

JANUARY 14, 2015 RESULTS OF PROPOSAL TO LOWER THE REGISTRATION AND BANQUET FEES FOR THE 69TH ANNUAL EASTERN COLLEGES SCIENCE CONFERENCE

In an effort to encourage participation in the Eastern Colleges Science Conference (ECSC), Jay Pike (ECSC President and Assistant to the Board Chair), Lance Evans (Treasurer, Secretary), and Don Stearns (Board Chair) sent to the ECSC board the following proposal November 20, 2014:

That the registration fee for the conference be reduced from \$35 to \$30 for the next meeting, scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2015, Niagara University, with any resulting cost overruns to be covered by the ECSC general account. That \$7 of the banquet cost per person be covered by the ECSC general account. (The current cap for the banquet fee is \$45, and the banquet may cost less than that. This proposal would allow the fee to be \$7 less than the actual cost.)

Based on a participation size of 300, Lance Evans estimates \$1,500 in registration costs and \$2,100 in banquet costs that would, as a consequence, be charged to the ECSC account (total would be approximately \$3,600). There is presently approximately \$20,000 in that account.

In addition to introductory offers for participating institutions new to ECSC in the past 10 years (please see minutes of the 68th ECSC board meeting, posted on www.ecsc1.org), this reduction in fees would encourage more participation in the ECSC, at a time when many institutions have particularly difficult fiscal challenges.

Of a total of 27 ECSC board members, the vote breakdown was as follows:

Yes (approved): 20 votes

No (not approved): 1 vote

Although six people did not vote, there were no formal abstentions. There were no votes seeking further discussion.

With 20 of 27 possible votes voting in favor, the proposal has been officially approved by the ECSC board.

Please factor in these cost changes as you make arrangements for the spring conference.

Sincerely,

Don Stearns
ECSC Board Chair