

WAERT Business Meeting 2023

Wednesday, April 12, 2023
 State Meeting
 Start 1:05 pm
 End time 2:16 pm

Attendees: Kalahari Cypress Room

WAERT Meeting Agenda:	Facilitator	Discussion Summary
<p>Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting called to order ➤ Introductions and Welcome ➤ Approve 2022 Meeting Minutes ➤ 2022 Annual Conference and Symposium 	<p>Diane Wingenter</p> <p>Christina</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● By Diane Wingenter ● Jami M. made a motion to accept the WAERT meeting minutes from 2022 ● Seconded by Sara ● Christina provided the conference attendance numbers for this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 273 students ○ 6 Technologists Monday ○ 28 Technologists Tuesday ○ 19 Technologists Wednesday ○ 26 Vendors ● Christina provided Kalahari breakdown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Price changes for 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hut \$179/night ■ 5 bd Condo \$925/night ■ King \$229/night ■ 2bd Queen \$349/night ○ AV costs this year (50% discount) ○ Room Totals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sun - 24, Mon - 113, Tues - 117 = 254 total

➤ **2023 Annual Conference and Symposium**

Christina

- Christina shared the dates/contract for the 2025 symposium
 - **April 20-23** (Easter 4/19)
 - Same spaces as this past year (can use more conference rooms if needed)
 - 1 comp room for every 50 rooms booked
 - 50% off AV
 - about \$200-300 per day
 - 10 room upgrades
 - base rate of \$10,000 for conference space
 - With discounts applied based on our food budget → we will not have a bill for the conference space
 - Room prices will increase (prices listed are after negotiation)
 - Hut \$184/night
 - 5 bd Condo \$930/night
 - 2bd Queen \$354/night
 - Christina asked if the contract was acceptable for the WAERT
 - 2024 and 2025 dates confirmed
 - Christina suggested that the Hospitality suite be discontinued due to low usage and cost. This year's suite was charged off because of a cooling issue in the room.
 - It was decided that the suite would not be rented next year an educators mingle would be held in a common space in the Kalahari
 - Christina will work on getting a 2-3 year contract
 - Jayne motioned to approve the contract
 - Dan seconded the motion
 - The contract approved by WAERT and sent to WSRT

➤ **Exhibits/Essays**

Troy/Stephanie

- 46 and Essays
- 5 video submitted
- 15 Computer exhibits
- 15 scientific posters

➤ **Quiz Bowl**

Chad/Erica

- 10 Essays and Top 5 were presented
- Stephanie presented changes
 - APA 7th ed
 - Poster parameter changes
- Christina to look into getting CE credits for student presentations to help in attendance

- Quiz bowl went very well. The event finished ahead of schedule
- Students played as individuals and as a school team in Kahoot format
 - 1st-4th place received prizes
 - 1st Heather Franz Froedtert
 - 2nd Michelle Tario Marshfield
 - 3rd Jennifer Mies Froedtert
 - 4th Gwendolyn Schweitzer Aurora St Luke's
 - Top School Avg also received a \$100 prize Marshfield
- Sponsored by Mayo
- Discussion around student integrity due to table talk.
 - Chad mentioned that educators were asked to maintain integrity during the event
 - Chad also mentioned that he noticed that students were talking after they submitted answers, so cheating was a concern. Students should be allowed to have fun while playing
 - return to school based teams was also suggested but overall the consensus was that individual play allows for better participation

➤ **Budget**

Christina

- Christina discussed the budget for 2023. She will maintain a similar budget as this upcoming year.
 - 26 vendors this year → brought in \$8000
 - Speakers fees (Paid \$ 750) (8 rooms)
 - Quiz Bowl \$350 (sponsored by Mayo)

<p>➤ Registration</p>	<p>Christina</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exhibits \$1800 ○ Vendor Bingo Prizes \$150 ● Final budget will be posted on the WSRT website by 4/20/23 WSRT meeting
<p>➤ Offices and Positions WSRT/WAERT</p>	<p>Diane</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 days \$250 or \$150/day \$100/student <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion to ask about WSRT membership at registration ○ Sign-up genius to register for speakers to get an idea about speaker attendance ○ Sent out speaker information to Directors to get possible student numbers for speaker rooms ● Diane created a yearly rotation for WAERT Chair and Secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WAERT members approved the rotations through 2041 ○ Officers must be WSRT members (\$30/yr or \$50/2yr) ○ Aurora St. Luke's will assume roles for 2024 (initial switch with Moraine Park) ○ Chair and Secretary responsibilities explained ○ Diane and Chad will provide guidance to new officers ● Brian will continue with the Program again. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The state regions were asked for a representative to help find speakers for the event. Reps will communicate with Brian throughout the planning process. Schools within the districts will report to the representatives with ideas. ● Registration will be taken on by Brittany R. (Moraine Park) ● Vendors will be taken on by Tabitha M. (Marian)
<p>➤ Discussion of Webpage</p>	<p>Miranda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Website fees increasing
<p>➤ Scholarship</p>		

