



GENESEE STAFF COUNCIL

AGENDA

6/6/2025

Attendees : Co – Chair Kristi Brock, Co-Chair Karen Cera, Donna Winters-Head, Kwasi Boaitey, Andria Mutrie, Amanda Sharpe, Lisa Smith, Arian Horbovetz, Shari Hoffmann, Marisa Chiodo, Claudia Pietrzak, Jennie Gilardoni, Jasmine Mitchell, Sandy Burch-Worth, Maria Fagnano, Anthony Minervino, Katie Papas, Jon Powers, Tacarah Reyes, Lindsay Chasse, Aaron Landcastle, David Lanni, Hannah McClow, , Rachel Stuckey, Jess Syposs , Scott Fearing, Laura Ballou, Rachel Bills, Lauren Sageer, Dan Moore, Charles LaBrake, Jamie Brown, Sara Klinkbeil, Palaniappan Muthukumarasamy, Melissa Adelman

Excused : Marc Seigfred, Leslie Collison, Austin Jackson, Mike Droel, Mary Hallinan, Chennel Anderson, Ted Pagano, Patrick Meagher

- 8:45 – 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:20 Co-Chair updates
 - Time Expectations Reminder
 - Future speaker suggestions - Ewa Zennerman - August
 - Redistricting plan
 - Election timeline
 - Newsletter Folder – Teams
 - Is anyone planning to step down mid –term ?
 - Vote – May Mtg Minutes

- 9:20 – 9:30 Internal Affairs Bylaws update (for July vote)
- 9:30 – 10:15 Jeff Wyatt – refugee hiring program at UR
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 Group & headshots
- 11:00 – 11:30 Open Floor
 - Engagement/Communications/Internal Affairs - plans for increasing voter turnout
 - Tasty Tuesday - July 8th
 - Annual Report Update
- 11:30 – 12:00 Historical Tour

Co- Chair Updates

Kristi emphasized to the group the importance of their ongoing commitment including communication to their constituents & participation in committees. She reviewed time commitment expectations.

Kristi let the group know she would be up for re-election in her district as well as Co-Chair seat. Anyone interested in running for co-chair was encouraged to please come forward.

Future speaker suggestions were requested. Ewa Zennerman has agreed to speak at the August meeting on Digital Accessibility.

The re-districting plan was reviewed. There are now 18 districts.

Election timeline is as follows :

NOMINATIONS – MON JULY 7TH - WED JULY 23RD

- NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED BY FRIDAY AUG 1ST

VOTING - FRIDAY AUG 8TH – FRI AUG 22ND

- RESULTS – COMMUNICATED BY FRIDAY AUG 29TH

ORIENTATION – FRIDAY SEPT 12TH

Donna reviewed the Teams Newsletter folder with the group. Once approved by the Co-Chairs, all district newsletters will be filed in the folder for council member reference and review.

Group members were asked to email Donna at the GSC inbox if planning to step down for the upcoming elections.

Voting:

- Katie Papas presented May 9th mtg minutes for approval
- Meeting minutes for May 9th mtg were officially approved

Bylaws Update :

Amanda Sharpe gave an overview of the proposed Bylaws updates to be presented at July mtg for vote

Jeff Wyatt DVM, MPH, DACLAM

Professor & Chair, Comparative Medicine

Professor, Environmental Medicine

Director of the Animal Resource

UR Workplace Success: Advantages and opportunities hiring from the refugee community

Jeff shared insights about environmental health projects and refugee support programs at the University of Rochester, highlighting successful outcomes and areas for improvement in supporting refugee communities.

Refugee Health and Community Engagement

Jeff discussed their work connecting communities through environmental and public health outreach, particularly focusing on the impact of animal health on human health and the environment. He shared a successful project involving the reintroduction of sturgeon into the Genesee River, which led to community engagement with refugee populations.

Jeff reviewed the different pathways for refugees and asylum seekers, including the lengthy process for asylum seekers and the support provided by organizations like Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services.

Jeff discussed the benefits of University of Rochester's hiring and support of refugees and asylum seekers.

Open Floor :

Engagement/Communications/Internal Affairs - plans for increasing voter turnout

Updates were shared on plans to increase voter turnout, including a communications plan and in-person events. A "Tasty Tuesday" event was announced for July 8th to coincide with the nomination period, featuring a GSC table with a QR code for nominations.

Annual Report Update

The annual report was sent on to the Executive Committee with a target completion date in early July.

An ice cream social event organized by the AS&E district was discussed highlighting its success (86 attendees!) and potential for replication by other districts.

The Meeting concluded with a group historical tour of the Rush Rhees Library.