

GSA Meeting Minutes
November 09 2016

- Midwest conference for students only
 - In the beginning stages of planning
 - Geared toward graduate students from UW-Madison, U of I, Michigan, Purdue, etc. in atmospheric sciences
 - Sean Ridge agreed to the “point person”
 - Also see Elin McIlhattan or Tristan L’Ecuyer if interested in getting involved
- Seniors are planning the Solstice Party
 - Sometime in February at the University Club
 - They meet Tuesday mornings at 8:50 AM, graduate students welcome to join if they want to be involved
 - Otherwise, if anyone has questions, Melissa Breeden can relay those questions to the students
 - They need someone to host an after-party, and none of the undergraduates have a big enough apartment
 - Skit planning will begin in January
- Committee Briefings:
 - Social Committee:
 - Adult Swim night at the Madison Children’s Museum - December 9th, \$12 per person
 - Continue to add graduate students to the Facebook page
 - Colloquium Committee:
 - Need to arrange spring schedule
 - Welcome Committee:
 - Let Melissa Breeden know if you are going to the AMS Conference early so she can plan on who will be at the booth to recruit new graduate students
 - Curriculum Committee:
 - Sent out a brief survey to gauge interest in a tropical meteorology seminar
 - Had over 20 replies
 - Faculty Liaison:
 - Faculty are submitting application to create a lab room in the department for instruments
 - AOS 573 will be offered in the spring: computer programming course; see Ethan Nelson if you have questions
 - AMS Conference reception for UW-Madison will be held at the Sheraton
 - SSEC is undergoing major changes in budget; Hank Revercomb stepped down as director and Steve Ackerman is acting as interim director
 - Outreach Committee:
 - Maria Madsen has taken over as point person

- Expand your Horizons event: November 19th, 10:30-11:30 AM, younger girls; possible free lunch; need volunteers
- East High School event: Monday and Tuesday at 8AM; rotating tank demonstrations; discuss graduate school and AOS
- Beaver Dam event: contact Jessica Taheri if interested; AOS demonstrations; November 15, 8AM - 4PM; will reimburse gas and pay for lunch
- Expect emails for these events