hope to have an event in the near future.

Minnesota Chapter:

- Increase turnout at Networking Breakfasts & Happy Hours.
- Career Panel, Fall 2008.
- Follow-up with Great Lakes chapter to see what we can do to facilitate their growth.
- Expand K-12 Outreach.
- AWGF \$\$: Originally MN Chapter planned to use this money for a field camp scholarship. Currently looking at other options.