APM Minutes: Monday, September 15, 2008

A big welcome to all of our new members!

Mission and Goals for this year:
1. Help kids go to school in Africa
2. Collaboration with local hospitals to send donations with the medical team from Mayo (last year we coordinated with hospitals in St. Peter and Mason City, Iowa). These donations go with the team from Mayo who put on conferences to build medical infrastructure in Africa.
3. Service projects: we are going to renew the service component of this organization by increasing our community service hours and giving volunteer hours back to the hospitals that support us.

Programs for the upcoming year:
1. We are going to require 1 hour of service every month at either the CAF or Physical Plant.
   a. Caf coordinators: Matt Chroust, Marc Polacco, Pauli Jackson
   b. Physical Plan coordinators: Mahad Hassan, Tony Yang

   *If members cannot participate in this, then they can opt to donate the equivalent amount of money that they would have made working by the end of the semester.

2. Smartest Major on Campus: “SMOC”
   a. This is our non-fundraising event for the year; it is our programming event for the campus community. We plan on asking department heads to generate questions for a trivia-style event in which each major will be represented. We will have a “traveling trophy” that will go to each year’s winner. Since our mission is to help children go to school in Africa and our Partner’s (at mayo) mission is to educate the doctors of Africa, it will be an interesting tie to our commitment to a liberal arts education. There has been talk about maybe partnering with LineUS to get some good MC potential. We still need various chairs to organize this events (i.e. publicity, food, coordinating with department chairs, assembling teams, MC/tech, etc)
   b. We will shoot for mid-November. We still need to clear the calendar and make sure we are not competing with other events.

3. Volunteer/Service:
   a. We want to step up the volunteer component of our program. Ashok and Becky have agreed to chair this portion of the committee. The entire organization will be involved in this. Ashok and Becky will liaise with the surrounding hospitals and then programs such as picking up trash outside the hospital will be founded. There will also
be a social aspect to this in that we go out for pizza afterward as a group.

4. T-shirts:
   a. Heather, Veronica, Jeanifer, and Pang have agreed to help design T-shirts for us to wear when we sponsor events and also to create a general awareness of our group around campus.

5. Money update: Nick
   a. We have a budget ready for this semester, but as Senate funds are not particularly known yet, we do not know exactly what we have. However, members are encouraged to talk to the Treasurer to find out how to purchase items for the organization to avoid spending money out of pocket. There are various other alternatives including using our nine-line and school credit cards.

6. Social Event:
   a. Do we want to have an event to get to know everyone? Perhaps an ice cream thing? We will talk about this at the next meeting

7. Open Floor
   a. We have the following connections that were volunteered during open discussion:
      i. Abbott (and affiliates), Minnesota Heart Institute – Annie Ohlin
      ii. Minneapolis Children’s, Methodist – Ashley Baumann
      iii. Option of volunteering as a Greeter at St. Peter Hospital – Jenna Myer

   b. We have decided NOT to do the educational table at Nobel, however Isaac is going to check on getting a table outside the caf to maybe push a fundraising/awareness project