

First Circular



Northeast Algal Society 55th Annual Symposium

NEAS 2016 will be held at the Westfield State University, (<http://www.westfield.ma.edu/>), Westfield MA from April 22-24th, 2016. The co-conveners for this year's meeting are Carl Grobe (cgrobe@westfield.ma.edu) and Dale Holen (dah13@psu.edu).

The theme for this year's symposium is "Alternative Nutritional Strategies" and we are pleased to have Dr. Diane Stoecker, University of Maryland, Horn Point Laboratory (<http://www.umces.edu/hpl>) as our plenary speaker.

Hotel Information: Blocks of rooms are being made available at the Westfield Holiday Inn Express located 4.5 miles from the university with an estimated drive time of 16 minutes. It offers a continental breakfast and free parking. It also offers an indoor pool and fitness center. Free parking will also be available at the university.

Annual NEAS Auction: We encourage you to bring items to donate to the society auction (live and silent). Please consider donating both phycological (books, art, food, clothing) and non-phycological items as a means of supporting the society and its students.

Student Book Awards: Students and post-docs are encouraged to apply for the annual society book awards for books in their field of phycological study. The application procedure (or details) can be found in the attached document or on the NEAS website. Applications are due March 1st.

Student Travel Awards: Students are encouraged to apply for a student travel award of up to \$100.00 offered by the NEAS Student Development Fund. A maximum of 25 awards will be given to offset the travel and registration costs of attending this meeting. The application procedure (or details) can be found in the attached document or on the NEAS website. Applications are due by March 10th.

Student Research Grants: The Northeast Algal Society Development Committee is pleased to announce its small grants program to facilitate undergraduate and graduate student research, recognizing that small amounts of support can be critical to the success of a project. Funding in the amount of up to \$500 per grant is provided through monies raised by the Development Committee and through the establishment of the Ron Hoham NEAS Undergraduate Research Grant. Application for funding to support both undergraduate and graduate student research can be made through a unified application attached to this circular or visit the NEAS website. The deadline for all materials is March 18, 2016.

Call for nominations: The following NEAS Officer positions will become vacant in 2016 and will need to be filled by election during the upcoming NEAS meeting at WSU. Please consider applying for these important positions or nominating a consenting colleague.

- Secretary (2016 - 2020)
- Chair Elect for Nominations Committee (2016 - 2018)
- Member at Large (2016 - 2018)

2nd Circular: The 2nd circular will be sent in early February and will include a call for abstracts, registration forms and details on student travel awards. Early questions on meeting details can be sent to either convener.