

ACS IL Sections State Fair Committee December 1,
2007 Meeting

The planning committee had a conference call Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. with Cherlyn Bradley, Fran Kravitz, and Frank Salter in attendance.

We discussed how well this year's tent activities went and some possible improvements for next year. Being able to set up the tent and lights a day earlier (on Tuesday) was a great improvement and helped facilitate operations the next day. There wasn't any comment regarding how well the tent shutdown went on the final day. Maybe we'll get some comments at the next meeting.

Frank mentioned that hosing down the floor of the tent helped reduce the amount of dust.

Milt, in an email note to Cherlyn, indicated that the amount of lights made the tent too hot and suggests that we string the lights so they can be controlled in banks. This idea can be further discussed with Avrom, who came in a day early this year to put up the lights right after the tent was put up -- a big help!

Volunteers: We all agreed that we need to start earlier, March or April at the latest, in soliciting student affiliate groups. We also discussed possibly soliciting for high schools students within Springfield and the surrounding communities.

Milt (in his note) mentioned that it was hard to keep volunteers manning the hands-on table. Cherlyn suggests that this is where students may really help!

Milt also mentioned that it would be great to have bigger, flashier demos, if possible. Frank agrees but also indicated that it may involve advertising scheduled times for certain demos.

The 2008 State Fair opens August 8. Some of us will again have to leave the State Fair early due to National Meeting committee commitments. It appears this will be the case for the foreseeable future. Therefore, we must strive for more volunteers that can fill all the time slots.

Budget - 2007 expenses and income were discussed. This year, we received \$6,926.30 in donations, had a balance of \$3,775.95 forwarded from 2006, and spent \$6,574.05 to date. That leaves \$4,128.20 in the account. Anyone with outstanding expenses should strive to turn in those expenses by December 27 before the account books are closed for the year. Again, we need to continue to pursue and secure sources of income.

Annual report: Consensus was to again send Cherlyn write-ups of the various activities and she will consolidate the information and send it to the committee members for inclusion in our local sections' annual reports.

The report information needed and who is to submit it to Cherlyn is as follows: demos and hands-on (Frank/Jackie); computer quiz and survey and website info (Milt); volunteers/website scheduling (Marilyn/Milt); CD (Avrom/Milt); promo/raffle materials (Fran); government outreach/publicity info (Fran); survey/visitor count/teachers' info (Fran) display racks/table literature (Cherlyn); Cherlyn will pull some of the information for the annual report from the website.

- Please get report input to Cherlyn by December 31.

The next conference call will be February 23.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Cherlyn