

2014 NECSEM President's Report  
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1. Acknowledgement of Matthew Allen, Julie Searles, Wheaton College, and the Provost for hosting, planning, and considerable contributions to the success of conference
2. Acknowledge Brita Heimarck and her efforts to make NECSEM one of the most thriving of all the SEM chapters (report from SEM 2013, chapters' presidents meeting)
  - a. Overall attendance (most of any chapter, 80 in 2013)
  - b. Number of concurrent sessions
  - c. Number of officers
  - d. Stability of our fiscal house
3. Response to those who expressed interest last year in making the chapter meeting more student oriented
  - a. Limit conference program to two concurrent sessions
  - b. Presidential roundtable focuses on student/career issues
  - c. Increase social media awareness (Facebook: I am now admin of the NECSEM page along with Peter Hadley)
  - d. Using the NECSEM List-serve more frequently
    - i. 5 posts advertising NECSEM 2014
      1. 1 post from David Locke advertising the mbira club
      2. Would like to expand NECSEM postings; field more requests
    - ii. 184 subscribers who received posts (271 overall subscribers)
  - e. Proposal for allowing Student Concerns Committee to have a reserved spot at each NECSEM meeting dedicated to student issues (writing/preparing conference abstracts, grant proposals, cover letters for job applications, etc.)
  - f. April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for Paper Prize submissions
  - g. Printed name badges (looks more professional)
4. Renaming of Lise Waxer Prize to the Lise Waxer NECSEM Prize

5. Request: please do not submit abstracts if you are unable to attend. 3 students withdrew their submissions after the program had been posted (one student last night!!!)