

Silver Jackets Meeting

Tuesday March 13, 2018

Georgia Tech Student Center, Room 343

Minutes

Members Attending (16) Kathy Tomajko (Library), Ron Bohlander (GTRI), John Balsam (GTRI), Janis Goddard (OSP), Earl Cagle (Purchasing), Mary Duncan (Development), Jo Freeman (Laser Dynamics), Nannette Dooley (Library), Susan Keenan (Language Institute), Beryl Martinson (Language Institute), Steve Bomar (GTRI), Tom Horton (GTRI), Alan Garrison (GTRI), Sharon Garrison (Visitor), Charles Parson (Business College), Walter Allen (Purchasing).

Business Meeting

Kathy Tomajko, President, called the meeting to order and had everyone introduce him or herself. Ron Bohlander talked about changes to the Silver Jackets website and said a section will be added on perks for retirees.

Program

John Balsam introduced our speaker, Leanne West, Chief Engineer of Pediatric Technologies and Chief Innovation Officer, with the Georgia Tech Pediatric Technology Center (PTC). She spoke to us about the relationship of PTC with the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA). Ms. West matches funding from seed grants, extramural and secondary funding to facilitate collaboration between clinicians, doctors, and researchers across campus conducting research to advance children's health and pediatric services. She told us about some specific quick win projects that have been conducted, such as the cap sleeve to lessen infection, and the pressure ulcer prevention system to prevent ulcers in infants. We heard about the MRI training device that allows children to become accustomed to the MRI prior to the actual experience. We learned of endowments and other sources of funding provided for PTC projects, as well as outreach that go beyond CHOA to a number of other children's health organizations. More information on the PTC organization and the work they are doing can be found at <https://ptc.gatech.edu/>.

Announcements

Kathy Tomajko announced that President Bud Peterson will be our speaker at the April 10, 2018 meeting. The meeting will be held in the 1st floor Auditorium of the GTRI Headquarters and Conference Center, 250 14th Street, NW. John Balsam announced that he is still working the May meeting speaker and that he is happy to hear from SJ members with speaker ideas.

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Goddard
Secretary