Women’s Committee Minutes – January 17, 2007
Blake Conference Room

Present:
Britt Raubenheimer, Valerie Caron, Ellen Bailey, Sheri White, Julie Fawkes, Alison Macdonald, Diane Adams

Guest Attending:
Angela Dickens

Treasurer’s Report:
Starting the New Year, balance is $1655 in 57700 and $800 in 41590.

Activities:
• Sheri is updating the Women’s Committee site by using Lite Sites to make it easier for everyone to use.
• Planning is complete for the January Coffee on the 19th in Clark 507.
• Women’s History Month event planning is going forward with a panel discussion “WHOI Outreach, “What Can We Do” Sheri will send out invitations for speakers. No definitive date has been set in March yet until we know the panel members and their availability.
• Another coffee is planned for the whole Woods Hole community for April 26 at the Exhibit Center. Valerie will check with Kathy Patterson to confirm that the Exhibit Center is still available for that date.
• The Annual Meeting and Dinner is planned for June 27th, catered by Roland. Becky Gast and Carin Asjian have been confirmed as speakers. International Polar Year, “Exploring the World Bottom to Top”.

Postdoctoral Representative Report:
Angela discussed that they are working on a database for alumni tracking, a forum for alternative careers, and the new Postdoc lounge at Caryn House.

Updates from Other Committee Representatives:
• Sheri will be attending the first meeting of the new WHOI Diversity Committee on January 22.
• Ellen reports that the next topic on the agenda for the Benefits Advisory Committee is Occasional leave time.
• Dana was not in attendance to discuss GEPAC.

Next meeting:
February 14th 9am MRF 204