

LEO Banquet – Anwar from MELSA – April 12

The LEO Banquet is an annual event where different LEO groups organize the event each year. Semi formal attire and attendees can wear traditional dress. Tickets on sale in the atrium from 11-2 or online. See advertisements on facebook and posters. This year, MELSA is hosting LEO Banquet. It will be at the Concourse Hotel. There will be a speaker (a judge from cook county), meal, after party (at Nadias) and entertainment all with middle-eastern theme. Cost is \$20 per student \$35 for non-student.

The faculty thinks that the LEO students don't appreciate LEO program. One way to show support for LEO is to come to the LEO banquet.

Final meeting - April 15

The elections for next year's board members will be held at our next board meeting. Peach will be taking nominations, including self-nominations although nominations will be accepted at the next meeting. We are going to be hosting LEO next year so we'll have a position for the banquet chair.

Elections – Some of the positions have been retooled. See the bylaws for complete details. Board members are expected to come to all of the events and help staff the sale tables.

President – set agendas for all of the meetings, general mail, AAAGS and WABA meetings, face of the APALSA/SALSA, lots of time spent but great networking opportunity

VP – help out everyone like the treasurer with budget, WABA liaison, changed this year to include PR (away from LEO rep), poster, talking to the faculty, alumni database

Secretary – keeping track of the minutes at the meetings and sending out the announcements and checking the mail

Events chair – get the food, organize the events (Pandamonium, Taj Maball, 3L Appreciation dinner)

LEO rep – work with other LEO groups, LAF program, yellow pages

Treasurer – take care of the budget – budget proposal to SBA (tedious), ok any funding, write checks and goes to the bank, right now she maintains website, works with event chair, apparel sale, all fundraising, more technical position (nice to have 2L do this), hardest part is knowing where the money is coming from

Academic chair – coordinate academic events – study sessions, outlines, Thomas tang, professional development

Suggestions for coming years

LEO presidents want to implement an LEO executive council. The LEO rep and president of each LEO group would be a part of this council. Basically, the executive council would be a go to group for any concerns generally or for communication with faculty. It would act as an united front for the important issues.

The Town hall meeting went well as there was input and suggestions about what we need from the LEO community. The group is still meeting if you are interested in being a part of the meeting. Contact Peach if you are interested or have questions.

Apparel sale – Payal

The sale is next week. Payal has the sign up sheet. It will be easy and we have lots of new products. Members get 10% discount.

Assessment of how things went this year survey:

Academic/professional week and other Academic

Some people like it and got a lot out of it. The turn out was not good especially the mock meet and greet. The meet and greet cannot be done as planned because the turn out is low. Maybe plan a professional day instead of week.

There was suggestion of having exemplar exam questions or successful styles of exam test taking online. Maybe have the academic stuff focused on the first semester. Outline bank was helpful. Nathan will conduct another survey but members need to fill out the surveys. Every survey is helpful.

Community

This year the turnout was low. It was hard to get volunteers as people were busy. Swathi felt she had to drag people to the events and that she wanted to do a lot but could not because there was not enough people. There was suggestion to have an event in the fall before Thanksgiving before the 1Ls start studying. Also, suggestion to collaborate with other groups but last time we did with WILSA and it was still unsuccessful in terms of turn out. Another suggestion was that maybe we'll do one thing that everyone does at a group, possibly a one day event (similar to the 1L orientation service event) and then have an after party. Timing is an issue, during class is hard but also weekend events were not well attended. There are less options on the weekends. Option of service credits – benefits of APALSA member is to have a certain number of credits in order to get it or it can be incorporated into the scholarship/travel grant essays. Next meeting we will also be voting on having the service credit option: only need service credit for scholarship and travel grant.

Social/Cultural/Educational events

This year: Movie nights, Pandemonium, Taj Maball, Community Justice Week Speaker, upcoming Asian American Voices conference, Ladies Night, Workshop with the undergrads

The events are generally at night, but maybe lunchtime activities may draw more people.

Complaint about the racy posters – wrong perception of APALSA/SALSA

Some of the students did not like the posters. Emily and Mia are proud of how hot the Asians are. There was some constraint as we are not totally careless. Maybe the next board could address this. People should contact us if they are interested in getting involved – there are always opportunities to help. There are committees for events but members don't volunteer to do stuff.

On the survey it was suggested that we have something about what people's skills are (poster making) and what is necessary for the year and get people to sign up so that they will get emails right away when the event comes up.

Upcoming events –

AA potluck – tomorrow red gym

Asian American Film Festival

Bhangra party at the Majestic party this Friday

Upcoming 1L event - April 11 – day before LEO banquet – Karaoke Kid. A/S will pay for songs or drinks.

A/S Member Appreciation dinner at the Casbah Thursday April 24 – send off for the 3Ls. Find out the 1L and 2L of the year awards. Dues paying members have their dinner paid

Asian American Voices conference - Saturday April 5 – Topic : mixed race Asians

There will be workshops, speakers, and a performance. A/S and other groups have spent a lot of money and want people to attend. Mini-info in the emails. It will be at the Law school at 3 pm, then dinner and the performance.