AWM Minutes October 10th, 2017

-Election of Officers:
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-Introduction of speaker by Cassidy Krause

-Dr. Rebecca Peterson
  -Initiated a conversational approach to her talk
  -Recapped her experience(s) across the nation-living and working in different regions
  -Worked with students as young as elementary school students
  -Ran a program where undergrads taught science to younger students
  -Dr. Peterson discusses what she does every day, i.e. connecting people

-Q: How did Dr. Peterson end up in an administrative role?
  A: There were a lot of biology doctoral degrees in the job market and there was a long road ahead in academia, which conflicted with her goal of starting a family.

-What are important things to do when looking for external funding?
-How can faculty (or anyone) be more productive?
  • Protect your time
  • Set priorities
  • Prioritize your time
  • Take care of yourself
  • Keep in mind what has the best ROI
  • Women tend to not negotiate (especially if negotiation is not explicitly allowed)
  • Think about others in your life when negotiating-negotiate for them!

-Important career faculty are more productive when they protect their time
-Important to network for continued learning and support

-Q: Where should departments reach out to for contact with students from underrepresented groups?
  A: Contact people who have recommended successful students in the past, use your network (of people)

-Q: Are there any funding opportunities for supporting services to the community, such as a summer math camp?
  A: See if other departments similar programs; maybe funding isn’t necessary. Dr. Peterson talked about the APSE program she started.

-Some details of a summer math camp were openly discussed
-Importance of internships was briefly discussed
-Dr. Pasik-Duncan suggests reaching out to other organizations who may help meet goals