IASNR SAC meeting, 9.3.2021

Agenda:
1) Introductions
   - Lynn Buchanan: 2nd year PhD student at University of Florida; first year in IASNR
   - Hannah Whitley: 4th year PhD candidate at Penn State; first year in IASNR
   - Elizabeth Golebie: UIUC, NRES, involved for the past few years and recently more involved in SAC and conference planning
   - Haisu Huang: University of Oregon; involved over the past two years in IASNR
   - Brooke McWherter: Purdue
2) Role and Vision of SAC
   - The SAC is a committee within the association of IASNR (which is primarily run by volunteers). There is an executive committee and council members voted in by membership who serve for 3 years
     - Elections committee
     - Professional development committee
     - Membership committee
     - Ethics committee
     - Communications committee
     - Publications committee
     - DEI committee
     - Student affairs committee
   - Current model is that committees engage and work toward goals of specific committee and meet as a council ~4 times / year to provide updates and generate feedback on initiatives as an organization
   - The structure of the SAC has been dynamic over the past several years. Kindra and the previous student rep worked to revamp the SAC in the past year, but it was dormant for some time in previous years
   - *Role & vision*: work to represent the visions and goals of the organization; engaging with student members; planning student events; and collaborating with other members across the organization
     - A goal of Kindra and Dana's is to revise the charge statement of the SAC as the committee has transformed over time: https://www4.iasnr.org/student-affairs/
     - Another goal is to ensure that one student member is serving on each committee to make sure that there is a pulse on student needs and interests
       - Two committees in need of student involvement: The publications committee and membership committee
         - Membership is working on redeveloping the logo and developing

- Publications work with book press, negotiations with Taylor and Francis and developing regional hubs (Hannah expressed interest in joining)

3) Slack Channel Demo
   - This platform is helpful for organizations and working groups as it allows for quick engagement, streamlined communication, and remote participation regardless of time-zone.
     - We will be using the SAC Slack Channel for most of our communication. Additional emails will still be sent for SAC meeting schedules.
     - Dana shared her screen to provide a direct demonstration of the Slack Channel
   - Action items:
     - First, sign into the SAC Slack Channel here: https://join.slack.com/t/iasnrsac/shared_invite/zt-spauwlau-FYvT2eCNQAgCB8mN37Iplg
     - Second, download the desktop application. You can also download the application on your phone.
   - Suggested Uses:
     - On the left sidebar, you can change your name, preferences, and status. You can also enable notifications here.
     - Sign up for channels: Slack organizes different groups for communication via these different channels and keeps conversation in a relevant space.
       - We have provided brief descriptions for each channel on their purpose.
       - Channels include: General, IASNR Priorities, Quiz Bowl, SAC Mtgs, Student Forum, and Student Happenings
     - Dana developed a Slack Channel Guideline, which is bookmarked on the General Channel
       - There is a YouTube video tutorial provided in that guideline that could be useful if you are new to Slack.
     - When participating in discussions within a Channel, you can ask questions or comments about a posted item through the "Thread" feature. This catalogues discussion on that item and outside of the Channel communication.
       - Please @Channel if you are posting within a Channel
       - Please @Individual if you want someone in particular to be aware of your post.
     - You can also direct message individuals within the SAC Slack Channel by clicking on their name in the left hand column under Direct Message.

4) SAC Agenda Setting and Goals for the 2021-2022 Academic Year
   - SAC generally hosts two student events and engages with student members in a menaingful way year round
     - One way to boost year-round engagement is to host year-round events
     - We are open to everyone's ideas on this front to best serve student needs

- Ideas that were generated among the group:
  - Book club among student members
    - Brooke mentioned that she has had great experiences with book clubs over the past year - Brooke was interested in leading this!
    - Concern was expressed around student capacity and language barriers
      - One way to overcome this barrier is to read articles rather than books
      - There will need to be careful consideration given the multi-lingual reading groups
      - Could invite the author to come meet with us (this could be used as a second award)
  - Movie showing with a follow-up discussion
    - Brooke provided a recommendation for a documentary: Thirst for Justice - Leana Hosea
  - Haisu expressed interest in regional hubs
  - Haisu expressed interest in developing student writing groups
  - Brooke mentioned having a "resources" channel in Slack
  - Need to send out a student member survey to gauge interest in these events
5) Discussion of Student Needs at the IASNR Conference
  - We will be planning for an in peson confernece for 2022 in Costa Rica
  - Kindra and Dana met with the conference planning committee to begin early discussions about student needs at the upcoming conference
  - See the meeting notes in "meeting-updates" channel in Slack
  - Feedback on student needs from previous conference or ideas for next conference:
    - Breakout groups were too large in the virtual setting. It was recommended that breakout groups are kept to 4-6 people to ensure a more enriching conversation
    - Students really liked the Whova app
  - Conversation around language accessibility
    - Interest in multi-lingual communication during presentation and Q&A periods
    - It is a goal to have many local students involved at the in-person conference. To increase accessibility, we have discussed either enabling live transcripts and translations and / or sharing multi-lingual written material ahead of time
    - Brooke suggested pairing English speaking students with Spanish speaking students (similar to a buddy system) for translation throughout the conference
    - Haisu liked the idea of engaging current members in the translation process for Spanish as well as other languages

- - ■ Working as a translater in each session could go out as a formal call for volunteers who could serve as translators (volunteering could offset student fees)
6) Other IASNR Business Updates
    - Applying for student related grants
        - There is a surplus of funds in the organization that will be open for committees to submit proposals for receiving up to $2,000 in funds for the committee. Each committee can submit more than one proposal
        - Because one of the major goals of IASNR is related to internationalization, we think it is a priority to support international student travel through this type of award
            - ■ Makes sense to provide two $1,000 awards
            - ■ Will be important to provide information about the itemized costs for budgeting while putting out the call for applications
        - Questions about the international travel award
            - ■ Uncertainty around the cost of traveling vs the award amount
        - We are not sure whether these awards are recurring or awarded on a one-time basis
        - Ideas for second proposal:
            - ■ Funding for people to pay for software
            - ■ Supporting year round efforts (e.g., book club)
    - Ethics committee updates from Brooke
        - Have been in discussions around the ethics of awarding funds from IASNR surplus
        - Been in discussion about how to be more thoughtful with conversations about ethics
        - Making the pathways for filing complaints more accessible to IASNR members
        - Have also discussed creating ethics guideline that we want to adhere to
    - Other committee updates
        - PD - working on mentorship, webinars, membership directory
        - Confernce support committee has been sourcing out locations for 2024 conference
            - ■ Working really hard on cost effectiveness for 2022 conference in Costa Rica
        - Publications committee working on advancing regional hub idea, negtiations with Taylor and Francis, &
        - Membership committee has been working on updating membership directory

ACTION ITEMS:
- Kindra and Dana to be in touch with Haisu and Brooke about leading writing groups and book clubs
- Dana to add follow-up information about action items in appropriate Slack channels

- Kindra and Dana to follow-up with Brooke about providing an update from ethics committee at next SAC meeting
- Develop student member survey to gauge interest in year-round student events