



Staff Advisors Visit the Lab

The current Staff Advisors to the UC Regents, Penelope Herbert of UC Davis and Kevin Smith of UCLA visited the Lab on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 8 to 10 a.m. In the meeting with LBNL Staff, the Staff Advisors presented some background on the Staff Advisor role, highlighted what the Regents and the Staff Advisors focus on this academic year, discussed how they work with staff across the UC system and the Board of Regents, and explained how staff can share their concerns through them. Other topics included how to become a staff advisor, results of a recent climate survey, tuition benefits for UC staff at the Lab, and the creation of a Lab staff assembly. Also during the meeting, LBNL Chief Human Resources and Diversity Officer reiterated that LBNL is committed to form a LBNL Staff Assembly. Another meeting about the formation of LBNL Staff Assembly with the past LBNL CUCSA alumni delegates will be scheduled.

LBNL hosts DOE Regional Science Bowl

Sixty-five students from thirteen local schools competed in the DOE Regional Science Bowl at hosted at Berkeley Lab last In late April, the winning team will travel to Washington, D.C., to compete at the DOE National Science Bowl. The Regional Science Bowl, though organized by the Lab's Center for Science and Engineering Education, would not be possible were it not for the volunteer efforts of numerous staff.

Join Weight Watchers Program and Get Cost Reimbursed

Employees who attend at least 14 of the 17 sessions of the Weight Watchers Program will be reimbursed for the cost of the session. The cost reimbursement is a great benefit for Staff in addition to the benefits received from getting tips on losing weight, creating low-calorie recipes, and exercise options.

Bill Johansen, former CUCSA Chair and Staff Advisor to the Regents, has a new role

Bill Johansen, Life Sciences Division Deputy for Operations, has been named Special Assistant to the Deputy Lab Director. Johansen, started at the Lab in the Technical Information Department (now the Creative Services) in 1987. Since 1996, he has served in various roles in the Life Sciences Division, including senior business manager and deputy division director. During a brief break from the Lab, Johansen worked in Washington, D.C. on Capitol Hill. Since returning to the Lab, he served on a UC systemwide staff organization as well as two years as Staff Advisor to the UC Board of Regents. Johansen will begin in his new role on Feb. 15.

New Karaoke Club

A new Employee Activities Association club called Berkeley Lab Karaoke Idols has been formed and its first meeting was held in December 12th. Yes, we can sing karaoke right here at the Lab. In addition to being fun, Staff can use this singing opportunity to relieve stress and it is a great outlet for self-expression.

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