**Women’s Committee Meeting, August 8, 2018**

Noon, Redfield 204

In attendance: Véronique LaCapra, Leslie-Ann McGee, Ann Dunlea, Dina Pandy, and Colleen Tuson.

1. The Workplace Climate Committee wants to schedule another **CommuniTea** for October, giving us the choice of 10:30 a.m. on October 10 or 24 (both Wednesdays). We suggested October 10. Dina, is the WCC expecting the WC to pay for pastries again?
2. Skype call with Gabi Serrato-Marks, **SWMS**

Fall Symposium, Saturday, September 22, 2018: <http://swmsmarinescience.com/fall-2018/>

Two keynote speakers are set: Kelly Kryc (Aquarium); Robin Hannigan (UMass Boston). All other panelists and breakout session leaders are tentative only, and we can propose alternatives and/or additions. (Note: I was guessing on the spelling of some of the names, below).

8:30 – 9:00: Arrival, Registration, and breakfast (provided)

Networking activity

Keynote #1: [Dr. Kelly Kryc](http://www.andersoncabotcenterforoceanlife.org/about-us/leadership/kelly-kryc/), Director of Conservation Policy and Leadership at the New England Aquarium (Ph.D.)

Panel #1: Diverse Career Options (not in Academia)

Amy Kukulya

Lt Commander in Coast Guard (Masters)

Museum of Science educator (Masters)

Dept of Defense (Ph.D.)

Heather Benway (Ph.D.) or Heather Goldstone (Ph.D.) to moderate

Leslie-Ann suggested Tonna-Marie (TM) Surgeon-Rogers at Waquoit Bay. Jamaican. Runs networking and training programs on technical topics—wastewater, climate change. Runs the Cape Coastal Conference in Hyannis.

11:45 – 13:00: Lunch (provided)

Keynote #2: D[r. Robyn Hannigan](http://blogs.umb.edu/robynhannigan/), Founding Dean, School for the Environment, UMass Boston

Panel #2: Building Community

Carolina Martinez and Tatiana (last name?) (URI)

Sheri White (Senior engineer)

Julia Westwater (Registrar)

George Liles (Director of Woods Hole PEP, NOAA Fisheries)

Meredith Hastings (Ph.D. prof at Brown)

Solode (last name?) (UU secular arm)

Monica Medina (at Penn State, associate head for equity and diversity)

Leslie-Ann suggested the science coordinator for the Wampanoag Tribe; Leslie-Ann offered to moderate this panel.

Breakout session #1 (choose one to attend):

* Political Advocacy and Science Policy—Rick Murray (NSF), Alison Bowden (Nature Conservancy), Randy Rothgen
* Tech and Engineering Careers
* Inclusive Communities
* Choosing a Graduate Program

Breakout session #2 (choose one to attend):

* Male Allyship
* Public Outreach (Katy Castaña, Amy Gillespie, Sarah McAnulty—Skype A Scientist)
* Burnout and Mental Health
* Hidden Identities (disability, chronic illness, LGBT) Meghan May, Casey Machado, Amy Bower
* Social Media—Autumn Brown, URI grad student, Laura Shipman (Ph.D.)

Leslie-Ann suggested a breakout session on Women in entrepreneurship (great idea!).

17:00 – 17:30: Wrap up

SWMS has $1000 from SeaGrant to cover travel for speakers.

They need money for lunch and breakfast: $800-$1200.

And for coffee, refreshments: $300.

After hanging up with Gabi, we talked and proposed giving SWMS $1000 (with MTDC, it will cost us $1600)—please provide any objections by Friday!

1. How do we want to spend our remaining budget for this year?

We’ve done the Women in Deep Waters panel, and bought pastries for the last Tiny Tea. We have ~$1500 left in our budget, but Colleen thinks we can get more.

Still planned:

* Kathryn Clancy film showing—Veronique will talk to Graphics about costs of A/V support.
* Another networking social in Fenno in Sept/Oct? That would cost $500ish for food/drinks.

Véronique will also follow up with Kathi Benjamin about progress on signage for gender neutral bathrooms before our next meeting.