Report to the SAS Executive Committee

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SAS students are excited about attending FACSS this year. I have heard several students express their enthusiasm for the SAS activities in Reno.

Student Event at PITTCON 2011:

- Stats Restaurant/Bar
- Activity: Small group games and Wii
- 35 people in attendance, lower than previous events (see Table 1)

Upcoming Student Event at FACSS 2011:

- Monday, 8pm
- Game Night in "the Bunker"
- Grand Sierra Resort "A Level"
- The EC is highly encouraged to attend!

Table 1 Student Event Cost Analysis

	City	Activity	Attendance	Cost
PITTCON 2008*	New Orleans, LA	Local restaurant	30	$1000 (estimate)
FACSS 2008*	Reno, NV	Casino Night	30	$1200 (estimate)
PITTCON 2009*	Chicago, IL	Pizza Place	25	$600
FACSS 2009*	Louisville, KY	Irish Pub	50+	$1,000 (estimate)
PITTCON 2010	Orlando, FL	Piano Bar	70	$2,700
FACSS 2010	Raleigh, NC	Trivia at pub	70	$2,000
PITTCON 2011	Atlanta, GA	Card Games/Wii	35	$2,200
FACSS 2011	Reno, NV	Game Room	TBD	$1,800 (Estimate)

*Planned by Michelle Meighan

Student Ambassador Program:

The SAS Student Ambassador Program sent its first student to ICAVS-6 last June. Mark Boatwright served SAS by talking with students at the conference and sharing the benefits of SAS membership. His report is attached. He enthusiastically approached students at posters and the display table and shared SAS benefit opportunities with them. Mark suggested that next time the SAS table should be placed within the poster area rather than in a separate location.

Report on ICAVS-6 Activities, Mark Boatwright

Duties

The table was already set up upon my arrival at the conference, but I did assist with putting on the final touches and placing handout material. I made sure that these handout materials were constantly restocked throughout the conference. I manned the table at the beginning of each day, during all breaks between talks, and during a portion of the poster sessions. As the table was segregated from and unvisited during the poster sessions, I was fully able to man my posters during this time. Booth cleanup was fairly quick and easy. Dr. Marcott took charge in sending the remaining materials back to the SAS office.

Interaction with Attendees

I spoke with several individuals and handed out several membership forms, but I did not receive a single filled out membership form at the conference. As I was not readily able to recognize the students in person, I later noted student posters were singled out in the daily program. Thus, I was able to meet with and hand out SAS materials to a few individuals at their posters. Luckily, a few generous individuals took the initiative to provide student poster winners with memberships.

Suggestions and Comments

The biggest hindrance to my duties was the identification of students. The easiest way to do this would be an indication on the name badges. Perhaps students could also be introduced to the student ambassador upon registration or at a student social event. Another suggestion I have relates to the poster session. Many companies had booths set up within the poster session and received visitors during this time, while the SAS table was unvisited. Maybe a small table for SAS could have been set up near the poster session. I also want to mention my gratitude to the conference organizers for the assistance they lent in setting up and staffing the booth. I am also very grateful for being given a chance to serve as a student ambassador for SAS.

The Society for Applied Spectroscopy

welcomes you to ...

Student Night

@ FACSS 2011

Monday

October 3

8pm–10pm

Come join other SAS Students for free food, drinks, mingling and games!

Meet us at

THE BUNKER

In the GSR, "A level"