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I. Volunteer/mentoring website- Jon Barada

(<http://www.alumni.iupui.edu/medicine/mph.shtml>)

- a. We already have 13 entries in our alumni contact database (>19%!!) If you haven't signed up yet, please go to the website above, click on "volunteer" and sign up!!
 - i. We would like to add the following fields to increase the potential usefulness of the database: Field/Area of Practice, Brief description of work, and a tick-box for "Willing to Tutor" (if this is ticked, then a field for Applicable Courses)
 - ii. We would like to use the database to create a list serve that can be shared with the Department for use in all job announcement mailings, etc.
 - iii. We think the information about the database and how to access it should be given to students in a large group as soon as possible. Perhaps this could be done as part of the Christmas gathering? Other suggestions welcome
- b. Website issues
 - i. We need a link to and from the DPH homepage (and the alum page of the DPH website)
 - ii. We need to layout the contents of our webpage (the page where one can enter info into the database). Some suggested content items were – Class composite pictures, pictures from any alumni events, info about the officers, meeting dates, meeting minutes, a "Where Are They Now" section, and a forum for people to use to get in touch with the larger group If anyone is interested in working on the creative end (we have programming assistance), this would be GREATLY appreciated.

II. Ongoing Concerns

a. Increased interaction/support from the department

- i. There was concern expressed about the next accreditation review and the "functional" status of the alumni group – we do not seem to be in the information loop and we are not sure that our mere existence will be sufficient to meet the requirements in this area.
- ii. We have had no feedback about any plans that might be moving forward in terms of our group interacting with attendees of the next IPHA.

- iii. There was discussion of attending a meeting of the Bloomington MPHA to see if we can learn from that model about how the student and alumni groups interact with the department.
 - iv. We would like more active support from the department in terms of trying to bridge our group with the student association – each group should probably be kept informed about the others activities and upcoming events in order to encourage interaction.
 - v. In order to facilitate all of these points, we would like a department representative to attend our meetings (ideally Carol or Joan) in order to provide input and feedback.
- b. Increasing student interaction and involvement in recruitment activities
- i. We agreed that a good use of our limited resources would be to focus on student related events and those events that might lead to recruitment
 - 1. A presentation at the new student orientation would be a useful mechanism for introducing the alumni association, explaining the goal of the database/website and encouraging interaction in the future.
 - 2. At some point during the first year, we would like to make a presentation to the entire group that would serve as a “Career Day” to let student know what type of work is available and offer input about concentration choices, etc.
 - ii. We would like to get a student representative back in attendance at the alumni meetings.

III. Next meeting – 2 Feb, 2005